

Submission

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**INQUIRY INTO TOBACCO SMOKING IN
NEW SOUTH WALES**

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Theme:

Summary

Submission to Tobacco Smoking in New South Wales lodged by Carmel Lamaro

With respect.....

The process of banning smoking in Registered Clubs is proceeding too slowly and, I believe, being held back by the clubs by various means.

1. The so called 'smoke free' area has not been implemented apart from a lot of new 'no smoking' signs in areas that are not designated separate areas, eg; entrance ways where members do not congregate, dining areas where no smoking has been in place for some time, part of a sitting area with no barrier between the smoking and no smoking areas.

Where a small area has been set aside in the gaming area, in one club I am aware of the divide is gradually being whittled away, and staff do not enforce the 'no smoking' unless requested.

In my view the gap should be widening and smoking areas lessened more aggressively.

Are these new rules being supervised as regards compliance by the clubs, without warning, or is it being left to the clubs to comply voluntarily?

If the later it is clearly not working in some situations.

The second point here is that cigarettes are still available for purchase in clubs. Lets get real and remove the temptation and make it more difficult for our (mainly) young people to obtain cigarettes.

Another matter is the banning of smoking in the outside seating areas of eating places. This is long overdue and many cafe's, for example, have great difficulty in this matter as those inside complain about the smoke from the outside area, and also the non-smokers who wish to eat outside are penalised.

The reality is smoking in many places such as shopping centres, theatres etc. has successfully been curtailed - lets do more sooner to spread the healthy lifestyle.

Thank you