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To Whom It May Concern

As a tobacco retailer I would like to express my objection to the proposed TFG Bill. This Bill would have a major impact on my business and the future of my (currently four) employees. I was considering opening another tobacconist in another area, whereby employing more local people, but have put this on hold as the future earnings in this business would depend on tourists as well as locals, and I know young tourists would not be encouraged to visit Tasmania if they also happen to be smokers. Their right of choice would not be available to them in this State. We would lose trade to interstate retailers and online sellers. The addition of this Bill would just push cigarette sales underground and that does not benefit anyone except those dealing in illicit trade.

I thought Australia was a Democracy. We have a right to choose. Adults at age 18 have the right to vote, to shape our nation, and you want to take away their right to choose whether they purchase tobacco products? Not good enough. On one hand you say they have the right to smoke, and then on the other you say they are not allowed to purchase their own. There are enough tobacco restrictions in Tasmania that are different to the rest of Australia, why complicate things with another one that would be hard to police.

I find the idea of this Bill ludicrous and do not support it in any way. I think it is a personal vendetta by Ivan Dean because his father was a victim of tobacco use. Fair enough, but education is the key in my opinion.

Yours faithfully
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