

# Reducing Smoking in Queensland -

This survey provides an opportunity for all community members, industry and organisations to provide feedback on the options provided in the Consultation Paper - *Reducing the negative effects of smoking in Queensland*.

The options canvassed in the consultation paper include proposed changes to the *Tobacco and Other Smoking Products Act 1998* (the Act) to increase smoke-free public areas and strengthen controls on smoking product advertising and supply.

The survey is arranged by the seven topics considered in Section 2 of the consultation paper. You can provide responses to all topics or select the topics you wish to provide a response for.

Please note: There is a 45 minute time limit for completing the survey from the time you start filling it out. To save your response, click the **Finish later button** (within the 45 minute time limit) —you will be given an address and a password, which you can use later to complete your survey.

Responses to individual topics are expected to take up to 15 minutes depending on the amount of information you wish to provide. Responding to the full survey could take more than an hour and respondents are encouraged to use the Finish later button to ensure responses are captured.

In completing this survey, please do not provide personal information about any other person, for example including their name, in your response.

## Topic 1 - Monitoring compliance of retail smoking product supply

*1.1 - The recommended option is to amend the Act to require suppliers of smoking products to obtain a licence (option 3)? Please advise if you agree or disagree with this option and why? AMA Queensland supports these measures to more appropriately and rigorously regulate, and monitor compliance with, the retail and supply of smoking products. Any potential impediments or complexities to tobacco suppliers and retailers flowing from these changes are outweighed by the significant personal and public health benefits of smoking reduction.*

*1.2 - Have potential impacts been fully and accurately captured? Please provide any additional information and evidence that should be considered in the costs and benefits, including impacts related to:*

*Please provide details*

*1.3 - Would you modify any aspect of the recommended option (option 3)? Please provide details.*

*1.4 - With regard to the preferred licensing fee framework, do you support? [select from list]:*

*If a tiered structure is your preference, on what basis would you propose tiers to be defined?*

*1.5 - What mechanisms exist to reduce licensing impacts on small business?*

*1.6 - What mechanisms exist to ensure online and interjurisdictional suppliers are held to the same standard as Queensland based retailers?*

## Topic 2 - Retail advertising and promotion of smoking products

2.1 - The recommended option is to modernise provisions in the Act about advertising, display and promotion to improve clarity and consistency (option 2)?

Please advise if you agree or disagree with this option and why? AMA Queensland supports these measures to modernise advertising arrangements. Reducing the visibility of tobacco products provides potential benefits in reducing smoking rates, including take-up, with no negative impacts or risks.

2.2 - Have potential impacts been fully and accurately captured? Please provide any additional information that should be considered in the costs and benefits.

2.3 - Would you modify any aspect of the recommended option (option 2)? Please provide details.

2.4 - Please provide any evidence on whether implementation of option 2 will assist in reducing demand for smoking products.

2.5 - Please provide evidence of any additional benefits you expect to occur from implementation of the recommended option (option 2)

### **Topic 3 - Supply of smoking products at liquor licensed venues**

3.1 - The recommended option is to amend the Act to ensure that smoking products can be supplied only from a service area at liquor licensed venues (option 3)?

Please advise if you agree or disagree with this option and why? AMA Queensland supports these measures to reduce access to supply. Any actions that introduce barriers that may assist to reduce, slow or discourage purchasing of tobacco products are welcomed. It is vital that vending machines are completely inaccessible to young people and that all avenues for sale are stringently regulated and monitored, with enforcement action taken for any breaches.

3.2 - Have potential impacts been fully and accurately captured? Please provide any additional information that should be considered in the costs and benefits.

3.3 - Would you modify any aspect of the recommended option (option 3)? Please provide details.

3.4 - Please provide any evidence you have about the following things that could assist in better assessing costs and benefits of the options:

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3.5 - The recommended option assumes there will be less prompts to smoke if smoking products are supplied only from a service area.

Please provide any evidence on whether implementation of option 3 will prevent young people smoking and assist smokers to succeed in quitting.

3.6 - Please provide evidence of any additional benefits you expect to occur from implementation of option 3.

### **Topic 4 - Sale of smoking products by minors**

4.1 - The recommended option to amend the Act is to prohibit the sale and handling (re-stocking, tidying) of smoking products by minors (option 3)? Please advise if you agree or disagree with this option and why? AMA Queensland supports measures to prevent people under the age of 18 from involvement in the handling or selling of tobacco products. This proposal is supported without reservation.

4.2 - Have potential impacts been fully and accurately captured? Please provide any additional information that should be considered in the costs and benefits.

