

Health and Ambulance Services Committee

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Sent: Thursday, 23 July 2015 9:10 AM
To: Health and Ambulance Services Committee
Subject: Support for the Tobacco and other Smoking Products (extension of smoking Bans) Amendment 2015

Dear Health and Ambulance Services Committee,

I write as a member of the Queensland population to provide huge support of the proposed extension of smoking Bans. Australia is a leader in tobacco control yet we continue to allow members of the Queensland public to be exposed to second hand smoke in public spaces that should foster a safe and hazard free environment. There is no safe level of second hand smoke and the number of times a day I have to walk through smoke clouds just to go about my day to day activities is atrocious.

As Queensland continues to grow and attract global attention, particularly with international events such as the annual Gold Coast Marathon, V8 Races and upcoming 2018 Commonwealth Games, this is a huge opportunity to show the world that Queensland is serious about Tobacco Control and doing everything it can to reduce smoking related morbidity and mortality.

In a tight economic climate, this extension of smoking Bans not only provides social benefits, but a sound economic policy. Imagine how the current \$6.1 billion a year could be invested for Queensland if it wasn't needed for preventable tobacco-related illness.

Warm regards,
Kristin Miller