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Dear Chair

Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2014

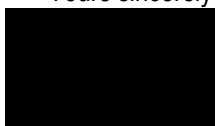
I am writing on behalf of AMA Queensland to provide a submission to the *Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2014*.

AMA Queensland strongly supports legislation that prohibits smoking in all public places, including all workplaces, restaurants and public transport, with no exceptions to be made.¹ AMA Queensland, specifically, supports legislative amendments that prevent smoking by teachers, staff, pupils and visitors on or in the immediate vicinity of school premises due to the influence this behaviour can have on the early development of smoking habits in children.² We therefore applaud the proposed amendments to prevent smoking on health facility land,³ school land,⁴ and secure facilities under the *Corrective Services Act 2006*.⁵

AMA Queensland commends the legislative amendments for its stance on personal vaporisers (more commonly known as e-cigarettes) in subjecting them to the same treatment as conventional smoking products.⁶ We strongly support the Government in taking preventative action towards e-cigarettes until their short and long term health effects are fully understood. In doing so, we are pleased to note that the amendments will prohibit the advertising of e-cigarettes and reduce their availability to minors, a position which is in agreement with AMA policy.⁷

AMA Queensland has no concerns with the remainder of the bill and views them as common sense amendments.

Yours sincerely



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¹ AMA Position Statement Tobacco Smoking 2005 12.15

² AMA Position Statement Tobacco Smoking 2005 12.10; 26ZGD Amendment

³ 26ZGC

⁴ 26ZGD

⁵ Clause 57, omission of s26R(2)(d)

⁶ Clause 56

⁷ AMA Position Statement 12.13, 12.12