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House of Representatives Standing Committee on Health, Aged Care and Sport *Inquiry into the Use and Marketing of Electronic Cigarettes and Personal Vaporisers in Australia*

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E-Cigarettes on the Agenda in Melbourne and Sydney

The Australian Parliament's Health, Aged Care and Sport Committee will be holding public hearings in Melbourne on Tuesday, 11 July 2017 and Sydney on Wednesday, 12 July 2017 as part of its *Inquiry into the Use and Marketing of Electronic Cigarettes and Personal Vaporisers in Australia*.

The Committee Chair, Mr Trent Zimmerman MP, stated that 'in recent years the use of e-cigarettes has grown rapidly and governments have taken very diverse approaches to dealing with their emergence. Internationally e-cigarettes have been regulated either as consumer, tobacco, or medicine products. The Committee will be investigating these different international regulatory approaches.'

Recent research has found that over 50 per cent of e-cigarette users in New South Wales are using them to help either cut down their smoking of traditional cigarettes or to quit smoking. 'The Committee will meet with experts to discuss what impact the increasing use of e-cigarettes might have on tobacco smoking rates.' Mr Zimmerman said.

Further information about the inquiry, including the public hearing program, is available at: http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House/Health_Aged_Care_and_Sport/ElectronicCigarettes. The hearings will be broadcast live at aph.gov.au/live.

PUBLIC HEARING DETAILS:

Melbourne

9.30 am to 12.15 pm, Tuesday, 11 July 2017

Committee Room G3, Parliament of Victoria, MELBOURNE

Sydney

9.00 am to 1.20 pm, Wednesday, 12 July 2017

Macquarie Room, Parliament of NSW, SYDNEY

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