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FAMILY FIRST CELEBRATES WIN AGAINST WEST RICHMOND POKIE PLAN

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FAMILY FIRST MLC Robert Brokenshere has today celebrated the end of a plan by the Norwood Community Club and the SAJC to create a new pokie venue in West Richmond, after receiving formal notice that the Clubs had withdrawn their pokie application.

In proceedings before the Liquor and Gambling Commission, the Application to relocate machines from the SAJC at Morphetville and the Norwood Community Club was withdrawn on 19 January with notice received by the parties today.

“This is a great win for community action against poker machines, which FAMILY FIRST supported at the grass-roots”, Mr Brokenshere said, “there were serious flaws in this case from the outset, and we congratulate local residents for standing up for their local community and opposing the Application”

The applicants’ decision to withdraw comes after a December ruling by Licensing Court judge Wayne Chivell that the Hackham Community Sports and Social Club could not move 15 machines to a new South Road “Sizzler” site because it was *‘contrary to the public interest’*.

“It is pleasing to see the Court starting to interpret the law in line with the public interest, because in FAMILY FIRST’s view the community does not need more poker machines or glitzy new venues to attract people – in tough economic times – to put more money into poker machines”

“This result came about because FAMILY FIRST supported and represented community members in the Licensing Commission to oppose the development”

“South Australians can ill afford to be losing money on poker machines, like we saw in December 2008 when an additional \$8m of a stimulus package – intended for economic retail spending – went down the gurgler into poker machines”