

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

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Dear committee members, My name is Tania and I am writing to urge the Queensland Government to take decisive and practical action on nicotine vaping products by regulating them just like tobacco and alcohol. A little over ten years ago, as an adult whose mother had just died of lung cancer due to smoking, I used vaping to give up a smoking habit of over thirty years and have significantly improved my health because of it. Earlier this year my doctor stated that I have now been a non smoker for enough years to only have the same risk of lung cancer as a non-smoker. So I know from experience that electronic cigarettes have a place and have value. But even with that said, the significant rise over those years in tobacco company involvement, disposable vapes and increased availability of internationally manufactured e-liquids with a concerning chemical content, of which nicotine is only one, greatly disturbs me. I strongly believe The Queensland Government has a significant opportunity to show clarity of thought and action by regulating electronic cigarette related sales as an adult consumer product that is governed by strict standards. To me a proposal to regulate the manufacture and legal availability of vapes just like alcohol and tobacco is common sense and brings benefits for community health, tax revenue, safety and clarity for all. Yours sincerely and with hope, Tania Lane.