Tobacco and Other Smoking Products (Vaping) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Health, Environment and Agriculture Committee

Re: Health, Environment and Agriculture Committee's inquiry into the Tobacco and Other Smoking Products (Vaping) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

Health and Wellbeing Queensland (HWQld) welcomes the opportunity to provide comment on the Call for Submissions - *Inquiry into the Tobacco and Other Smoking Products (Vaping) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024*.

HWQld strongly supports the intent of this Bill to limit the availability and advertising of illicit vaping products, in the context of increased prevalence of use, particularly among children and young people. HWQld also strongly supports the amendments to the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011* to create littering offences for vaping devices and accessories.

HWQld is committed to improving the health and wellbeing of all Queenslanders by reducing the burden of chronic diseases, through targeting of risk factors. The Queensland Government's commitment to reducing rates of tobacco and vaping use is aligned with HWQld's Generation Queensland (GenQ) vision to see children born today experience better health outcomes than previous generations. HWQld recognises the significance of the vaping issue in Queensland and is committed to supporting other Queensland Government agencies to reduce the harms of tobacco and vaping.

Should you require further information in relation to this matter, the HWQld contact is

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Yours sincerely

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