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I would like to express my total opposition to allowing internet gambling in Australia.

Australians already have more than ample access to gambling. As a result we have seen an explosion in gambling addictions. Introducing gambling to the internet will only further exacerbate the problem.

Apart from the emotional and financial suffering that a gambling addiction causes the individual there is the cost to the community through the flow on effects of bankruptcy, suicide, crime and family breakup.

Internet gambling will be so much harder to regulate than existing forms of gambling. We cannot guarantee that children will be protected from

online gambling, nor can we be assured that criminal activities can be prevented.

Internet gambling has had a devastating effect in the United States resulting in the National Gambling Impact Study Commission recommending the banning of internet gambling. Let us do the same.

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