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The poker machine industry is predatory and parasitic, preying on human weakness and vulnerable people, for profit. It needs to be controlled and minimised as much as possible.

Any government taxation benefits from poker machines are probably more than offset by the social cost – including the indirect monetised cost to government services and society at large.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the review of the NSW Local Impacts Assessment (LIA) for poker machines.

The Local Impact Assessment needs to be strengthened by;

- The objective of the LIA process should be to prevent and minimise harm, not to grow the gambling industry or create dependency on gambling venues for community services;
- Communities need to be more proactively consulted and provided with transparent data on gambling in their local area and any associated political gifts or donations disclosed;
- The Authority needs to take a more comprehensive role in application process and managing consultation;
- The LIA process should be updated to include all measures of harm and detriment to communities. For example, there is new research that shows the majority of health harm from gambling is caused to people previously categorised as low or moderate risk;
- There should be no exceptions to the LIA process; and
- Further discussion and consultation is required for the review and amendment of the LIA process.

It's crazy that if a community wants to oppose a poker machine application, councils aren't allowed to include the devastating social impacts in their case against the proposal.

I look forward to hearing recommendations for much more rigorous assessment of applications for more poker machines, so that their devastating impacts on the community are at least considered.

Yours sincerely, David Miller [REDACTED] Australia

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