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Subject: tobacco law

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

My name is Chris Hill and i am the operator of 2 small IGA supermarkets in Tasmania.I am writing to you to voice my concern at the proposed law, making it illegal to to sell tobacco products,to anyone born after the year 2000.

This decision if passed would be catostrophic for the long term future of my business ,and 100s like it around the state.the product is legal,and businesses like mine have become dependant on the sales,every time the tax, and price is lifted it becomes a higher percentage of my overall sales,it now sits between 23%and 25% of total sales,if I was to loss those sales it would mean the loss of 4 full time positions,imagine the job losses across the state!!although the law will have no short term affect (or so it seems) even by discussing this law it has devalued my business,and if it is bought into affect it will have a long term effect,I was hoping to leave the business to my children,but there may be nothing to leave.

The state will miss out on massive amounts of tax,and will have to try to police,the massive black market that will obviously appear.

I would like to make it clear that I am a non smoker,and have found in my personal and business life that alcohol has always created far more concerns than tobacco so why not ban alcohol?

Regards Chris Hill.

Hillys IGA St Helens 