

Smoking should be Illegal

To the honourable Speaker and members of the House of Representatives,

It has come to our concern as student citizens about the horrendous habit of smoking.

It's been brought to the attention of all people around Australia that smoking has become a burden to many, whether it's from lost lives to permanent suffering. Smoking is a major issue that needs to be dealt with quickly for the safety of people's precious lives living in Australia.

Smoking causes lung, mouth, heart and throat cancer which has no known cure. It is not essential for your health in any way and we don't need this element. Every cigarette you smoke you lose 11 minutes of your expected lifespan.

Every cigarette is very costly which puts people in debt because they rely on the nicotine in it to sustain their addiction. Buying a packet of cigarettes day is \$25, which is \$9125 annually and you could be using this for education purposes or basic necessities. Selling cigarettes may be beneficial for our economy due to taxes but not for the people purchasing them.

Smoking is hazardous to the youth of the country because of passive smoking which over a sustained period of time can cause asthma and the smoke is harmful to our ecosystem.

We therefore ask the House of Representatives to make all kinds of smoking and cigarettes illegal within Australia due to harmful consequences it can do to people's lives and the pollution of our ecosystem.

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