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Dear Dr Worth

Re: Inquiry into the Tobacco products control Amendment Bill 2008

Thank you for the invitation to provide a submission to the above inquiry on behalf of the Public Health Association of Australia (WA).

We concur with the measures outlined in the Bill. All these measures are part of an effective, comprehensive approach to tobacco control, and other jurisdictions have positively accepted them.

They are likely to contribute to the continued reduction in smoking in WA, and in the longer term, help reduce tobacco related illness and death, and ultimately contribute to a reduction in health care costs.

This Bill will help Western Australia maintain a quality of tobacco control that is consistent with other States in Australia.

We believe that the large majority of Western Australians will support these measures, and that policing them will not impose a significant burden on the relevant local authority or health officials.

Sincerely

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