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PAGE 2: General Information

Q1: Contact details

Name	Anonymous
Address	
Address 2	
City/Town	
State/Province	
ZIP/Postal Code	
Country	
Email Address	
Phone Number	

Q2: Do you smoke cigarettes or use a personal vaporiser (e.g. e-cigarette)?	Yes, I use a personal vaporiser
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Q3: Have you previously smoked cigarettes?	Yes
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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?	Yes
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Q6: What do you see as the benefits of maintaining the current arrangements?	<p>People who currently use personal vaporizers will be able to continue to purchase products locally (I reside in WA and am forced to purchase online.) Those individuals who are considering the switch from cigarettes to vaporizers will find it easier to make the change if they are able to purchase their devices in person to see which is best suited to them. Ordering online adds a costly element of trial and error into purchasing devices.</p>
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Q7: What do you see as the costs of maintaining the current arrangements?

Without licensing, potential customers can't be sure that a vendor is following rules and regulations.

Q8: What do you see as the risks of maintaining the current arrangements?

I believe that sales should be restricted to people 18 years and over. I am concerned that personal vaporizers will be viewed by the general public in a negative light if they become the latest 'cool' gimmick used by the younger generation.

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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?

Yes – in isolation of other measures to restrict sale and promotion of personal vaporisers

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Q10: Do you support the introduction of restrictions on the sale and promotion of personal vaporisers in the ACT?

No

Q11: What do you see as the benefits of introducing restrictions on the sale and promotion of personal vaporisers in the ACT?

Restricting sale to those under 18.

Q12: What do you see as the costs of introducing such restrictions?

Personal vaporizers are not a tobacco product. The need to have a tobacco retailers license would be harmful to small business owners and potential small business owners selling personal vaporizers and their related products.

Q13: What do you see as the risks or implementation issues of introducing such restrictions?

If the Therapeutic Goods Administration does approve personal vaporizers as a quitting aid in the future, then purchasing these items from a licensed tobacco retailer doesn't make sense.

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Q14: Do you support a ban on the sale of fruit, sweet, confectionery or alcohol flavoured personal vaporisers in the ACT?

No

Q15: What do you see as the benefits of banning the sale of flavoured personal vaporisers in the ACT?

I see no benefit.

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Q16: What do you see as the costs of such a ban? Consumers will be forced to purchase their e-juice from overseas vendors.

Q17: What do you see as the risks or implementation issues of introducing such a ban? The added cost inconvenience of purchasing from international vendors could result in an individual's decision to keep smoking cigarettes.

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Q18: Any comments? I believe that the use personal vaporizers should be subject to the same restrictions as smoking. Until sufficient research has been done, the risks of inhaling passive vapour is unclear and the general public should be protected from potential risks.

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

Q20: What do you see as the benefits of prohibiting personal vaporiser use in smoke-free areas? This would protect the general public from unknown risks associated with passive vapour inhalation.

Q21: What do you see as the costs of prohibiting personal vaporiser use in smoke-free areas? Financial costs associated with public education and signage could be large.

Q22: What do you see as the risks or implementation issues of prohibiting personal vaporiser use in smoke-free areas? I don't see any risks, I think it is the sensible thing to do.

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Q23: Do you support permitting personal vaporiser use in smoke-free areas? No

Q24: What do you see as the benefits of permitting personal vaporiser use in smoke-free areas? People who use personal vaporizers wouldn't be required to take 'vape breaks' from work. Personal vaporizer users wouldn't be required to be exposed to passive smoke due to having to vape in areas where people are smoking.

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

The impact of negative opinion from the general public could be detrimental to future acceptance of the use of personal vaporizers as a healthy, acceptable alternative to smoking.

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

The potential health risks that may or may not exist.

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

No smoke-free areas

PAGE 10: Additional Comments on Consultation

Q28: Other Comments?

I had tried to quit my pack a day habit of 25+ years many times, using many of the methods currently available with no success. The first two days I used my personal vaporizer, I smoked 2 cigarettes each day. In the 5 and half weeks since, I have not had a cigarette. I have had no cravings and I know I will not smoke again. My partner has had the same success and 3 of my friends have now been smoke free for 2 weeks. I am hopeful that future government policy takes into account information provided by former smokers who now use personal vaporizers. The numbers are growing and it would be devastating if potential converts were turned off by legislation that made the change more difficult and too costly.

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 anonymously