

Attention Jenny Leaman

To the Honourable Members of the Legislative Council.

I am writing in objection to "Smoke Free Generation Bill", that is being put to Parliament.

My wife and I have been in retail business for twenty years. Our Tobacco Retail Store has been selling Legal products and has contributed thousands of dollars in revenue to both State and Federal Governments.

We vigorously reject and oppose regulation that is not sensible measured and practical. We believe that this Bill will do more harm than good for Tasmania. Tasmanians are Dumb founded by the governments targeting Tobacco and not putting more into Drugs, Alcohol abuse and Gambling, which have higher cost to Tasmanian Public than smokers. We have families falling apart and general hardship which is not from smokers.

Passing this Bill will only increase crime locally and interstate with illicit Tobacco increasing to around 15% of the total market losing \$1.35 Billion in lost revenue. This will have impact on all retailers businesses, families and staff as well as impacted pressure on policing and Courts etc., This Bill will NOT STOP people buying tobacco interstate nor on line, it will NOT STOP Criminal Gangs from coming to our State (Tasmanian). Example is in Victoria where an illegal Tobacco Pop Up Store is being prosecuted and after 3 years and \$240,000 later the case is still ongoing. So this is what Tasmania wants?

We ask All Tasmanian Politicians to STOP taking the easy road to Fame, by attacking Legal Smokers and attend to the BIGGER Problems in this State.

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