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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 EllisIndependent Candidate, Launceston Legislative Council ElectionM 0455548055     E  contact@neroliellis.com    W  [www.neroliellis.com](http://www.neroliellis.com/)  T  @NeroliEllis |