

Dear Chairman,

I write to make a submission to the parliamentary joint committee on law enforcement inquiry into illicit tobacco.

I own and run a tobacco shop in Melbourne City and get asked for illegal tobacco products every day. Whether it be chop chop or branded stock the customer wants the cheapest on the market and walks away costing my business over \$200 a day.

I know of at least 10 outlets that sell these type of products and their business is flourishing.

I am finding it increasingly difficult to run a legitimate business in this market place due to the high cost of the product compared to the illegal stock.

Yours sincerely

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