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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 Queensland Regional Committee of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) 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. The College at present is developing a position statement on personal vaporizing devices (e.g. electronic cigarettes). When this position paper is available RACS would be happy to share it with the Committee.

RACS is appreciative of the opportunities that the Health and Committee Services Committee has given us to comment on a number of matters in 2013 and 2014 and looks forward to future opportunities.

Yours sincerely,

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