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PAGE 2: General Information

Q1: Contact details	
Name	Andrew Hardaker
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Q2: Do you smoke cigarettes or use a personal vaporiser (e.g. e-cigarette)?	Yes, I use a personal vaporiser
Q3: Have you previously smoked cigarettes?	Yes
Q4: Have you ever used a personal vaporiser?	Yes

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Q5: Do you support maintaining the current arrangements governing the promotion and sale of personal vaporisers in the ACT?	No
Q6: What do you see as the benefits of maintaining the current arrangements?	That I would be able to buy and use a device that has no downsides by comparison to cigarettes.
Q7: What do you see as the costs of maintaining the current arrangements?	i see no costs to the community.
Q8: What do you see as the risks of maintaining the current arrangements?	The risks are the same as any "adult" product. Children under 18 should no more have access to these as they should have access to alcohol or large can energy drinks. But as an adult I should be able to make my own informed choice as I do now.

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<p>Q9: Do you think community education and awareness raising activities would be sufficient to prevent personal vaporiser uptake, particularly by non-smokers, former smokers and young people?</p>	<p>Yes – in isolation of other measures to restrict sale and promotion of personal vaporisers</p>
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<p>Q10: Do you support the introduction of restrictions on the sale and promotion of personal vaporisers in the ACT?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Q11: What do you see as the benefits of introducing restrictions on the sale and promotion of personal vaporisers in the ACT?</p>	<p>Removing the current attempt to "demonise" these devices by the sector of the community who see it as their sworn duty to restrict anything they do not understand.</p>
<p>Q12: What do you see as the costs of introducing such restrictions?</p>	<p>The only cost would be if the Government decided to tax these devices at the same stupid level they do with Cigarettes ... Or if the education campaign is written by the same ill informed do gooders who think they are evil with no actual facts behind their thinking.</p>
<p>Q13: What do you see as the risks or implementation issues of introducing such restrictions?</p>	<p>see Q12. I see the biggest risk as these restrictions being introduced by people who have a bias against the devices long before making any rational decisions.</p>

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<p>Q14: Do you support a ban on the sale of fruit, sweet, confectionery or alcohol flavoured personal vaporisers in the ACT?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Q15: What do you see as the benefits of banning the sale of flavoured personal vaporisers in the ACT?</p>	<p>None ... Adults like sweets as well and children would be covered by an age restriction already discussed. This ban would make sense if the same logic was applied to alcopops or Energy drinks which it isn't.</p>
<p>Q16: What do you see as the costs of such a ban?</p>	<p>the costs are that adults should be allowed to choose, hiding behind the cry "Won't someone please think of the children" is no reason to reduce an adults choice.</p>

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Q17: What do you see as the risks or implementation issues of introducing such a ban?

the biggest issue of implementation would be to define exactly what comes under these restrictions, a juice called "smarties" might be easy but what about a sweet cafe flavour that is like sugared coffee ... Or one that is Red Bull flavoured ? Are the bans then going to expand to sweet flavoured other products ?

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Q18: Any comments?

As they do not produce "smoke" or any other second hand effects I do not see this as a problem.

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Q19: Do you support prohibiting personal vaporiser use in smoke-free areas?

No

Q20: What do you see as the benefits of prohibiting personal vaporiser use in smoke-free areas?

None.

Q21: What do you see as the costs of prohibiting personal vaporiser use in smoke-free areas?

The main benefit to these devices is that there is no "smoke" or other second hand product produced to effect other people means that all there is no cost to allowing the use of these devices anywhere. As long as people are educated fairly that this is the case, not being told that they produce "smoke" as is currently being tried.

Q22: What do you see as the risks or implementation issues of prohibiting personal vaporiser use in smoke-free areas?

People will ignore it as they do in other countries where they recognise that vaporisers are not harmful to people around you.

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Q23: Do you support permitting personal vaporiser use in smoke-free areas?

Yes

Q24: What do you see as the benefits of permitting personal vaporiser use in smoke-free areas?

They do not produce "smoke" and would encourage smokers in their use as they no longer have to crowd in cold, wet areas.

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Q25: What do you see as the costs of permitting personal vaporiser use in smoke-free areas?

i see no costs provided the public is educated with the truth that these devices are safe.

Q26: What do you see as the risks or implementation issues of permitting personal vaporiser use in smoke-free areas?

Only if the general public is fed the same level of rubbish that they are currently. These devices do no produce "smoke" and, having travelled overseas to see them in use there, have no effects on people around the user.

Q27: Do you believe personal vaporiser use should be permitted in all smoke-free areas or only some?

All smoke-free areas

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Q28: Other Comments?

Personal Vaporisers are one of the best devices to come along in many years. All of the bad parts of smokers, the smell, the chemicals, the risk to others etc. are eliminated with this device. If restrictions to age are brought into place that will be a good thing, but to attempt to use incorrect information and scare people without actually seeing the benefits will only cause users to rely on the internet.

PAGE 11: Publication Consent

Q29: Do you consent for ACT Health to make your submission publicly available?

Yes - I consent to my submission being published with my name and designation/work title (if applicable)