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Thank you for the opportunity to submit to the Inquiry into the National Consumer Credit Protection Amendment (Small Amount Credit Contract and Consumer Lease Reforms) Bill 2019 (No. 2).

We absolutely support this legislation overall and call on the Federal Government to pass this legislation as soon as possible, as we are greatly concerned about the impact of Pay Day Lending and Consumer leases on our Community members.

Bucaan Community House is situated in a low-income area in the south of Tasmania.

We see the harm caused by these loans because people often use these quick cash loans, without realising how much money they will be paying back, which in return puts them further into debt.

We are very worried about the ongoing harm caused by Pay Day Lenders and Consumer Leases because people are going without food, power and even getting so far in debit, that they then can't pay their rent and then become homeless.

I worked for Supported Accommodation for Homeless people before I worked at the Community House, I have seen so many people, that have been living in their cars, that are also unregistered, because of the debits from these pay day lenders. On paper, it looks so easy to pay it back, until the reality of how much money people have really got. Then they will borrow again to try and get out of debit, so there is never a win, win situation in this for anyone.

It is essential that legislation is enacted to protect community members and reduce the harm our community members, their families and our community experience from these predatory lenders.

It has taken too long for change to occur and the damage increases each day.

Yours sincerely

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