



The Royal Australasian
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Mr Trevor Ruthenberg MP
Chair - Health and Community Services Committee
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld

Dear Mr Ruthenberg

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2014. The QLD State Committee of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) supports the contents of the Bill, in particular, the proposed amendments to the Tobacco and Other Smoking Products Act 1998.

We acknowledge the findings of the World Health Organization's report on electronic nicotine delivery systems, which concludes that regulations are needed to prevent exposure and promotion of e-cigarettes to youth and non smokers, protect e-cigarette users and non users from potentially harmful effects, prevent unsubstantiated health claims being made about e-cigarettes and protect existing tobacco control measures.

As a result of this, the Committee strongly supports the increased regulation of e-cigarette products and approves of the proposed changes to the Tobacco and Other Smoking Products Act 1998: to extend smoking bans on and around health facilities, school grounds and in prisons; and to apply existing tobacco laws to personal vaporizing devices (e.g. electronic cigarettes), including prohibiting sale and supply to children, restricting advertising and display, and prohibiting use in smoke free places.

Yours Sincerely



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