



THE SENATE

LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS REFERENCES COMMITTEE

Illegal tobacco crisis in Australia

**PUBLIC HEARING
Monday 4 May 2026**

**Committee Room 2S3
Australian Parliament House, Canberra**

Time	Witness
9.00 am	<p>Australian Border Force (<i>Submission 7</i>) Mr Tony Smith, , Assistant Commissioner Customs Compliance and Enforcement Office of the Illicit Tobacco and E-Cigarette Commissioner Ms Alex O'Rourke, Assistant Secretary ITEC Governance Strategy and Reporting Department of Home Affairs Mr Justin Douglas, Chief Economist</p> <p>Office of the Illicit Tobacco and E-Cigarette Commissioner (<i>Submission 9</i>) Ms Amber Shuhyta, Illicit Tobacco and E-Cigarette Commissioner (ITEC)</p>
10.00 am	<p>Public Health Association of Australia (<i>Submission 71</i>) Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drugs Special Interest Group Associate Professor Dr Raglan Maddox, Covenor</p> <p>Australian Medical Association (<i>Submission 58</i>) Dr Danielle McMullen, Federal President</p> <p>Australian Nursing & Midwifery Federation (<i>Submission 76</i>) Ms Annie Butler, Federal Secretary Ms Alana Ginnivan, Assistant to the Federal Secretary – Strategy & Campaigns</p>
11.00 am	Break
11.15 am	<p>Australian Council on Smoking and Health (<i>Submission 60</i>) Ms Laura Hunter, CEO</p> <p>National Heart Foundation of Australia (<i>Submission 56</i>) Professor Garry Jennings, Chief Medical Adviser</p> <p>Cancer Council Australia (<i>Submission 51</i>) Jacinta Reddan, Chief Executive Officer Cancer Prevention & Advocacy Cancer Council NSW Anita Dessaix, Director Cancer Council Victoria Dr Michelle Scollo, Senior Adviser Tobacco</p>
12.15 pm	Lunch

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2.45 pm	<p>Freight & Trade Alliance (FTA) (<i>Submission 34</i>) Mr Sal Milici, General Manager</p> <p>Australian Industry Group (<i>Submission 65</i>) Louise McGrath, Head of Industry Development and Policy Dr Jeffrey Wilson, Head of Research and Economics Aleks Mitreski, Senior Advisor - Industry Development and Policy</p>
3.15 pm	<p>Bega Valley Shire Council (<i>Submission 43</i>) Mayor Russell Fitzpatrick, Mayor Emily Harrison, Director Community, Environment and Planning</p>
3.45 pm	<p><i>Suspension</i></p>
4.45 pm	<p>Drug Policy Modelling Program, SPRC, UNSW (<i>Submission 64</i>) Dr Paul Kelaita, Postdoctoral Fellow Ms Liz Barrett</p> <p>Associate Professor James Martin et. al. (<i>Submission 49</i>) Associate Professor James Martin Professor Wayne Hall Dr Edward Jegasothy</p>
5.30 pm	<p><i>Adjournment</i></p>