

Hi,

My name is Lee Brown and I would like to tell you my story about vaping.

I was a 30 a day smoker for 30 plus years and like so many smokers I tried every method available to quit eg: patches, gum, lozenges, inhalers, hypnosis (3 times), champix (4 times) and any other method you could think of, all to no avail, so I consigned myself to die of a smoke related disease, you see I couldn't give them up that is until I discovered vaping.

Vaping has changed my life in ways I could only dream of before, my smokers cough is gone, my fitness level has increased, my recovery from exercise is so much faster, my snoring has decreased, I don't smell like an ashtray, I have not had a cold or flu in the two years I've been vaping, my zest for life is back, my family is proud of me in other words vaping has saved my life.

To class vaping as a cigarette product is ludicrous , it only resembles smoking, there is no combustion of any tobacco it is only vapour ( hence why it's called vaping) the only one ingredient they share is nicotine, the one thing that keeps us all hooked but with having to add nicotine myself I have managed to reduce my nicotine levels from 12mg to 3mg with the end goal being zero nicotine at which point I will more than likely quit vaping.

Recently customs at Brisbane airport have been ceasing and destroying nicotine imported for vapers, are you aware that if nicotine is not made available most of us will return to cigarettes.

Vaping needs to be encouraged by the government, like England, New Zealand, America and many other countries, as it's a proven way to quit cigarettes.

Studies have shown that there is not an increase in children taking up vaping, air quality from a vaper is the same as normal air, nicotine is not carsonagenic and the surgeon general in England believes vaping to be 95% safer than smoking so why is the Australian government being so anti vaping?

Imagine if vaping is the best smoking cessation tool in history, imagine the number of lives that could be saved, imagine how hospitals would freed from smoking related sickness and how much money would be saved.

Vaping could be the greatest quit smoking aid ever. Who wants to put their hand up and deny people a safer alternative?

There is a lot of talk on social media about how the government doesn't want vaping because of the amount of money they would lose from taxes and also the pharmaceutical companies are against vaping because without sick people they can't sell us their drugs (sadly this is what we all believe)but think about how much could be saved if people stopped dying from smoke related disease.

So any politician who apposes vaping needs to take their head out of the sand, the research is out there, look it up and educate yourself.

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