

Vaping - An inquiry into reducing rates of e-cigarette use in Queensland

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My comment concerns the entire submission - There is now substantial evidence-based data to make informed decisions about the dangers of using vapes. If you identified these significant public health risks in any other product in Australia it's use would not be permitted. As such there is an obvious answer to this dilemma. Having been heavily involved as a Regulator and consultant on these matters since the inception of tobacco legislation in Queensland in 1999 my position remains unchanged. The only effective strategy to reform smoking habits in Australia is to ban the use, sale and importation of tobacco products and NVP's into the country. The long-term economic benefit from savings in hospital admissions and health status have been comprehensively researched and documented and would easily exceed tax income. It simply makes no sense to allow smoking in Australia. It is not a human rights issue to ban smoking, it is imposing on people's right to a healthy lifestyle to freely allow highly addictive health substances on the market causing severe harm/death to citizens.