

Date: Tuesday 3 July 2018

Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committees on Community Affairs
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Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Committee,

**Social Services Legislation Amendment
(Cashless Debit Card Trial Expansion) Bill 2018**

I'm writing in support of the Cashless Debit Card for the Hinkler Electorate.

As a ex Officer in Charge of the Bundaberg Queensland Ambulance Service and with 45 year in the Service before retiring, I believe that this card will address a number of social issues in this Electorate:

- Illegal Drugs use is on the increase
- Alcohol Based Domestic and Sexual violence is a major issue
- Breaking inter-generational welfare dependency, we have three generations in families that have never worked, and it appears the next generation believe it is their future.
- The last thing on the minds of many parents is the clothing and feeding of their children, you need to see how these children live, smokes an alcohol first then cloths for Vinnies and food from Church groups.

I speak on a regular basis with my ex staff and have found the problems are growing with many family's moving to Bundaberg with it high unemployment to ensure they will continue to get their benefits and will not have to worry about being sent for a job.

I was lucky to attend a briefing at Mr. Pitts Office with a number of Community leaders, and everyone had stories on how this card would help the unemployed in Bundaberg to get on their feet, then the games started, and things slowed.

Sincerely,