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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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Health Impacts of E-Cigarettes Considered in Canberra

The Australian Parliament's Health, Aged Care and Sport Committee will be holding a roundtable public hearing in Canberra on Friday, 8 September 2017 as part of its *Inquiry into the Use and Marketing of Electronic Cigarettes (E-cigarettes) and Personal Vaporisers in Australia*.

A 2015-16 survey found that approximately 10 per cent of Queensland adults had tried an E-cigarette with approximately 3 per cent currently using them. The increasing use of E-cigarettes has prompted a growth in research focussing on their health impacts. The results of this research are beginning to emerge and will have an important role in informing the development of public health policy relating to the use of E-cigarettes in Australia into the future.

The Committee Chair, Mr Trent Zimmerman MP, stated that 'the Committee will be meeting with representatives from government agencies, public health bodies, and academia to discuss the findings from recent research into the health impacts of E-cigarettes, and possible regulatory frameworks for E-cigarettes and similar products. The Committee is particularly interested in discussing evidence relating to what impact, if any, E-cigarettes could have on the rates of tobacco smoking, both in Australia and overseas'.

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:

9.15 am to 1.35 pm, Friday, 8 September 2017

Committee Room 1R1, Parliament House, CANBERRA

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