



FOR A CANCER FREE FUTURE

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Tobacco Control in Queensland

According to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Queensland's daily smoking rate is 16.7 per cent, well above the national average of 15.1 per cent.

Alarming, Queensland's smoking prevalence is one of the worst in Australia, with only the Northern Territory recording a higher daily rate.

It is estimated that 7.3 per cent of 12 to 17 year olds in Queensland currently smoke every day. To achieve Queensland Health's Q2 target to reduce Queensland's rate of smoking by one-third by 2020, much greater action on tobacco control is required.

Cancer Council Queensland has identified the following three advocacy priorities:

- Introduce uniform state-wide bans on smoking in public places;
- Amend ban on smoking in cars carrying children to ban smoking in cars; and
- Ban smoking in casino high-roller rooms.

At the Federal level, Cancer Council Queensland will collaborate with Cancer Councils nationwide to call for continuing increases of the tobacco excise and to provide input into the development of plain packaging, in addition to advocating for increased funding for preventative health programs that promote tobacco control.

Our aim is to protect the health of Queensland's next generation.