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Hello! My name is Antonio Papadimitriou, I run the Chigwell newsagency and post office. I would like to voice my concerns about this new legislation concerning banning tobacco sales to people born after 2000. Not only will this have an immediate negative impact on my business as tobacco sales make up approximately 50% of my sales and about half of my gross annual profit. It will also impact the future viability and saleability of my business. Furthermore, having been in takeaways and grocery stores for the last 30 years, I have personally been victim to countless break-ins which have always targeted my tobacco products. Passing this legislation will only strengthen the blackmarket tobacco activity in Tasmania, thus further endangering our business', making them even greater targets for those that wish to distribute tobacco illegally. This legislation will not prevent smoking, only education and awareness can truly make a difference. Why not deny public medical assistance to those suffering from smoking related illness' to people born after 2000, that'll give people a reason not to smoke if they know they wont get any government assistance. Maybe even reduce social welfare payments to those that smoke. I see first hand how much people spend that shouldn't be able to afford to smoke. They sacrifice a healthy diet and lifestyle just to appease this addiction. As a tax payer this is a very bitter pill to swallow.

regards
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proprietor