

INQUIRY INTO ILLEGAL TOBACCO TRADE

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1. Reduce both State and Federal taxes on tobacco to only include the GST. Taxes have created the situation where most people cannot afford to buy them through legal means. Ordinary Australians are accessing black market tobacco as a result. This has opened an opportunity for organised crime to flourish. It is also a questionable policy for Australian governments to receive high taxes from significant social problems in Australia like alcohol and tobacco. If this policy is maintained the government could well find itself facing the very same situation with illegal alcohol in the future.

2. Cancel the ridiculous prescription model for vaping. Over 700,000 Australians vape in 2022-23 according to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare and many of those gave up smoking through vaping.

3. Make the Australian standards for vaping products consistent with the rest of the world making the same products available for Australians with the exception of disposable vapes.

4. Allow legal vape products to be sold in shops like Super Vape Store and tobacco shops whilst also strengthening the penalties for shops that offend such as selling illegal products to minors including loss of licence and prison terms.

5. Tax vape products with GST only, consistent with point (1) above to allow ex-smokers to continue to improve their health.