



Proactive Release

Submissions on the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy

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The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has released the following submission received during its public consultation on the child and youth wellbeing strategy.

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Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy – Submission Template

This document is intended for individuals or groups who wish to make a formal submission on the child and youth wellbeing strategy.

Please complete this template and email it to: childandyouthwellbeing@dpmc.govt.nz

A guide to making a submission is available on the DPMC website <https://dpmc.govt.nz/our-programmes/child-and-youth-wellbeing-strategy>

Submissions will close on **Wednesday 5 December**.

Please provide details for a contact person in case we have some follow up questions.

Contact Name:	9(2)□(a)
Email Address:	
Phone Number:	
Organisation Name:	[Please include if you are submitting on behalf of an organisation]
Organisation description: (tell us about your organisation – i.e. who do you represent? How many members do you have? Are you a local or national organisation?)	
Executive Summary: (Please provide a short summary of the key points of your Submission - 200 words)	I work as a paediatrician and frequently care for children admitted to the ward with significant respiratory issues including bronchiolitis and Asthma. Many of these children have been and are continuing to be exposed to second hand smoke from their carers, the very people who should be protecting and not harming their children. The answer is simple. Ban cigarettes. Make nicotine patches the only available form that nicotine is available. Yes, people will object and complain about their rights to smoke but noone seems to be speaking up for the most delicate and vulnerable in our society who are unable to speak for themselves. One could argue that even allowing the sale of a drug that has the potential to harm those around them is tantamount to child abuse in of itself. Yes, there may be a reduction in tourism as hard core smokers may choose to holiday elsewhere but I would welcome this. It could have the reverse effect of making NZ more attractive to non smokers to visit. Smoking is an insidious evil. Rates of smoking are highest among the poor and socially deprived. Exactly the same group

who can least afford to smoke. Their children have the highest rates of sudden infant death syndrome, admissions for bronchiolitis, ear infections, prematurity, the list goes on. Their children are deprived of the basics of life, healthy food, warm clothing and footwear, learning materials, etc simply because the family budget is blown on purchasing a toxic drug that then goes on to cause them secondary harm. It's disgusting and inexcusable. As the ruling government you have the power to effect real change so just do it. The solution is simple.

Submission Content

[Please replace this text with your submission]

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