

Tobacco and Other Smoking Products (Dismantling Illegal Trade) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025

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To: Health, Environment and Innovation Committee

RE: Tobacco and Other Smoking Products (Dismantling Illegal Trade) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025

No More Butts appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback to the Health, Environment and Innovation Committee (HEIC) as part of the consultation on the Tobacco and Other Smoking Products and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025.

No More Butts is an Australian-based environmental charity, formed in 2020 to tackle the most littered item in the world: cigarette butts. Since 2022, we have also led conversations on the environmental impacts caused by vaping devices. No More Butts' vision is for a 'world without tobacco waste'.

No More Butts submitted responses to earlier consultation papers, including: "Reducing the negative effects of smoking in Queensland"; and "Tobacco and Other Smoking Products Amendment Bill 2023". In addition, we provided evidence to the Health and Environment Committee based on these submissions. In further consultations and responses to proposed legislation amendments, we provided a recommendations regarding fines for littering of vapes as a dangerous item.

In September 2025, No More Butts held the Big Butt Hunt, a national clean up at 25 locations, including four in Queensland. The cigarette butts collected at these events showed a high percentage of illicit tobacco being littered into the environment, consistent with current rates of procurement of tobacco products through illegal means. We believe this Amendment Bill will continue the work to curtail the availability of illicit tobacco in Queensland.

Overall, we support this Amendment Bill as presented.

However, we need to highlight that when it comes to the environment and littering, smokers don't differentiate whether a cigarette is legal or not and they flick it regardless. More needs to be done in Queensland on creating smoke-free places and smoking spaces. In addition, the Queensland Government should work with the commonwealth government to implement recommendation of the WHO FCTC Article 18 on mitigation of the environmental impacts of tobacco products. These recommendations include a ban on the sales of filtered cigarettes, a step that has already been approved by a Californian County, with an implementation date of 2027.

Due to the specific nature of this Amendment Bill, we do not believe we can add significant value by being called as a witness for public hearings, but we are available to discuss any of these matters with the HEIC, if requested.

This submission is not confidential.

Yours faithfully,

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