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Dear Dr Stanton

Thank you for taking the time to email me regarding SmokeFree Tasmania.

I'm proud of Labor's record of legislative reform in the area of tobacco use. It was Labor who lead the way and made Tasmania the first state to ban self-serving cigarette vending machines and we were the first state to introduce a total indoor smoking ban.

I recognise the need for further action to reduce or remove the high rates of smoking amongst young Tasmanians.

Whilst I also recognise the smoke free generation in principle is a worthy concept, the mechanism by which such a measure would be implemented, and the proposal currently before the parliament, needs to be further understood.

It is my hope that a concept like the Smoke Free Generation can be owned by the generation on whom it will impact. Labor believes that in order for this to occur we will need to increase the understanding of the level of investment in education needed to support such a scheme.

Thank you again for taking the time to email me. I hope the information above is of assistance. If there is anything I can do to assist you further, please feel free to call me on 0419 485 343.

Kind regards

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