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Tasmanian Liberals

Will Hodgman MP

Leader of the Opposition

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Time for leadership on pokies

Following the release of the Social and Economic Impact Study into Gambling, the Leader of the Opposition, Will Hodgman, has urged the Government to show leadership on the issue of gambling in Tasmania.

“The Government was reluctant to even have an investigation into the harm that gambling is causing our community and had to be forced to do so.

“The Report has a bet each way. It says that on one hand gambling might be bad economically, and on the other it might be good. It fails to draw a conclusive picture of what gambling is doing to our community, and therefore, it makes it very difficult to move forward.

“It’s obvious that the Treasurer recognises this too, because the first thing he did was handball the issue to the Gaming Commission.

“The community is very concerned about this issue. I’ll be consulting with the community and the industry and making sure that while the Government is paralyzed with fear, the Liberal Opposition has a policy that all Tasmanians can get behind,” Mr Hodgman said.

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