

An open letter to the electors of Makin

from Nick Xenophon



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Dear Makin Elector

I know you have been inundated with election material over the past few weeks, but I hope you can take a minute or two to read this letter on an issue I feel passionately about. It's an issue, which has the potential to deeply impact on you and your family, as I will explain shortly.

Earlier this year the Federal Liberal Government's Interactive Gambling Bill was finally passed - it will nip internet and online gambling in the bud. In the absence of these laws your living room (via digital T.V. or personal computer) could be turned into a 'virtual' casino or pokies parlour.

Incredibly, Federal Labor opposed the legislation. Opening the floodgates to online gambling could well lead to a new tidal wave of problem gambling that will swamp and hurt hundreds of thousands of Australian families - including children.

When I was lobbying for the Federal Government's online gambling legislation, Trish Draper was absolutely tremendous in the help and support she gave. And Trish succeeded in having the legislation strengthened because of her sheer determination to do the right thing for the families of Makin.

I want you to know I support Trish Draper, because she is gutsy and determined to make a difference on an issue that matters.

Finally, in case you were wondering, I have paid for this letter out of my own pocket, (not the taxpayers!) because I believe in this issue so strongly, and in the importance of supporting Trish Draper.

Yours sincerely

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PS - If you have any concerns about the impact of gambling in your community please call me at my office at State Parliament on **8237 9114**.