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PAGE 2: General Information

Q1: Contact details

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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?	Those people who wish to use personal vaporisers will continue to have unrestricted access without any negative stigma (such as having the general public thinking they are the same as tobacco smokers) being attributed to them. Also, it allows for proper scientific research to be conducted without any uninformed emotional rhetoric being given undeserved credence.
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Q7: What do you see as the costs of maintaining the current arrangements?	Unscrupulous vendors allowing children access to personal vaporisers.
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Q8: What do you see as the risks of maintaining the current arrangements?

Respondent skipped this question

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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?

None, other than giving a financial advantage to tobacco retailers,.

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

Independent, specialist personal vaporiser retailers (who have invested considerable amounts of their time & money into ensuring users of vaporisers are properly educated in their safe use) would be closed down, creating a knowledge vacuum within the community.

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

Users of personal vaporisers would be seen as being no different to tobacco smokers by the general public, while what they are doing is completely different.

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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?

None. It would be nothing more than an emotional "knee jerk" reaction without any scientific evidence to justify such a ban

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

It would cause the loss of livelihood of a number of local retailers. It would also cause any current user of a personal vaporiser to be seen as a law breaking individual

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

It would generate a black market in the selling of personal vaporisers and the liquid used in them.

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Q18: Any comments?	All the people I know (myself included) normally ask if anyone objects to them using their device before vaping. Also, they are very aware of the presence of any children, and will move away before vaping.
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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?	The campaigning against personal vaporiser, without any scientific evidence to back their objections, would achieve their goal of restricting the rights of others
Q21: What do you see as the costs of prohibiting personal vaporiser use in smoke-free areas?	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q22: What do you see as the risks or implementation issues of prohibiting personal vaporiser use in smoke-free areas?	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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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?	It would allow users of personal vaporisers to continue to enjoy vaping, whilst knowing there are no harmful carcinogens being emitted.
Q25: What do you see as the costs of permitting personal vaporiser use in smoke-free areas?	An education campaign informing the general public of the differences between the use of personal vaporisers and tobacco smoking.
Q26: What do you see as the risks or implementation issues of permitting personal vaporiser use in smoke-free areas?	As long as the general public are informed and educated on the differences between vaping and smoking tobacco, I would foresee very few risks or issues.
Q27: Do you believe personal vaporiser use should be permitted in all smoke-free areas or only some?	All smoke-free areas

PAGE 10: Additional Comments on Consultation

Q28: Other Comments?

Personal vaporisers are NOT a tobacco product in Australia because, it is illegal to sell liquid with nicotine in it. Personal vaporisers should be treated as a totally separate devices. They are an electronic device. Also, it appears that practically all objections to personal vaporisers, are based on emotive, anti-tobacco issues without any scientific evidence or studies to back up their argument. In an academically strong city, such as Canberra, one would expect that any regulations dealing with personal vaporisers would be based on peer reviewed, scientific studies.

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)