

# **Australian Labor Party Senators' Additional Comments**

1.1 Labor Senators note that the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) and the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) have reviewed the evidence around e-cigarettes in recent months, and recommended against changes to their regulation.

1.2 Labor Senators are alarmed that both Senator Leyonhjelm (via this bill) and the Minister for Health (via the House Health Committee) are attempting to subvert these recommendations. 15,000 Australians a year still die from smoking-related disease, and anything that reduces tobacco regulation or re-normalises smoking would add to this tragic toll.

1.3 Labor will continue to follow the advice of the independent experts at the TGA and NHMRC on this issue.

**Senator the Hon Lisa Singh**

**Senator Murray Watt**

