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### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, AGED CARE AND SPORT

#### Inquiry into the Use of Electronic Cigarettes and Personal Vaporisers in Australia

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## E-Cigarette Inquiry Commences

The Australian Parliament's Health, Aged Care and Sport Committee has commenced an *Inquiry into the Use of Electronic Cigarettes and Personal Vaporisers in Australia*.

The responsibility for the regulation of e-cigarettes is shared between the Commonwealth, State and Territory governments. Under this regulatory framework e-cigarettes containing nicotine are not uniformly available for commercial sale in Australia.

The Committee Chair, Mr Trent Zimmerman MP, stated 'the Inquiry will investigate the health impacts of e-cigarettes and personal vaporisers, as well as their marketing and use as an aid for people attempting to quit smoking. The Committee will also consider the appropriate regulatory framework for these products in Australia.'

Internationally, e-cigarettes are legal in the European Union, the United Kingdom of Great Britain, and the United States of America, will be legalised in New Zealand, and are about to be regulated in Canada. 'We will also look at international approaches to legislating and regulating the use of e-cigarettes and personal vaporisers', Mr Zimmerman stated.

Submissions from interested individuals and organisations are invited by **Thursday, 6 July 2017**. The preferred method of receiving submissions is by electronic format lodged online using a My Parliament account.

Further information about the Committee's inquiry, including the full terms of reference and details on how to lodge a submission are available on the Committee's website at:

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/House/Health\\_Aged\\_Care\\_and\\_Sport/ElectronicCigarettes](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House/Health_Aged_Care_and_Sport/ElectronicCigarettes)

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