

**Submission
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E-CIGARETTE REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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I have used cigarettes since I was 14 I am now 64. I had tried all the usual methods gum, patch etc numerous times, not one of them worked. I must say that if there was so much noise about children back when I was young then I may have not smoked at all. Vaping works I have not had a cigarette in 5 years. Adults that are hooked on tobacco and nicotine need vaping and while I agree that those under 18 should not use vapes one must ask based on a total ban, if your child was vaping would you rather they smoke cigarettes instead? the industry needs regulation not a ban. Legal vape shops do not sell nicotine based products they only sell flavours with 0% nicotine, nicotine is added by a separate purchase with a prescription from places like New Zealand. The only vapes that are available with nicotine are disposables via corner stores, tobacconist etc basically under the counter sales, this is where youth are purchasing these things. Please consider the needs of adults, adults who lived through commercials on TV and the like smoked at school and so on. It is a concern when one here's of these bans when other countries such as New Zealand and the United Kingdom promote it via their heal departments as an alternative to smoking tobacco. thank you for reading my submission

Brent.