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

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Theme:

Summary

Inquiry into Tobacco Smoking in New South Wales

I have a strong sensitivity to tobacco smoke and generally try to avoid locations where tobacco will be present.

There are many places where one would expect to be free of tobacco smoke which re not.

1. Clubs should be 50% smoke free. I go to one club which has made the upper floor a non smoking area. To enter this area one must pass through the smoking area and smoke rises up through the open stair and escalator well. There is a strong smell of tobacco smoke in the central area of the upper supposedly smoke free floor.

2. Royal North Shore Hospital has a smoking area near its main entrance. Many smokers do not go as far as the smoking area but smoke near the door under the signs indicating that it is a "smoke free area". A similar situation is found near to the entry to "Emergency". Café tables are placed near the door where people sit and smoke.

3. Many workers go outside buildings to smoke. They smoke on the foot path thus affecting passers by and smoke often blows back inside the building through open doors.

4. My daughter lives in a unit and cigarette smoke from the smokers on the balcony of below rises up and enters through her balcony doors.

5. I went to see "The History Boys" last week only to find notices in the theatre to say that there would be smoking on the stage. The advice is a bit late after purchasing tickets and taking the time to go to the theatre. The same effect could have been gained from actors "smoking" unlit cigarettes.

My main concerns are cigarette smoke in public places, particularly footpaths and, the low level of enforcement of supposedly smoke free areas.

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