
Secretary, Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

I have been asked on behalf of the CEO (Nicki Herriot) to provide some brief comments on behalf of the Northern Territory PHN to the call for submissions associated with the Tobacco Control Legislation Amendment Bill.

NT PHN is supportive of the intent of the Bill believing that the proposed measures relating to the sale, supply, promotion and use of e-cigarettes and e-cigarette accessories; the implementation of a 10 metre smoke free buffers from the boundary and entry of community events and community facilities; the sale of tobacco products in retail outlets by under 18 year olds and the prohibition of the use of vending machines from outlets that allow 18 year olds on a premises are sound legislative amendments which will benefit the public health of the Northern Territory community.

In particular NT PHN is pleased that the amendments will identify electronic cigarettes and electronic cigarettes accessories as if they were tobacco products. There is a growing body of evidence suggesting that these products are harmful to health and need to be treated accordingly. NT PHN commends the government for taking decisive and early action recognising the detrimental impact.

The other amendments proposed while of a lesser magnitude nevertheless provide protective measures which will have a positive impact on the community.

Yours sincerely

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