

Submission

No 11

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

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Theme:

Summary

**Submission No. 11 to Tobacco Smoking in New South Wales
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The anti-smoking lobby is emotionally misdirected & misguided. Uncontaminated smoke has never been a major health hazard except possibly to asthmatics. Smoke itself doesn't get into your blood stream - the chemicals in the smoke do.

The chemical contents of cigarettes & Filters are probably major carcinogenic agents and are not disclosed & have never been investigated by independent bodies even though it is common knowledge that some are to create addiction.

It's about time the anti-smoking lobby, government & indeed the smoking lobby, researched completely the added ingredients for every brand & obtained medical opinions on the probable harmful effects of these.

These should then be printed on the package - this alone will make more people give up smoking - in the same way that packaged foods disclose their contents - eg sugar content to assist the plump or diabetic make an informed choice.

The tobacco companies are probably overjoyed in only having to print "Smoking Kills" etc on their packets - firstly most smokers don't take any notice of it (eg female youth smoking is on the rise) But more importantly it is a great diversion (a "smoke screen" if you like) avoiding the declaration of chemicals which are probably the biggest killers.

Stage one, should have been this research - it's not too late.

Instead of having an anti & pro group both disliking each other - you may find a common ground of co-operation