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**From:** Phoenix Campbell  
**Sent:** Friday, 26 May 2023 2:08 PM  
**To:** Courtney Thompson; Natarjsha Kramer  
**Subject:** RE: FOR QUOTES: Vaping

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See below:

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## NEW TOBACCO LAWS PROTECT YOUTH FROM VAPING

Media Release  
25 May 2023

AMA Queensland commends the state government for taking action to protect a new generation from the dangers of smoking and vaping.

The *Tobacco and Other Smoking Products Amendment Bill* introduces a licensing regime for nicotine products, including vapes and e-cigarettes, with new offences and penalties, and stronger enforcement.

“We have been calling for this action for years,” AMA Queensland President Dr Maria Boulton said.

“Last year, Queensland received the Dirty Ashtray Award for the government’s failure to enforce regulations around the sale of vapes. These new laws will hopefully ensure we do not receive this award again.

“Taken in conjunction with the federal government’s move to crack down on non-prescription nicotine products, we are finally seeing real action to protect young people from nicotine addiction and lung damage.

“Vaping is emerging as a real health threat to young Queenslanders, particularly those who would never consider smoking a tobacco cigarette.

“The Queensland Chief Health Officer’s most recent report shows e-cigarette use has increased 40 per cent over the past four years, and almost 15 per cent of 18-29-year-olds in Queensland currently vape.

“There is no evidence that these young people are using vapes to quit smoking tobacco cigarettes. Rather, vapes are targeted at non-smokers, with bright packaging and sweet flavourings.

“The new provisions preventing people under the age of 18 from handling or selling tobacco products are welcome, as they will reduce the potential for smoking to be normalised among children.

“We would like to see them in force immediately, not in September next year for large retailers and September 2025 for small businesses.

“However, these laws are a long-overdue step towards tackling the scourge of vaping.”

Read AMA Queensland’s submission on these laws [here](#).

### Background

- In 2022, 19.7 per cent of Queensland adults had tried an e-cigarette in their lifetime—5 per cent were currently vaping (any regular or intermittent use of e-cigarettes in the past 12 months) and 1.9 per cent were vaping daily.
- Regular tobacco cigarettes contain 7,000 chemicals, many of which are toxic.
- Emerging data suggests links between vaping and chronic lung disease and asthma.
- In 2015, the US Surgeon General reported that e-cigarette use among high school students had increased by 900 per cent, and 40 per cent of young e-cigarette users had never smoked regular tobacco.
- Between 2016 and 2019, the proportion of people who had ever used e-cigarettes rose from 8.8 per cent to 11.3 per cent [Source: 2019 National Drug Strategy Household Survey].

- Nearly two in three (64 per cent) of current smokers and one in five (20 per cent) of non-smokers aged 18-24 years reported having tried vaping.
- About 2.6 per cent of Australian adults report current vaping – more than double the figure (1.2 per cent) from three years earlier.

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# Media release

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### **Quotes attributable to Health Minister Shannon Fentiman:**

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**ENDS**

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**From:** Shannon Fentiman  
**Sent:** Saturday, 27 May 2023 10:26 AM  
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Hi Shannon

Find attached HIBs on vaping **S.73 - Irrelevant Information**

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**Attachments:** MR - Tobacco\_v3.docx

Hey,

Lines re e-cigarettes have been included and grabs from the Lung Foundation. Waiting to hear back from the Heart Foundation still with their quotes but can add them when published.

Let me know if you have changes.

### Natarjsha Kramer

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# Media release

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xx May 2023

## Major law reforms strike at the heart of illicit tobacco traders in Queensland

- The Queensland Parliament has passed legislation introduced by the Palaszczuk Government to strengthen Queensland's anti-smoking and illicit tobacco laws and their enforcement.
- The amendments include stronger enforcement action on illicit tobacco sale and supply, the introduction of a licencing scheme for the sale of tobacco, the expansion of smoke-free areas and tougher restrictions on cigarette sales in licenced venues.
- The maximum penalty for supplying illicit tobacco will be \$43,125 and the maximum penalty for storing illicit tobacco will be \$20,125.

Armed with new laws, Queensland Health will take control of ridding our community of illicit tobacco and cracking down on anyone who sells it with hefty fines.

By streamlining the previous laws, the government is confident Health authorities will be able to move with more agility to target and prosecute illegal operators with one lead agency taking up the fight.

Queensland Police will support Health Officers, assuming the important role of investigating and seizing illegal tobacco products.

The laws aim to keep illegal tobacco off the streets and ensure only "fit and proper" people are licenced to sell and store legal products.

The government believes the new measures will send a clear message to illegal suppliers that trading in illicit tobacco is no longer low risk with high reward,

Anyone growing, selling, or storing illicit tobacco will be caught and dealt with appropriately.

Queensland Health is also working with the Department of Justice and Attorney-General to introduce penalty infringement notices for many of the new offences under the Act, enabling use of 'on-the-spot' fines by authorised persons.

The illicit tobacco legislation follows the government's crackdown on vaping and e-cigarettes and businesses involved in selling e-cigarette products.

A parliamentary inquiry will shortly begin into vaping and e-cigarettes with a focus on children and teenagers.

### **Quotes attributable to the Minister for Health and Ambulance Services and Minister for Women, Shannon Fentiman:**

"Despite the success we have had in reducing the number of Queensland smokers by more than half over the past 25 years, smoking still causes far too many preventable deaths.

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“These major tobacco law reforms were developed after consulting key stakeholders such as retailers and hospitality businesses, small businesses, and public health agencies.

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“They make it an offence to supply illicit tobacco, or for retailers to even store illicit tobacco, and provide high penalties for doing so.”

