

INQUIRY INTO ILLEGAL TOBACCO TRADE

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Just one example of enterprising tactics in our wild seemingly lawless SW-W suburbs.

The further the distance from inner suburban heartlands the additional \$5 is added per pack.

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I could have a field day out the SW Sydney suburbs sightseeing prices hand written post it notes hastily removed at times.

Smoking rates haven't decreased at all - underbelly rates have soared.

This is taped to an independent petrol station outlet along a suburban main road as I waited to pay for my overpriced chocolates .

Some Public Housing tenants purchase cartons and off sell within their complex- some from their lounge room windows-they're all hustling across all suburbs.

Pensioners growing foil pillowcase sized packs of garden grown tobacco-kitchen shredded paid in cold cash commanding an average \$5K a bag. You wouldn't pick them in a line up.

The South Eastern suburbs have a level of discretion that SW Sydney doesn't care about and is generally more concentrated in Malabar- Maroubra zones.

It's rife within our Indigenous communities within those areas.

As an NDIS nurse Im seeing it all and accessing heartland areas.

Im aware of Bikies 'asking' legal Tobacco outlets to sell under counter for them - some of those Tobacco owners have bravely declined their kind offers-bikies left them alone- because they don't want the heat and there is enough to go round for them all- for now anyway.

Many Bikies are couriers, road workers, business owners- not your average lobotomised gibbon thugs - Im left alone due to my history of jail nursing many a notorious name, plus Im taller than most of them.

Corner shops are the biggest culprits. \$10 and \$15 single item transactions rung up consistently are a red flag I would say as receipts are provided if asked.

I've submitted this inquiry as Natasha is an ex nurse herself.

She understands what 'observational privilege' we have access to most times unwittingly and she is a woman and MP of impeccable integrity along with the chairing committee.

Good luck!