

I have taken a personal interest in the recent press on problem gambling and the card that is proposed.

I lived in Victoria and developed a serious poker machine addiction after prolonged bullying in the workplace. I might say this was a Government Department.

I have moved to Western Australia to save myself from total ruin, devastation and depression.

I had tried every known help to quit gambling. Self Exclusion is a joke. How can you exclude yourself from every club in Melbourne? A gambler must name the clubs to be excluded from. However, drive a kilometre or two and you have another club. Also I had to wait for three weeks for an appointment to apply for exclusion. I was never stopped from entering a club, even though I had applied for self exclusion from that club.

There is a simple way for problem gamblers who want to stop gambling and get their life back. Animals can have a chip inserted that can be read very easily. My idea is that gamblers voluntarily elect to have a chip inserted. Every gambling establishment has a reading device located at the entrance which will make a loud noise when a person with a chip inserted tries to enter.

If you are serious about helping problem gamblers, please give my idea a thought.