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LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

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The Right Reverend John D Harrower OAM
Bishop of Tasmania
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Dear Bishop Harrower

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding gambling.

The Liberals treat the issue of problem gambling very seriously and the facts you noted as published by the Productivity Commission are very concerning.

We believe that any efforts to tackle it must be based upon good evidence and sound policy in order to achieve the best outcomes.

That is why we successfully sought to refer the Greens' bill for \$1 bet limits to a parliamentary inquiry so that the proposal could be fully explored.

Specifically, in regards to the Productivity Commission report, we are watching with interest to see what action is taken on this Federal matter by the Labor-Green government.

Finally, in regards to donations to the Liberal Party, that is a matter for the organisational wing of the Party. However, I would note that our policy positions never have been and never will be influenced by who does or does not donate to us.

You can be assured of our strong commitment to tackle problem gambling in Tasmania.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Will Hodgman'.

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