

Tobacco and Other Smoking Products Amendment Bill 2023

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I'm a veteran health professional of 40 years and I've seen many patients experience premature deaths, plus many years of premature incapacity and poor health due to smoking related conditions. Smoking not only harms smokers themselves, but also other surrounding people who inhale second-hand tobacco smoke. According to the World Health Organisation, "there is no safe level of exposure to tobacco smoke". I totally support the measures contained in this Bill. As a society we must ensure that the percentage of smokers continues to decrease and that children are further protected from smoking harm. We must further de-normalise smoking by making further areas smoke-free. Liquor licenced premises continue to expose many non-smokers to the harms of passive smoking. Plus many (mostly young) nonsmokers end up taking up smoking from peer pressure from their friends while in DOSAs on licenced premises. Smoking must be further restricted on licenced premises, leading to the total removal of DOSAs. Smoking must be totally banned in casino high-roller rooms. This will guarantee that staff are provided with a safe workplace, as required under OH&A requirements, plus it will protect both nonsmoking and smoking patrons, and will lead to further reduced smoking rates. I support the Bill. Lets make it happen for the health and safety of Queenslanders, and to save expenditure in the health budget. Phil Browne Registered nurse (retired)