

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

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RE: Vaping - an inquiry into reducing rates of e-cigarette use in Queensland

Well you are a bit too late...in fact a decade too late...the horse has well and truly bolted...e-cigarette usage is now epidemic among our youth...all you Members of Parliament have blood on your hands for so much inaction on this pressing issue. The Government of this State have 'stuffed around' for far too long in this critical health policy area...shame on you ALL. Statistics about the negative impact of vaping have been published since from around 2010. You don't need a toothless Committee/a long overdue inquiry/another talk fest to take real and urgent action.

A call to action just like those undertaken against tobacco smoking is well overdue and urgently required - well funded control/recover/addiction programs, increased pricing, strong laws enforcement at point-of-sale, vaping free smoking zones, bland packaging regulations, hidden from the counter storage requirements, prohibiting of any vaping product flavouring, increased multi age relevant education programs, and sustained hard-hitting media campaigns. You need to implement ALL of these cost-effective, evidence based, life saving strategies NOW. The longer you fail in taking a comprehensive holistic approach to this ever-increasing health hazard the greater the number of deaths, the greater number of people living with chronic health issues, and the greater ongoing cost to our fragile health system.

Yours in service



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