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

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To whom it may concern.

I have found vaping to be very effective in helping to stop smoking tobacco. It has been almost 10 months since I quit and I definitely could not have done it if vaping was not available. What I do not like is the hurdles you need to overcome to purchase nicotine where you just have to pay someone online to get a script I find this to be purely a money grab. Please try and find a way for older Australians to be able to source nicotine within Australia and without having to have it imported from New Zealand. It should be made available through pharmacies and a doctor visit. I also agree it must be kept out of the hands of minors. If vaping with nicotine gets blocked it will only lead people like myself back to smoking tobacco and the health impact of that will be detrimental to the community in terms of the costs to the health system. Please find a reasonable way to strike a balance. Thank you.