
Committee Secretary
House Standing Committee on Health and Ageing
House of Representatives
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Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Committee Secretary,

My name is _____ and I have strong concerns about the impact of the Federal Government's plan to require cigarettes to be sold in plain packages.

As a retailer, I understand my customers very well and I do not believe that plain packaging is going to have an impact on whether or not they smoke. I do, however, believe that it is going to hurt my ability to serve my customers quickly and efficiently.

I'm also concerned that by putting cigarettes in plain packages, we are going to make it easier for criminals to counterfeit legal tobacco products, taking money away from my business, as well as needed tax revenue away from government.

So far, the government has provided no real evidence that plain packaging is going to help smokers to quit or prevent people from taking up smoking. Even the Minister of Health and Ageing has said that this plan is basically an experiment and that there is no proof that it will work.

I do not support the plain packaging legislation because I believe it will harm my business and I urge the committee to take my concerns into account.

I am also very concerned that Government MPs and the Health Department have apparently received thousands of pieces of correspondence from retailers all around Australia asking to reject this ill thought out policy, but are evidently failing to listen.

Sincerely,