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## INQUIRY INTO TOBACCO SMOKING IN

## **NEW SOUTH WALES**

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## Dear Mr Torbay

I refer to your letter of 29 March, inviting NRMA Motoring & Services to make a submission in relation to the Inquiry into Tobacco Smoking in New South Wales specifically related to smoking in motor vehicles.

Statistically, many NRMA members smoke in their vehicles and their smoking will not impact on others if they are driving alone, and take care with their smoking behaviour and disposal of their butts. NRMA is therefore not in a position to support a complete ban on smoking in motor vehicles.

NRMA has supported efforts over many years to educate smokers about the dangers associated with smoking in motor vehicles, including the impact on other occupants, particularly children, and the danger of distraction from dropping burning cigarettes and careless disposal of burning butts. NRMA would be happy to consider involvement in a targeted education campaign to address the issue of passive smoking in vehicles.

Yours sincerely.

**Brett Gale** 

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