

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

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**RE:** No More Butts' submission to the Inquiry into the Tobacco and Other Smoking Products (Vaping) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

Dear Committee Secretary,

No More Butts appreciates the invitation to provide feedback to the Health, Environment and Agriculture Committee (HEAC) as part of the Inquiry into the Tobacco and Other Smoking Products (Vaping) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024.

No More Butts is a registered Australian environmental charity, formed in 2020 to tackle Australia's most littered item: cigarette butts. Based out of Queensland, No More Butts' vision is for a 'butt and vape free environment'. Two and a half years, we initiated the conversation about the environmental impacts caused by e-waste, generated by the increase in vaping and have featured in several conferences and publications across Australian.

No More Butts made a submission to the Inquiry into reducing rates of e-cigarette use in Queensland and provided further evidence to the Inquiry. We are encouraged to see our specific recommendation to consider the littering of a vaping device to be dangerous littering under Section 103 of the Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011, as part of the proposed Amendment. We support this fully.

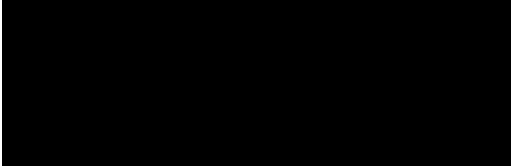
We applaud the other proposed changes, including the definitions, which we also raised in the Commonwealth definitions. However, we do note with concern that neither the Commonwealth, or State government has introduced any legal instrument or scheme to deal with vaping disposal.

Although we are now rightly considering penalising people for littering their vapes, consumers still do not have options available to them. They cannot be binned, they cannot be sent to council e-waste in all jurisdictions and they cannot be deposited into a B-Cycle bin. If this cannot be legislated in the current Amendments, separate action must be accelerated. Without a coordinated, advertised disposal scheme, the current situation of truck, bin and facility fires will only continue. No More Butts continues to make ourselves available to identify and promote solutions in this regard. This would be especially relevant for pharmacies with the recently approved Commonwealth legislation around ready access to vaping devices in pharmacies from October 1<sup>st</sup> 2024.

We also still see an opportunity to mandate sales reporting on the distribution and retail sale of vaping devices and products across Queensland and believe there is an opportunity to include this requirement in this Bill.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss any of the comments in this letter, the attached documents, or have any further questions about our submission. Ordinarily, I would welcome the opportunity to give evidence, however I am overseas and would not be available on the dates specified, in person. I write in my capacity as an authorised representative of the executive of a national organisation and this submission is not anonymous.

Yours faithfully,



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