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### **Social Services Legislation Amendment (Cashless Debit Card Trial Expansion) Bill 2018**

Whilst this scheme is invasive it is very beneficial and the issues I raise shall be pivotal to it.

Firstly, I think it should behold an age limit up to 50 as most persons over 50 are not so prone to the reason the card was introduced.

This card should be extended to all family payments, the facts are, that many childrens parents are using family payments to buy drugs which are a tax evasion product, and to restrict the ability to fund drugs will enhance parents to get off or limit drug use and spend it in the general taxed economy.

I reside in a high drug suburb, watch mothers of little kids often buying ice from the same flat as many others buy from.

The average welfare recipient is now on ice or other drugs and spend half their welfare on drugs and gambling, but not as much spending is on alcohol.

Lets assume the average welfare money spend per fortnight is \$300, factoring in the majority of recipients under age 50 are on drugs with no work, this totals to a large sum per fortnight of welfare paid to drug dealers tax evaded 1000% therefore funding drug lords to grow their industry and tax free.

However, had those sums been spent not on drugs and instead into the general economy, govt would have earned GST on every spend, businesses would have got extra trade sale of products and producers more sales via that and more people employed, win, win, win versus lose lose lose. We are talking huge money here and its growing as the ICE uptake has boomed. Therefore this card can if used wisely in legislation, actually destroy a large percent of the illegal drug industry as welfare recipients are 90% of their customers, no cash is no sales. Dealers wont go into bartering.

The problem is that those innocent persons might suffer if not abusing their pension funding, whereby recent trial of drug testing welfare recipients might be a useful tool in deciding who gets the cashless card as a drug fail should make it mandatory and any drug charges or offences the same.

Use of this card system can save government billions, boost economy spending to unforeseen volumes, cut out drug networks, reduce large tax evasion, earns govt extra big GST boost, less drugs is less crime and mental health etc less crime and court loads, therefore likely the best ever govt savings etc policy in recorded history as this makes a gonski theme look like childs-play without a fancy name.