

**Submission  
No 65**

## **INQUIRY INTO ILLEGAL TOBACCO TRADE**

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To The Parliament Members

This submission is to voice my concerns and objection to the number and location of Tobacco shops infiltrating our communities- close to schools , located in the main streets, changing the landscape of our suburbs, and ultimately influencing people's decision to smoke- by supplying cheap illegal tobacco products.

Their links to organised crime are concerning , and don't belong in communities throughout Australia

The recent article in the SMH about these stores gives a great insight into the issue- and what changes are needed now to curb more of these stores opening

I implore you to act swiftly for the sake of our current children's generation, and the safety of our communities across Australia

The great decline of tobacco stores in the 90's was a great achievement in Australia - and it seems we are now moving backwards into that era again - and facing the long term detrimental effects to individuals and our community as a whole with the easy accessibility of tobacco products - only now they are illegal and run by crime gangs .

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Regards

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