

## **Tobacco and Other Smoking Products Amendment Bill 2023**

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Dear Committee Secretary

**Re: Response to Tobacco and Other Smoking Products Amendment Bill 2023**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the *Tobacco and Other Smoking Products Amendments Bill 2023* (the Bill).

The Australian Dental Association Queensland Branch (ADAQ) is the peak professional body for dentistry in Queensland. ADAQ's mission is to support and advocate for the profession as the trusted source of knowledge and information about oral health and clinical practice.

ADAQ supports the policy objectives of the Bill in further reducing exposure to smoking and avenues for exploitation by industry.

However, we believe these changes should only represent the first stepping stone towards implementing a future complete ban of all smoking and vaping products. As mentioned in the Bill Explanatory Notes, no other single risk factor contributes as greatly as smoking to the burden of preventable disease and health inequities.

The rise of vaping habits in young Queenslanders is a fast-growing and equally significant public health concern, its negative contribution to the burden of disease is still poorly understood. It is quickly undermining the public health efforts to curb the smoking rate in Queensland, as in other jurisdictions.

We are confident the Bill will clarify further that e-liquids and all vapes or *personal vapouriser products*, as defined elsewhere in Queensland law, are to be considered included in the definition of 'smoking products', whether or not they contain nicotine or combust tobacco. These devices have significantly evolved and have little in common, from the perspective of the consumer, with traditional smoking products.

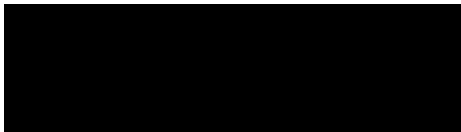
Regarding the introduction of a licencing scheme for wholesale and retail supply, assuming again a total ban on licencing all smoking products, including tobacco products, cannot be yet considered, the wholesale and retail sale of vaping products and e-liquids should be restricted to pharmacies only, under medical prescription.



ADAQ plans to provide further comments on the topic of vaping and e-liquid products by submission to the Parliamentary Inquiry into Vaping and Reducing Rates of E-Cigarette Use in Queensland, which may be indirectly relevant to the objectives of this Bill.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this submission, please contact Lisa Rusten, Chief Executive Officer, on 07 3252 9866 or via [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely



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