

As a member of the public I wish to make a comment on the abovementioned enquiry.

I reside in Beenleigh and attend a couple of the clubs in the region who but for the poker machines would not have the funds to keep trading or sponsor the various sporting teams that use their premises or the land on which it they reside. both the Beenleigh Bowls club and Sporting Clubs rely on revenue from the poker machines and other forms of gambling to bring residents into the clubs. They in turn sponsor sporting teams that use either the oval or the greens to enable the residents of the community to socialise as well as participate in sport.

The Sporting Club in particular is a non-profit organisation whereby all monies raised are ploughed back into the community either by employing residents of Beenleigh or sponsoring, cricket, tennis, football and other leisure sports to run out of their premises. They also assist the local PCYC and Senior Citizens Club to carry out their activities.

If gaming machines where to be banded or their machines limited in any way the affect on the community would be devastating and would probably lead to more crime in the area as children would have little to occupy themselves in their every day lives.

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