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Dear Dr Woollard,

I am writing on behalf of the Australian National Council on Drugs (ANCD) to express our strong support for the Tobacco Products Control Amendment Bill 2008 currently before the West Australian Parliament.

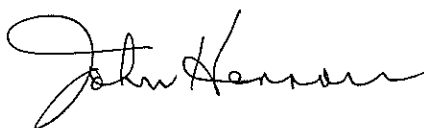
It is the ANCD view that the measures in this Bill are vital to protect children from exposure to harmful tobacco smoke and products. The health related harms that are caused by tobacco far outweighs any other drug, either licit or illicit, and measures that effectively reduce the recruitment of new smokers and the exposure to non-smokers are deserving of strong community and political support.

I have a strong personal interest in reducing the harms from tobacco and was Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs which reported on the Tobacco Industry in 1994 – it is sad that some of the recommendations in the report have not yet been implemented.

I appreciate that such changes as proposed in the current Amendment Bill are likely to attract strong and strident criticism from tobacco and related industries. However, these changes will provide a public benefit that will far outweigh any industry concerns.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need further information from us and I thank you for your important stance on these issues.

Yours sincerely



Dr John Herron
Chairman
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