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Dear Mr Hodgman and Mr McQuestion, Ms White and Mr Benson,

We write in relation to the Federal Hotels' monopoly Deed and the important role you have in ensuring the public interest is served by all political parties as the Deed's expiry date draws near and in the lead up to the State Election.

As you would be aware, poker machines are designed to maximise addiction. They disproportionately harm disadvantaged people and those from low income backgrounds. Poker machines leech close to \$200 million a year from Tasmanians and their proliferation has caused profound social and economic harm.

The Deed of Agreement between the Tasmanian Government and the Federal Group is a highly contentious matter of significant public interest. Overwhelmingly, Tasmanians do not want the Deed extended and they strongly support the removal of poker machines from pubs and clubs.

By our calculation, in total, the Federal Group has made \$152,625 in donations to both Labor and Liberal parties in Tasmania. These donations are designed to buy influence and are not made known to the public for up to 18 months after the fact. The Tasmanian Greens have never accepted, and will never accept, any donation from the Farrell family or its associated entities.

We are writing to you as organisational and Parliamentary Leaders of the Liberal and Labor Parties to urge you to take a strong public stand and refuse to take any donations from Federal Hotels or any of its associated entities in the lead up to, during, or following the State election campaign.

The future of Federal Hotels' exclusive monopoly license will be a key issue at the upcoming State Election. No political party has a mandate to vote to extend the Deed in this term of government.

All political parties owe it to the Tasmanians who have been harmed by the Federal Deed, their families and the wider community to categorically state they will not accept donations from the long-time beneficiary of the exclusive monopoly Deed.

We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

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Leader of the Tasmanian Greens

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