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NSMA Inc. welcomes the opportunity to contribute to this review.

NSMA was formed in 1977, and continues to fight for everybody's right to breathe clean air, free from the poisons in tobacco smoke.

We thoroughly support and concur with the submission from Action on Smoking and Health (ASH), particularly Items 7 (Close loopholes to fully protect staff and patrons in Designated Outdoor Smoking Areas), Item 8(End Gaming room exemptions to smoke-free laws, and Item 9. (Prohibit smoking while driving.).

We wish to stress, however, that a major sector of Queensland's population needs support and protection with legislation, i.e. those who live in multi-unit housing and are exposed to the stress, illness and potential death from smoke seepage. Smoke seepage occurs wherever tobacco smoke spreads between strata units, flats and apartments and is almost impossible to eliminate or escape from. Non-smoking occupants of buildings where smoke seepage occurs are entitled to breathe clean air, free from the well-documented poisons in tobacco smoke. Governments protect their rights to clean water and must be as stringent in protecting their right to clean air.

There are many other tobacco issues yet to rectify in all States, and we congratulate Queensland on its leadership against this deadly product.

Regards,

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