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Subject: Tobacco Free Generation

I am writing in opposition to the bill in regards to banning smoking for people born after the year 2000.

I would firstly like to introduce myself. I am 32 years old Launceston resident. I have a wife and two young children. I have lived in Launceston all my life and have travelled to many different countries, experienced the culture and observed the laws and legislation in regards to tobacco, gaming and liquor. I am also business owner and my business happens to include a tobacconist among its' other services (Australia Post, Tattslotto and Newsagency). I would like to spend the rest of my life in Tasmania as I believe it is a wonderful place to live and a great place for my family to grow up. Unfortunately the passing of this bill would seriously make me consider selling up and moving away due to the effect this will have on my livelihood and that of my employees.

1. The bill puts unreasonable responsibility on the retailer given that someone over the age of 18 is legally allowed to smoke but would be unable to purchase tobacco products.
2. After 2018 smoking continues to be legal but 18 year old adults will not be able to purchase cigarettes. It just doesn't make sense. There MAY be long term effects to smoking however for young people the instant effect of drinking and drug use are having a much more serious impact on society.
3. Lastly given this will only be law in Tasmania it will be confusing for domestic and international tourists. This state relies on income generated from tourism surely this legislation just says "Tasmania closed for business for people born after the year 2000".

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