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

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Theme:

Summary

I AM UNABLE TO ATTEND MONDAY'S FORUM, HOWEVER WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING EMAIL WHICH I SENT TO THE PREMIER LATE LAST YEAR:

Dear Premier

From one person who grew up on Mountview Avenue, Narwee to another (I lived at No 92, two doors from Narwee Boys High) ... I need to beg something of you:

* Please bring the Total (100%) Indoor Smoking Bans into effect AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

I have Cystic Fibrosis (severe congenital lung disease) and I can't visit a club/pub to have a drink or a meal or play the pokies or see a show or just to socialise, because I can't tolerate even a whiff of cigarette smoke - I can't even to go to see my own husband perform in pubs/clubs (he's a singer-guitarist in a duo)!! As it stands now with the partial bans, as soon as I walk into a pub/club, I can smell cigarette smoke - and if I can smell it, then I'm inhaling it; and I have to then leave.

So until total bans are brought in, I cannot do any of those fun social things because I sensibly choose not to destroy my lungs with cigarettes. I think the publicans' argument that they will lose customers/business is completely false, because all of my non-smoking friends [I don't have many smoking friends - they're a dying breed] have said that they can't wait until the total ban is brought in, because they will then be frequenting the pubs/clubs much more often than now, which is virtually never. If it's a success in Ireland, then it will be a success here.

I also think smoking should be totally banned in restaurants, cafes, etc - because as it stands now, non-smokers can't enjoy al-fresco dining!

** My question is:

why are we catering to these idiots who choose to destroy their lungs (and also destroy others in the process) rather than catering to the healthy Australians who are trying to do the right thing??

To me, this is a no-brainer of an issue. I think any money lost in excise will be gained in less strain on the future health system.

Regards
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