

The Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
Bills Committee on Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Bill 2019

Support banning alternative smoking products

I strongly support the proposed bill to ban any alternative smoking products in whatever way that is appropriate.

My reasons for the supporting the ban are as follows. First, smoking proves definitely harmful to not only the smoker's health, but also the health of people around, including but not limited to his/her family member(s), colleagues, friends and even passers-by on the street. Second, as an extremely populous city located in the sub-tropical area, Hong Kong is not suitable for heaving smoking in terms of either smokers or non-smokers. It is already good that indoor smoking has been banned. Given that, why on earth should there be any other alternative smoking products to be available on the market? Merely to demolish the previous fruit that we have fought with sweat and tear? Third, the Council and Government ought to take care of normal citizens' health and place high priority on that, instead of commercial benefits of the smoking industry. Last, if you favour any kind or any form of alternative smoking products, kindly make yourself the first to be exposed to the visible or invisible harm to come. We, as normal citizens, do not want to become the subject or victim of any such products.

Thank you for your kind attention and consideration very much.

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