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| *Dear Nick, Harley and Kathryn*  *Thank you for your letter dated 24 April 2017. As a health professional, I am interested in any activity*  *which may encourage people to reduce behaviours potentially harmful to their health – including smoking.*  *It would appear that the legislation as proposed will prevent persons born after 2000 from buying tobacco*  *but does not prevent them from smoking.*  *While I am supportive of the message which SmokeFree Tasmania is sending, and I can see that*  *the ‘ban’ on selling these products may help to create cultural change so, this group never smoke.*  *However, I am also concerned that the weight of imposing the ban appears to lie with the retailer.*  *In addition, there could be several unintended consequences of this ban including:*  *young people getting their older friends to purchase cigarettes on their behalf,*  *an increase in the black-market sales of tobacco or increased theft of cigarettes.*  *It could also make tourists (born after 2000) reluctant to visit Tasmania*  *unless they travel with their own supplies.*  *Having said that I am no expert in this area and perhaps a line needs to be drawn in the sand somewhere.*  *So while I clearly encourage getting out the message that smoking is bad for your health*  *and it is better to never start, I am not 100% convinced that the ban, well intended though it is,*  *will necessarily achieve this aim.*  *However, it is a way to perhaps shape cultural change and for that reason*  *I can see this approach may have value.*  *Kind regards, Neroli Ellis*  Neroli Ellis  Independent Candidate, Launceston Legislative Council Election M [0455548055](tel:0455548055)     E  [contact@neroliellis.com](mailto:contact@neroliellis.com)    W  [www.neroliellis.com](http://www.neroliellis.com/)  T  @NeroliEllis |