

Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products (Smoked Tobacco) Amendment Bill

Creating the Smokefree Generation, August 2022



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Organisation description:	<p>The New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services (NZCCSS) welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the Smokefree Environments Amendment Bill.</p> <p>NZCCSS has six foundation members; the Anglican Care Network, Baptist Churches of New Zealand, Catholic Social Services, Presbyterian Support and the Methodist and Salvation Army Churches.</p> <p>Through this membership, NZCCSS represents over 250 organisations providing a range of social support services across Aotearoa. We believe in working to achieve a just and compassionate society for all, through our commitment to our faith and Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Further details on NZCCSS can be found on our website www.nzccss.org.nz.</p>

Tirohanga Whānui | Overview

We strongly support the kaupapa driving and supported by this Amendment.

The action to create the first Smokefree generation for those born after January 1 2009 is aligned with our members mandate to protect the health and wellbeing of current and future tamariki.

Under Article Two of Te Tiriti, we also acknowledge the effects that this amendment will have in actively protecting Māori against the health inequities that are the ongoing result of nicotine addiction.

Fiscally, we also look forward to the impacts that these amendments will have on our overall health system capacity in years to come.

We unreservedly support this amendment and look forward to its implementation.