

Hi,

I was a 20 a day smoker for 15 years and like so many smokers I tried every method available to me at the time.

Vaping has changed our lives, my fitness my general health, I don't smell like an ashtray, I have not had a cold or flu in the 4 years I've been vaping, I know vaping has saved my life.

To class vaping as a cigarette product is Stupid and will cost countless amounts of Australian lives.

I vape with nicotine and this works well for me and this is what it was designed for but like everyone you have to import it from overseas and you have no way of knowing what is in it.

Advertising well look up the new laws we can't display anything at all, funny tobacco shops have no such legalisation they can display everything except tobacco, we have no exceptions. Even a company name that has Vape, ecigs, ecig is now illegal. Again no such law for Tobacco!!!!

We manufacture and our products don't contain Diacetyl and Acetyl Propionyl **as a responsible manufacturer we have had them removed.**

**Regulation should follow what NZ is currently setting up, that is you can display good in shops, and on the side walk in areas where council allow this of course. Taxing should be in line with the approach that we want to encourage people to give up tobacco - that is don't over tax, encourage and support. Attach link to impending NZ legalisation which will be a good guide to Australian legislation.**

<http://www.newshub.co.nz/home/politics/2017/03/nicotine-e-cigarettes-to-be-legalised.html>

These products were designed to help people quit smoking with the aid of flavourings food grade (GRAS) and nicotine. When you remove the nicotine then you remove the effectiveness of the product. It seems absurd that nicotine is readily available in tobacco, in patches and sprays, lozenges but is illegal in e cigarettes or vaporisers. Why is this the case?

Debunked - " Smoking is a gateway for children" Which was debunked by this study (Here are 2 Studies but there are many listed Should someone care to review)

A new scientific paper recently published in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine shows electronic cigarettes are not a gateway to smoking for youth.

<http://vaperanks.com/new-study-debunks-theory-electronic-cigarettes-are-a-gateway-to-smoking/>

Another Study UK Study Finds No Evidence That E-Cigarettes Are a Gateway to Smoking for Children

<https://consumer.healthday.com/cancer-information-5/tobacco-and-kids-health-news-662/e-cigarettes-may-not-be-gateway-to-smoking-study-681597.html>

Then we have the head of the TGA stating that ecigs are 95% safer but we don't know what is in the 5%? REALLY? This seems a absolutely absurd statement to make considering that no one can claim anything is 100% safe

I am a Mother of 5 Children and Smoking was always a concern, thanks to Vaping with nicotine it has helped me kick the habit and become a non smoker. Please listen to the People you work for, that is the public that Voted you in to office and legalise nicotine so that others can kick the habit of smoking. The savings in terms of lives, money on health care to name a few is immense.

Please listen and overturn the ban. NZ has, EU, USA, UK and many more countries are falling in line, don't let Bad information ruin a life saving product.

Thank you for your time in reviewing my Data and everyone else who took the time to write in and have their voices heard.

Regards