

I want to be clear that just because submitters and witnesses express support for broader access to vaping, or it being legally available as a commercial product, does not necessarily mean they are in receipt of financial or other support from companies that have a financial interest in the sale of tobacco or vaping products. Those submitters and witnesses who are in receipt of this kind of support should also have their arguments considered on their merits. However, it is in the interests of transparency that declarations about financial or in-kind support are requested.

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#### **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*"?

**Yes**

**Australia is obliged under its commitments to FCTC under Article 1(d) to include harm reduction in its policy response to tobacco but does not do so.**

**Australia does not attempt to object to governments owning substantial investments in tobacco companies attending WHO COP meetings although this is a flagrant breach of FCTC 5.3.**

#### **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.

**Yes. ATHRA received some funding to help establish the charity from the retail vape industry. It has not received any industry funding since March 2019. ATHRA has never received any funding or support from the tobacco industry or its subsidiaries.**

#### **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.

**No**

**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.

**No**

**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.

**n/a**

**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.

**Yes**

**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.

**Legalise Vaping Australia prepared a video of Michael Johnsen MP outlining his story of quitting smoking with vaping. It was branded as an ATHRA video. Value \$1500**

## 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.

**ATHRA is completely independent of Legalise Vaping Australia but we share a common goal.**

**Both organisations aim to reduce smoking-related deaths in Australia ASAP by making it easy for Australian smokers to switch to much lower risk nicotine products such as vaping nicotine.**

**We have discussed a range of issues and shared information with them from time to time. We did not discuss our submission.**