

## Form Letter 1

The following form letter, first received from Mr Robert Berry, was also subsequently received, in a similar format with minor variation to content, from an additional one individual.

**Re: Standing Committee on Inquiry into the Use and Marketing of Electronic Cigarettes and Personal Vaporisers in Australia**

Dear Committee Members,

My name is: \_\_\_\_\_

I live in (*suburb*): \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

My State is (*tick*):

ACT

NSW

NT

QLD

SA

TAS

VIC

WA

I am \_\_\_\_\_ years old and I smoked for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

I tried quitting smoking in the past using the methods listed below however, these methods did not work for me.

Nicotine Patches

Nicotine Sprays

Nicotine Gums

Going Cold Turkey

Hypnotherapy

Other (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

I switched to vaping \_\_\_\_\_ months, or \_\_\_\_\_ years ago.

I currently use \_\_\_\_\_ mg nicotine strength, and I also use the flavours (*tick below*):

Fruit Flavours

Desert Flavours

Menthol Flavours

Tobacco Flavours

Other (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

Thanks to vaping, I don't smoke anymore and since I'm not inhaling smoke anymore my health has improved dramatically. On a scale of 1 to 5 (1 is a little and 5 is a lot), my health has improved by \_\_\_\_\_.

Under Australian law it is legal to buy tobacco cigarettes. However, within Australia it is illegal to buy nicotine e-liquid for vaping which has effected Australian citizens ability to access this alternative. People who vape within Australia are forced to purchase nicotine e-liquid from overseas countries while traveling or to import small quantities for personal use from e-liquid vendors in countries such as New Zealand. It's absurd that smoking, the most harmful way of consuming nicotine is legal but the less harmful alternative of vaping is not. I firmly believe these laws need to change and plead with the Committee to recommend that they do. Vaping is legal in other first world countries, including other commonwealth countries such as New Zealand, the U.K. & Canada, so why should Australia be any different?

I vote, and I support the full legalisation of nicotine for use in electronic cigarettes in Australia.

Yours sincerely,

Name (*print*): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (*Or Initials*): \_\_\_\_\_