



Smokefree

Tasmania

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Dear Rosemary

We are writing to learn your views on actions to reduce the 500 Tasmanian deaths per annum, from smoking.

As you know, Tasmanian hospitals are under severe pressure to provide beds for patients. 70% of acute admissions to the RHH are smokers. Smokers are 9 times more likely to be admitted than non-smokers.

This means that ordinary citizens who have led healthy lives have to wait many months or years to have operations such as knees or hip replacements and eye surgery.

We want to make the next generation born after the year 2000, free from the scourge of tobacco-related illness and death.

To do that we have put forward the idea of the Tobacco-Free Generation (TFG), “the lucky generation”, which would prevent the sale of tobacco products to those born after 2000. Please note that this legislation does not criminalise smokers, and people could still smoke. The existing 75,000 Tasmanian smokers and 800 retailers would be unaffected by the TFG. Please look at our website to see the detail (www.smokefreetasmania.com).

The TFG has support from 75% of the Tasmanian Community and 72% of smokers. It is supported by every major Health and Medical organisation and senior academics. Many schools have also shown support. The idea has the support of the World Health Organisation Director-General.

We would like to know whether or not you support the concept of the TFG, by May 2nd. We will put a list on our website and inform the media.

You do not have to indicate your support for the Bill currently before Parliament. We just want to know if you support the idea.

Yours sincerely,

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