

This is an outline of how to control expenditure of problem gamblers and to help stop social gamblers becoming problem gamblers.

Require all money spent on poker machine tokens to be allocated to an individual. Require all individuals to specify their anticipated monthly expenditure on poker machine tokens. Make it an offense for a person to sell tokens to another person.

The cost of implementing this system is minimal and could be covered by existing bank charges on money expenditure. It would be implemented by an individual having a special electronic gambling account and having to put money into that account in order to purchase tokens. It would take minor software changes to existing token dispensing machines and could be operated with any existing credit card, debit card or mobile telephone. That is, the changes necessary to implement the system require no changes to hardware or methods of accessing machines.

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