

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Medicines Scheduling](#)
Subject: Fwd: Proposed Amendments to the Poisons Standard (Medicines) – Nicotine [SEC=No Protective Marking]
Date: Monday, 6 July 2020 11:53:25 AM
Attachments: [REDACTED] [_public-submission-cover-sheet.pdf](#)

To whom it may concern,

- >
- > Please note that I would like to make the following submission to have
- > the poison standard amended to include nicotine in tobacco “prepared
- > and packed for heating”.

- > I can walk down to any shop and buy a pack of cigarettes, but its nearly impossible to buy a heated tobacco product
- > which is illegal for literally no better reason than why smoking
- > should be but isn't..

- > How can you say there is no evidence it helps people quit smoking when most of the people around the world who use
- > these products are former smokers? If I want to have a smoke after a few drinks then that is my decision - and I should be able to purchase a heated tobacco product the same way as cigarettes - no ash, no smell on hands and by all accounts it certainly isn't any worse than cigarettes, it's also tobacco.
- >
- > How can every reputable health agency in the UK support the evidence it is less harmful to smoking and a benefit to smokers, yet Australia doesn't acknowledge this? Why do you continue to cherry pick a
- > confirmation bias to prove it's of no benefit? Why didn't your interim decision mention that the FDA actually authorised the sale of IQOS (heated tobacco) after an 18 month review?
- >
- > No country on earth has eradicated smoking, none. However, every country where these products are legal, are outpacing Australia in smoking rate declines.

- > Raise the tax more - more black market cigs
- > come in. Make these products prescription only - it floods doctors offices, becomes too cumbersome a process, people just pop down the shops, get a pack of smokes instead. "youth epidemic" - behind the
- > counter, legal heated tobacco has the same protocols as cigs - check for ID, fines to businesses if they don't comply - solved...
- >
- > You can't look at this application and pretend cigarettes don't exist. That's legal, make this the same. What would you prefer tobacco companies do? introduce the cheapest cigs more and more to try combat
- > the black market, or move into e-cigarettes and technology where every effort becomes part of the solution instead of continuing to be part of the problem.

- > How many older aged smokers need to die before Australia tries something different?? Put those deaths on your conscience when you think yet another tax excise increase will magically solve the problem...How about small business owners who have
- > to sell cigs to get in customers and stay in business? Maybe they have a conscience and would like to be able to offer their regulars something way less harmful and at the same time still stay in business? Trying to sway them to a gum or spray instead at the point of sale... doesn't seem possible does it, that's because it isn't - but
- > heated tobacco as an option to offer a customer? Much more likely from a retail perspective.. Again, what does Australia know that the rest of the world doesn't, except that the government loves excise increases because its a sure thing to make
- > more \$ every year. Never mind the next cohort of 20,000 death this year, they didn't quit cold turkey, should have chewed some nicotine gum but.. that's on them though right? - so long as the government
- > makes more \$ that the previous year and they keep peddling quit campaigns, win win right? WRONG. Shame on You.

Do the right thing, change the lives of smokers in Australia by allowing something different and less harmful into retail stores and let them decide what to do. The rest of the western world has.

