

## **Inquiry into Tobacco Harm Reduction**

### **QoN 01**

Are you aware of Australia's obligations under Article 5.3 of World Health Organisation's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control "*in setting and implementing their public health policies with respect to tobacco control, Parties shall act to protect these policies from commercial and other vested interests of the tobacco industry in accordance with national law*"?

### **Response from Prof. Ron Borland**

Yes

### **QoN 02**

Have you or your organisation received any support, whether financial or non-financial, direct or indirect, from any parties involved in the production, distribution or sale of tobacco, nicotine or vaping products?

Please provide details of that support, including:

- a. the nature of that support;
- b. the amount or value provided;
- c. the name of the entity or person providing it; and
- d. any other related information.

### **Response from Prof. Ron Borland**

No, nothing from any source since the Treaty came into force, and then only as described in my evidence to the Inquiry and a subsequent statement I lodged.

### **QoN 03**

Have you or your organisation, received any support, whether financial or non-financial, direct or indirect, from associated entities of tobacco companies?

If yes, please provide details of that support, including:

- a. the nature of that support;
- b. the amount or value provided;
- c. the name of the entity or person providing it; and
- d. any other related information.
- e.

### **Response from Prof. Ron Borland**

No, never.

**QoN 04**

Have you received any assistance, or liaised or consulted with, any other person or organisation in the preparation of your evidence to this inquiry?

If yes, please provide the details of any persons and/or organisation that assisted, or with whom you liaised or consulted, in the preparation of your evidence to this inquiry, including:

- a. the name of the persons or organisation;
- b. the ABN or CAN, if applicable; and
- c. any other related information.

**Response from Prof. Ron Borland**

Yes, I asked Dr Colin Mendelsohn for some assistance in referencing, particularly in relation to references I did not have handy (but had previously read), to ensure I represented their findings correctly. He provided assistance in that regard, but had no input into the substance of my evidence.

**QoN 05**

Did you make inquiries as to whether the persons/organisations you consulted or liaised with receive any support, whether financial or non-financial, direct or indirect, from parties involved in the production, distribution or sale of tobacco, nicotine or vaping products?

If yes, please provide the details of those inquiries, including:

- a. what assurances were sought;
- b. dates of those inquiries; and
- c. whether they were made in written form or orally.

**Response from Prof. Ron Borland**

No, and given the nature of my interaction, I do not see this as relevant.

**QoN 06**

Have you, or any organisation with which you are associated, received any support, whether financial or non-financial, direct or indirect, from the following organisations, or persons associated with, the following organisations:

- a. The Institute for Public Affairs;
- b. Centre for Independent Studies;
- c. The Sydney Institute;

- d. Australian Taxpayers Alliance;
- e. Australian Institute For Progress;
- f. Mannkal Economic Education Foundation;
- g. Legalise Vaping Australia; and
- h. any ATLAS network member organisation.

**Response from Prof. Ron Borland**

I don't know what some of these organizations are and of those I recognize I have never had any interaction of any kind with any of them and thus no support of any kind.

**QoN 07**

Please provide the details of support given by the organisations listed in question 4, including:

- a. name of the organisation;
- b. nature of the support;
- c. amount or value provided; and
- d. any other related information.

**Response from Prof. Ron Borland**

Not relevant given my answer to QoN 06

**QoN 08**

Have you consulted, or had any contact with the groups or persons associated with groups listed in question 4, regarding your submission to this inquiry, or regarding your policy on vaping, tobacco, nicotine or any related products?

If yes, please provide the details of the organisations listed in question 4 with which you had contact, including:

- a. name of the organisation; and
- b. what the nature of the contact was.

**Response from Prof. Ron Borland**

No contacts, thus the follow-up question is not applicable.