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Protecting Children From Tobacco

Greg Piper, Member for Lake Macquarie, has this week lodged a submission to the Department of Health's discussion paper on protecting children from tobacco. Mr Piper has supported the eight options in the discussion paper and has identified protecting children from smoking in cars as a major priority.

"It's particularly important to protect children in confined spaces such as cars," Mr Piper said. "People who haven't made the decision to smoke shouldn't have be forced to risk the illness it can cause."

"It is important that more is done to protect the next generation. Smoking should become much more the exception, rather than the norm."

"There would also be value in having more consistent laws for sales of alcohol and tobacco," he said.

The options in the discussion paper are:

- Banning Smoking in Cars in Which a Child is Present
- Putting Tobacco Products Out of Sight in Retail Outlets
- Introducing a Licensing Scheme for Tobacco Retailers
- Additional Proof of Age Requirements for Purchasing Tobacco Products
- Restrictions on Employees Under 18 Years of Age From Selling Tobacco Products
- One Point of Sale for Tobacco in Retail Outlets
- Banning Tobacco Sales from Vending Machines
- Banning Tobacco Products in Shopper Loyalty Programs