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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 Vapourisers in Australia*

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E-Cigarettes on the Agenda in Sydney

The Australian Parliament's Health, Aged Care and Sport Committee will be holding a roundtable public hearing in Sydney on Wednesday, 12 July 2017 as part of its *Inquiry into the Use and Marketing of Electronic Cigarettes and Personal Vapourisers 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 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 hearing will be broadcast live at aph.gov.au/live.

PUBLIC HEARING DETAILS:

SYDNEY

9.00 am to 1.20 pm, Wednesday, 12 July 2017

Macquarie Room, Parliament of NSW, SYDNEY

MELBOURNE - Please note that the public hearing previously scheduled for Tuesday, 11 July 2017 has been CANCELLED

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