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PAGE 2: General Information

Q1: Contact details	
Name	Anonymous
Email Address	
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?	Yes
Q6: What do you see as the benefits of maintaining the current arrangements?	To make freely available to those seeking an alternative to smoking is paramount to giving people options. Vapourizers do not normalise smoking, they are a safer alternative. Restricting sales would reduce options for people seeking ways to quit.
Q7: What do you see as the costs of maintaining the current arrangements?	None
Q8: What do you see as the risks of maintaining the current arrangements?	Young people are unlikely to take this up due to the cost of initial set-up which can be expensive, so I don't see under-age use as a big risk.

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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?

No benefit

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

You reduce availability to smokers wanting an alternative

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

Risk is that government is seen as being in the pocket of big tobacco and pharma

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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?

No benefit

Q16: What do you see as the costs of such a ban?

People will keep smoking - cost is unable to be measured in dollars and health

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

Government is seen as in the pocket of big tobacco and pharma, more interested in revenue than health

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Q18: Any comments?

Do your research then, stop reacting to hysteria. There is research out there if you care to look.

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vapour

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?	As someone who uses a vapouriser, I do not want to alarm others until the public has been fully educated that they are not a risk to them or their children. I support their use, but not in smoke free areas.
Q21: What do you see as the costs of prohibiting personal vaporiser use in smoke-free areas?	It means that people who have quit smokign and use a vapouriser will have to stand with smokers, risk is that they may have a cigarette instead.
Q22: What do you see as the risks or implementation issues of prohibiting personal vaporiser use in smoke-free areas?	A reduction in the uptake of vapourisers and people continuing to smoke.

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Q23: Do you support permitting personal vaporiser use in smoke-free areas?	Don't know
Q24: What do you see as the benefits of permitting personal vaporiser use in smoke-free areas?	More people will see them and become educated in how they work.
Q25: What do you see as the costs of permitting personal vaporiser use in smoke-free areas?	People may become concerned that they are affected by them
Q26: What do you see as the risks or implementation issues of permitting personal vaporiser use in smoke-free areas?	None
Q27: Do you believe personal vaporiser use should be permitted in all smoke-free areas or only some?	Some smoke-free areas, If some, in which areas do you believe the use of personal vaporisers should be permitted and why? All outdoor areas should be permitted e.g. beaches, boats, outdoor cafes

PAGE 10: Additional Comments on Consultation

Q28: Other Comments?

Using a vapourizer has enables me to quit smoking after 35 years, where nothing has worked, and I have tried everything. I have been smoke free for 6 months, and will remain so whilst I can use a vapourizer. If they were banned, I would start smoking again. Please do not ban vapourizers, they are very effective and have saved my life and many others I know who have managed to quit with them. Invest in research, not enforcement of bans.

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