



**Australian Lottery
and Newsagents
Association**

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The Chemicals and Medicines Scheduling Secretariat Team
Scheduling and Committee Support Section
Regulatory Engagement, Education and Planning Branch

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RE: ALNA submission on proposed amendments to the nicotine entry in the Poison Standard

The Australian Lottery and Newsagents Association (ALNA) appreciates the invitation by the Therapeutic Goods Administrations Chemicals and Medicines Scheduling Secretariat Team as a stakeholder that has previously made submissions to consultations on nicotine or e-cigarettes, to comment on proposed amendments to the nicotine entry in the Poison Standard.

The amendments which include: Clarification of the Schedule 7 and 4 entries, Deletion of the Schedule 6 entry & A new Appendix D entry are not particularly material in a current context to our members who sell packaged tobacco products as licenced retailers.

However, as some of our members are involved in the sale of electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) in different jurisdictions, they are interested in changes to relevant regulations that might impact the current sale and use of these devices in Australia and future usage models.

We appreciate the notification of changes to the current *Poisons Standard* so our retailers can understand this, particularly how this might relate to nicotine should in the future there be a change in the public policy approach to how its different forms are to be regulated, as has occurred in other countries like the United Kingdom and New Zealand.

It is the view of many of our member small businesses, that both electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) and nicotine should appropriately be highly regulated to manage consumer impacts, and should they form part of any future preventative health policy to provide alternatives to long-term smokers like some of our customers, that any amendments now, don't limit access to any stakeholders who could fairly participate in providing alternatives rather than being part of the problem.

Your sincerely

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