

TASKFORCESUBMISSION: submission

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SUBMISSION1: I would like to see more focus on Australia's role in relation to the regional support, particularly for its obligations under the WHO Framework on Tobacco Control. Because of the global nature of the tobacco problem, Australia should act in concert with New Zealand to ensure regional impact, especially in line with 2020 suggestions and recommendations. This applies particularly to Australia's Pacific Island and Asian neighbours.

Greater funding for tobacco control initiatives is an imperative. A goal of 1% of tax from tobacco to be used for funding tobacco control should be minimal.

Plain packaging would be a most desirable goal.

There needs to be considerable study on the disparities or use as outlined under 3.5.

Additionally, I would not negate some focus on factors which can influence a lowering of the experimentation and uptake among youth in the population. Using children to influence parents and decision making has been effective in some other jurisdictions. Our aim should be to lower adult smoking but not neglect the possibility of reducing uptake.

Thank you for this opportunity.

PRIVACY: yes

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