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**To:** [Community Affairs, Committee \(SEN\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Cashless Debit Card Trial Expansion Bill 2018  
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**From:**  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 11 July 2018 12:13 PM  
**To:** SeniorClerk, Committee (SEN)  
**Cc:** 'Keith Pitt'  
**Subject:** Cashless Debit Card Trial Expansion Bill 2018

Dear Sir,

I am in full support of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Cashless Debit Card Trial Expansion) Bill 2018.

I have lived in Bundaberg since 1975. I have enjoyed being here, working here and bringing up my children in this great area.

When the Poker machines were introduced to Queensland, our locals found it so much easier to gamble, and gamble away their money they do.

Bundaberg people gamble \$4.5m and Hervey Bay people gamble \$5.2m on average per month just on Poker machines. This is outrageous. These towns are in HINKLER Electorate.

When young people need money to feed and school their children, spending money on poker machines is overlooked or hidden.

The Cashless Debit Card would be a help to lower gambling and help to provide food for children as the card would set an amount for cash to be used for gambling, cigarettes or alcohol, the remainder of New Start to be used on card for the family to use for food, clothing or education, outings etc.

Many schools in Bundaberg serve breakfasts for school children.

The Cashless Debit Card would be great:-

Help feed and cloths children

Break inter-generational welfare dependency

Reduce the amount of money being gambled in this electorate.

I look forward to a Trial for this Cashless Debit Card.

Sincerely,