

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

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Committee Secretary
Health, Environment and Agriculture Committee
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane QLD 4000

Dear Committee Secretary

Re: Inquiry into the *Tobacco and Other Smoking Products (Vaping) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill*

Cancer Council Queensland (CCQ) welcomes the opportunity to provide input on the *Tobacco and Other Smoking Products (Vaping) and Other Legislation Bill 2024* (the Queensland Bill).

We strongly support the intent of the *Therapeutic Goods and Other Legislation Amendment (Vaping Reforms) Bill 2024* (Cth) and associated regulations (the Commonwealth reforms).

Vaping is a significant public health concern, with mounting evidence suggesting it poses serious health risks. Of particular concern is the exponential increase in vaping uptake among young people who are nicotine naïve. In Queensland, e-cigarette use has increased by 40% from 2018 to 2022. In 2022-2023, current e-cigarette use was reported by 1 in 5 young Queenslanders (aged 18–24) and 1 in 10 Queensland children (aged 4–17). In a 2022-23 Australian-wide secondary school study, 1 in 5 students who had vaped but never smoked, later reported trying tobacco cigarettes.

The Commonwealth reforms are critical to preventing a new generation of Australians from becoming addicted to nicotine.

CCQ therefore strongly supports the overall objective of the Queensland Bill to aid effective implementation of the Commonwealth reforms by ensuring those reforms can be appropriately enforced in our state.

We commend the Queensland Government for its timely and decisive action in developing the Queensland Bill, and for its ongoing commitment to tackling the vaping crisis.



If you have any questions about this letter of support, please do not hesitate to contact Sharyn Chin Fat, Senior Manager Prevention and Early Detection on [REDACTED] or by email at [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely,



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