4.3 - Would you modify any aspect of the recommended option (option 3)? Please provide details.

4.4 - What mechanisms exist to reduce impacts on small business of a ban on sale and handling of smoking products by minors?

4.5 - Please provide any evidence on whether implementation of option 3 will assist in preventing young people from beginning to use smoking products including e-cigarettes.

4.6 - Please provide evidence of any additional benefits you expect to occur from implementation of option 3.

## **Topic 5 - Smoking at liquor licensed venues**

5.1 - The recommended option is to amend the Act to introduce a hybrid combination of requiring smoke-free buffers between DOSAs and enclosed areas, and restricting DOSA access to adults and prohibiting drinking in a DOSA? (option 6) Please advise if you agree or disagree with this option and why? AMA Queensland supports these measures, noting the potential for these measures to help reduce social activity involving smoking. This is welcome in terms of reducing the frequency and duration of smokers' visits to designated outside smoking areas, and reducing the likelihood of non-smokers accompanying smokers into a designated outside smoking area. Prevention of access to designated outdoor smoking areas by children is essential, both for reducing children's exposure to behaviours that normalise smoking, and reducing children's exposure to second-hand smoke.

5.2 - Have potential impacts been fully and accurately captured? Please provide any additional information that should be considered in the costs and benefits.

5.3 - Would you modify any aspect of the recommended option (option 6)? Please provide details.

5.4 - Please provide any evidence on whether implementation of option 6 will reduce exposure to second-hand smoke and help smokers at licensed venues to smoke less and quit.

5.5 - Please provide evidence of any additional benefits you expect to occur from implementation of option 6.

## **Topic 6 - Smoke-free outdoor eating or drinking places**

6.1 - The recommended option is to amend the Act to introduce a combination of smoke-free buffers around the perimeter of all outdoor eating or drinking places, and introduce restrictions on areas used as smoking-only areas at outdoor eating or drinking areas (option 5)? Please advise if you agree or disagree with this option and why? Consistent with the response to Topic 5, AMA Queensland supports these measures, noting their potential to help reduce the appeal of spending

time in an outdoor designated smoking area. Physical space designated to facilitating smoking should be minimal, and other patrons should be completely protected from drifting second-hand smoke.

6.2 - Have potential impacts been fully and accurately captured? Please provide any additional information that should be considered in the costs and benefits.

6.3 - Would you modify any aspect of the recommended option (option 5)? Please provide details.

6.4 - Please provide any evidence on whether implementation of option 5 will reduce exposure to second-hand smoke at outdoor eating and drinking areas.

6.5 - Please describe any additional benefits you expect to occur from implementation of option 5.

## Topic 7 - Smoking at outdoor markets

7.1 - The recommended option is to amend the Act to prohibit smoking at outdoor markets with the provision for smoking only areas? (option 3) Please advise if you agree or disagree with this option and why? AMA Queensland supports measures that limit smoking in proximity with others in all environments. Given the often family-friendly nature of outdoor markets, it is essential that other people, especially children, are protected from second-hand smoke. It is also essential to minimise opportunities for children to witness smoking behaviours in a way that normalises them, and to reduce incidental triggers for people wishing to reduce or quit their own smoking.

7.2 - Have potential impacts been fully and accurately captured? Please provide any additional information that should be considered in the costs and benefits.

7.3 - Would you modify any aspect of the recommended option (option 3)? Please provide details.

7.4 - Are you aware of any local government/council restrictions that are currently applied to outdoor markets in your area? If yes, please provide details of restrictions and locality or jurisdiction.

7.5 - Please provide any evidence on whether implementation of option 3 will reduce exposure to second-hand smoke at outdoor markets.

7.6 - Please describe any additional benefits you expect to occur from implementation of option 3.

## Your details

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This response represents my interest/my business or organisation's interests/expertise as a: health service /provider/practitioner

Please provide the name of your organisation or business AMA Queensland

Have you or your organisation ever received services, assistance or support (whether monetary or non-monetary in nature) from the tobacco and/or e-cigarette industry, directly or indirectly? If this

*scenario applies to you or your organisation, please provide relevant details in the textbox. No*

*Please provide details:*

*Have you or your organisation ever provided services, assistance or support (whether monetary or non-monetary in nature) to the tobacco industry and/or e-cigarette industry, directly or indirectly? If this scenario applies to you or your organisation, please provide relevant detail in the text box. No*

*Please provide details:*

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*I prefer my response to be private. No*

*Are you of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent? No*

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