

Premier
Hon Mark McGowan BA LLB MLA
13th Floor, Dumas House,
2 Havelock Street,
WEST PERTH WA 6005

Dear Premier,

We write on behalf of the Western Australian (WA) vaping community and vapers worldwide to seek your understanding and direction on vaping policy in WA. The 17 organizations signing this letter represent millions of vapers worldwide and are highly worried about the current measures taken by WA. We do not represent industries; we are only concerned about access to a life-saving alternative to smoking for adult consumers.

Aussies living in Australia and WA who own and run vape shops have been told they can no longer run their vibrant business. The vaping community in WA feels betrayed by the actions of the Health Department that were put in place without consultation.

Vaping has been scientifically shown to save lives and has been a lifeline for more than 68 million people worldwide who have struggled to quit smoking. Despite all evidence, the WA health department has begun cracking down on legal businesses and has given them 14-day notices to cease operations.

These businesses do not stock nicotine liquids and have not had any opportunity to consult on how or why they are to cease operating.

WA health department inspectors insist the Tobacco Act in WA prohibits the sale of all vaping materials, including individual parts, and any type of vape juice regardless of nicotine content.

The Act does not state this. The health department is trying to enforce a section of the Act that does not exist.

As a result, legally run, community-engaged family businesses can no longer operate. Their livelihoods have been threatened and ended with no consultation over legislation that does not exist. Moreover, thousands of consumers are deprived of access to safe products and counselling from those vape shops. This will push many vapers back to smoking or the black market, placing them in an abhorrent situation.

We ask that you review the current crackdown on legally operated specialist vape stores and consider alternative regulatory solutions to help stop the dangerous growing black market.

Specialist vape store owners and the Australian vaping community would be only too happy to assist with these endeavours; however, this would not be possible if they cease to exist.

Yours sincerely,

Legalise Vaping, Australia



ALLVAPE, México



ANPVU - Associazione Nazionale Consumatori Vaporizzatori Personali, Italy



APORVAP - Associação Portuguesa de Vaporizadores, Portugal



ARDTP - Asociación de Reducción de Daños por Tabaquismo de Panamá



AsoVape Argentina, Argentina



AsoVape Chile, Chile



AsoVape Colombia, Colombia



DIRETA.org, Brazil



Foundation for Consumer Freedom Advancement, Nigeria



Korean Vapers' Alliance, Korea



NCUP - Nicotine Consumers Union of the Philippines



Ohms do Vapor, Portugal



Prawo dla Ludzi, Poland



Tobacco Harm Reduction, Congo/RDC



Vaping Saved My Life, South Africa



World Vapers Alliance, worldwide