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**Quotes attributable to the Lung Foundation Australia CEO, Mark Brooke:**

“We welcome the passing of the *Tobacco and Other Smoking Products Amendment Bill*.

“These reforms are integral in continuing the decades of hard work by the Queensland Government to reduce tobacco and e-cigarette use and protect the health of young people and non-smokers.

“Queensland has long been a leader in tobacco control, and we are heartened to see these strong efforts continue.”

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**Date:** Thursday, 25 May 2023 11:51:07 AM  
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Looks great to me. Yes, attribute to Dr Maria Boulton and thank you for spelling out Queensland and not calling us AMAQ (not so good for media monitoring since Islamic State set up their Amaq news agency).

Maria

PS Hi Natarjsha – are you enjoying the move to the dark side?

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Brilliant, thanks Maria.

We might steal these two lines:

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Can you please confirm that you're happy for us to use these quotes, as set out here, and attribute to "Dr Maria Boulton, AMA Queensland President" ?

Natarjsha Kramer (cc'ed) will be taking carriage of this from here. Thanks for collaborating!

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**James Farrell**

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Thanks all. I've told journo it's a rollout.

Sent from my iPhone

On 26 May 2023, at 8:24 am, James Farrell <s.73 - Irrelevant information> ministerial.qld.gov.au> wrote:

1. To allow affected stakeholders to make the structural and operational changes needed to comply with new requirements before they become law, some of the amendments in the Bill commence on a date after assent. For example, the new prohibition on smoking at outdoor markets commences on 1 September 2023, some of the changes at liquor licensed premises commence on 1 July 2024, and unlicensed wholesale or retail sale becomes an offence on 1 September 2024.
2. The prohibition on child employees supplying smoking products also commences on 1 September 2024, with small businesses having a further twelve months in which to comply.

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**To:** Phoenix Campbell  
**Subject:** Vaping  
**Attachments:** VAPE Enquiry.pdf



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**To:** Phoenix Campbell  
**Subject:** Vaping HIB  
**Attachments:** HIB Vaping.docx

Hey,

Have attached the Vaping HIB – hope it helps tomorrow. Thanks again for everything today.

### Natarjsha Kramer

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## BACKGROUND

The Committee analysed the chemical composition of 17 e-liquid samples currently available on the Queensland vape market.

Lab tests performed showed presence of nicotine in every sample.

- All samples contained at least two carbonyl compounds: formaldehyde and acetaldehyde. Formaldehyde is classified as a group 1 human carcinogen.
- All samples contained Volatile Organic Compounds. VOCs are typically used in the manufacture of paints, pharmaceuticals and refrigerants.
- All samples contained arsenic and zinc. Other toxic heavy metals included lead, mercury, nickel, chromium, antimony, aluminium, iron, nickel, barium, manganese, copper, strontium and vanadium.

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- We know there are long-term health impacts of these products and we need to keep our community – especially children and young people – safe.
- The Premier asked a parliamentary committee to look into the health harms of e-cigarettes, with a focus on understanding what’s in these products.
- The evidence Queensland Health has provided to the Committee this week is **just frightening**.
- Queensland Health tested 17 e-cigarette products and found:
  - All 17 samples contained **nicotine** – the current rules say nicotine-containing e-cigarettes should only be available under prescription, from a pharmacy, so these are already **ILLEGAL** products.
  - All 17 samples contained **carbonyl** compounds, which irritate lung tissues and are potentially harmful to health. One example is formaldehyde – classified by the International Agency for Research on Cancer as a class 1 carcinogen, and found in all 17 samples.
  - All 17 samples contained **volatile organic compound chemicals** that are typically used and produced in the manufacture of paints, pharmaceuticals, and refrigerants.
  - All 17 samples contained between **five and fifteen heavy metals**, including arsenic and zinc (which were detected in all samples) as well as lead, mercury, nickel, iron, copper, and many others.
- The only ‘good’ news is that none of the samples recorded ingredients that have been banned by the TGA in e-cigarettes, above Queensland Health’s laboratory detection limit of 2000 ppm (parts per million). However, the TGA says there should be less than 10 ppm for these eight harmful chemicals, so Queensland Health tried another testing method, which found one of these banned ingredients (benzaldehyde) in multiple (two) products.
- This information confirms that e-cigarettes contain harmful chemicals, and confirms that they are dangerous.
- The [Commonwealth recently announced](#) a raft of measures to address vaping, including:
  - Closing down the sale of e-cigarettes in retail settings;
  - Making it easier for people to get a prescription if they want to use e-cigarettes to help them quit smoking;
  - stopping the import of non-prescription e-cigarettes;
  - increasing the minimum quality standards for e-cigarettes including by restricting flavours, colours, and other ingredients;
  - requiring pharmaceutical-like packaging;
  - reducing the allowed nicotine concentrations and volumes; and
  - banning all single use, disposable e-cigarettes.
- The [laws we introduced this week](#) include stronger enforcement action on illicit tobacco sale and supply, the introduction of a licensing scheme for the sale of tobacco, the expansion of smoke-free areas and tougher restrictions on cigarette and vape sales in licensed venues.

- Armed with this alarming new scientific evidence about the harmful ingredients in e-cigarettes provided by my Department, the Queensland Parliament's [Health and Environment Committee](#) is due to report by 31 August 2023.



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**Subject:** RE: FOR QUOTES: Vaping

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See below:

### Quotes attributable to Health Minister Shannon Fentiman:

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“We know vapes are becoming more popular, especially with younger people, and these results make it clear that what is inside them is extremely dangerous.”

“This week, our government passed a bill to strengthen controls on smoking and vaping, including harsher penalties for anyone selling or storing illegal tobacco.”

**ENDS**

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