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**Subject:** FW: Cashless Debit Card Trial Expansion  
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**From:**

**Sent:** Tuesday, 3 July 2018 5:07 PM  
**To:** SeniorClerk, Committee (SEN)  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Cashless Debit Card Trial Expansion

Good Afternoon,

Firstly, I wish to state that I am in full support of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Cashless Debit Card Trial Expansion) Bill 2018, proposed for the Hinkler region.

I have been associated with the area, since moving to Hervey Bay in 1987 and then relocating to Bundaberg in 2003. My husband was born and bred in Bundaberg. I have, worked, owned businesses and employed staff in both cities and, from personal experience, believe the region to be in a downward spiral. Despite the best efforts of both our Federal and State representatives, we need some indication that governments are aware of the plight of these once vibrant regional communities.

The introduction of this Cashless Debit Card, is not considered a magical cure to all our woes, but a starting point that can be built on. At least somebody is attempting to do something. Our record unemployment, high drug abuse, coupled with a shameful domestic violence numbers would indicate that this is indeed a region in crisis.

Keith Pitt has worked tirelessly, often without much thanks, to promote this region. He believes that the Cashless Debit Card could be part of the solution, and in that endeavour, he has my full support.

Yours sincerely,

02.07.18