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To: tfg
Subject: Submission - Tasmanian Tobacco Free Generation

To Whom It May Concern,

I am making my submission in relation to proposal of The Tobacco Free Generation.

I can't understand the logic behind this proposal. The only people that it will hurt are us honest retailers trying to make an honest living by selling a legal product. Ivan Dean himself has gone on the record as saying that people born after the year 2000 will still be able to obtain tobacco products and they won't be penalised for it! The Tobacco Free Generation will simply get their cigarette from interstate or even worse from an illegal source.

Stopping supply does not stop demand. Prohibition has never worked. If people want to smoke they will find a way to smoke. Look at the problem this state already has with illicit drugs & underage drinking. These activities are both illegal yet we have high rates in both. We would be better off focusing on better education programs in schools.

Tobacco accounts for approximately 50% of my business. By bringing in this policy you would simply be hurting my business and my family and instead lining the pockets of criminals (who will be prepared to sell to the Tobacco Free Generation).

I hope you listen to my submission and the submission of the other retailers as we are the ones contributing millions of dollars to your economy.

Regards,

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