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## Dear Dr Woollard

Thank you for your letter of 13 January 2009 regarding the inquiry into the Tobacco Products Control Amendment Bill 2008 and an invitation to provide a submission.

I support the measures contained in the Bill which are a significant step towards protecting children and adults from passive smoking and tobacco promotion in Western Australia.

It is pleasing to see other jurisdictions follow Tasmania's lead by implementing restrictions on the retail display of tobacco products and bans on smoking in cars with children. Tasmania's experience with the implementation of these measures has been positive and relatively smooth. In particular, the ban on smoking in cars with children has been well accepted by the public and supported by Tasmania Police. Enforcement in 2008 resulted in 15 infringement notices, 30 cautions and 8 warnings being issued.

I have no further suggestions that would make the Bill more effective.


David Llewellyn, MP
Acting Minister for Health

