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Department of **Health**

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The Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committees on Community Affairs
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Dear Committee Secretary

**SUBMISSION TO THE SENATE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS LEGISLATION
COMMITTEE INQUIRY INTO THE THERAPEUTIC GOODS AND OTHER
LEGISLATION ADMENDMENT (VAPING REFORMS)**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission to the Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee Inquiry into the *Therapeutic Goods and Other Legislation Amendment (Vaping Reforms) Bill 2024*.

The Western Australian Department of Health (the Department) strongly supports the proposed amendments to the *Commonwealth Therapeutic Goods Act 1989* to prohibit the domestic manufacture, supply, commercial possession, and advertising of disposable single use vapes and non-therapeutic vaping products. Passage of this Bill is a critical component to the Western Australian government's efforts to stem the vaping epidemic.

There has been extensive consultation with all state and territory governments to ensure this Bill will provide comprehensive and effective controls across all levels of the supply chain. The Bill provides a cohesive and nationally consistent approach to strengthen the regulation of all vaping products.

The Department urges the prompt passage of this Bill and the implementation of reforms without delay.

If you require any further information, please contact Dr Denise Sullivan, Director, Chronic Disease Prevention Directorate, on [redacted] or [redacted]

Thank you for considering this submission.

Yours sincerely

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