

12th July 2018

Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committees on Community Affairs
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Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Secretary

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

We strongly support the introduction of the Cashless Debit Card into the Hinkler electorate.

We are landlords of many properties throughout the electorate, particularly the Childers area and we have had experience with tenants in the past who have stopped paying rent as they were using their welfare money to purchase drugs. Their home, their shelter was less important than the purchase of drugs.

These tenants then moved out and sub-leased the property to ice addicts who had two small children. The sub-lessees of the property also refused to pay rent. If they didn't pay rent due to prioritising drugs then their two innocent children were most probably missing out on food and clothing.

With the introduction of the Cashless Debit Card into the electorate, families will have less cash readily available to spend on drugs and welfare payments will be disbursed to pay rent and living expenses, including feeding and clothing children.

Yours sincerely