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Cc: Hon. Nic Street MP [nic.street@parliament.tas.gov.au](mailto:nic.street@parliament.tas.gov.au)

Dear Premier,

Too many Tasmanians' lives and livelihoods have been ruined by gambling addiction.

Your comments in Parliament today have left us with the clear view your government intends to water down, or walk away from, some - or all - of your promised mandatory pre-commitment reforms for electronic gambling machine use.

We seek confirmation that the card's design will include the evidence-based elements:

- detailed in the Recommendations of the Tasmanian Liquor and Gaming Commission (TLGC) *Report to the Treasurer, June 2022, Investigation of harm minimisation technologies: facial recognition and player card gaming*; and
- reflected in the *TLGC Ministerial Direction (No. 1) of 2022* dated 15 September 2022, and published in the [Tasmanian Government Gazette of 21 September 2022](#).

Specifically, we are calling on you to recommit to fully deliver reforms as per the Government's direction to the Tasmanian Liquor and Gaming Commission paper, specifically including:

- a binding pre-commitment card;
- default loss limits on poker machines (\$100 per day, \$500 per month, with a maximum of \$5000 per annum);
- a single system across all venues; and
- a single card for every person.

Further, we note the Chair of the TLGC has stated 5 July 2024 on ABC Statewide Mornings the gaming industry has not engaged in the formal process the TLGC is undertaking. Is this still the case?

Following your response to questions in the House this morning, it is clear you are engaging with industry stakeholders through processes that are not public and transparent, and which members of the public are unable to access. We call on you to provide an assurance that decisions relating to the design, delivery, and implementation timeframe of the player card will be informed by publicly available submissions (whether by industry or members of the public and other stakeholder groups) and be evidence-based.

Individuals and families today are struggling with gambling addiction. They depend on you to hold fast to your promise to make these life-saving reforms in the timeframe you committed – which you have previously said would be the end of 2025.

We look forward to your urgent response.

Sincerely,



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Tasmanian Greens Leader

Kristie Johnston MP  
Member for Clark



Meg Webb MLC  
Member for Nelson