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## **Lee supports councils' calls for greater controls on poker machines**

Country Alliance's candidate for the Northern Victoria Region, Danny Lee, has supported the call by the Mayors of Bendigo City Council and Macedon Ranges Shire Council, and the Victorian Local Governance Association in ensuring better controls over poker machines.

Lee, who is running for the Upper House seat which includes Bendigo and the Macedon Ranges, says his party announced policies earlier this month that support the concerns being expressed by councils in the electorate.

"Our policy on poker machines is to limit them to casinos and racing venues," he said.

"We also have a policy to curtail the ability of the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal to rehear planning issues, and decisions of the Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation, as it is undermining the role of local government."

Mr Lee said that problem gambling was having a devastating effect on families.

He said he agreed with Bendigo Mayor, David Jones' comments on the benefits of ensuring that local money should be used to support local communities.

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