**Vaping and tobacco reform on the agenda**

Victorian vaping and tobacco controls are set to be reviewed by a parliamentary inquiry which is seeking input from the public.

The Public Accounts and Estimates Committee (PAEC) is evaluating the effectiveness of efforts to prevent and reduce the harm of tobacco use and vaping.

“Unlike other Australian jurisdictions, Victoria doesn’t have a licensing system for the sale of tobacco and e-cigarettes,” Committee Chair Sarah Connolly said.

“We’ll be looking at the adequacy of State and Commonwealth legislation, as well as regulatory and administrative frameworks to see if more can be done to minimise harm.”

The inquiry is evaluating the associated financial, health, social and environmental effects of tobacco and e-cigarette use on the wider community.

It is also examining the causes and consequences of the illicit tobacco and e-cigarette industry in Victoria and how it impacts the state’s justice system.

“Our Committee will conduct public hearings so we can listen directly to the relevant authorities and experts,” Ms Connolly said.

“We’re also looking at holding a youth roundtable, similar to what we did for our 2023 inquiry into liquor and gambling.”

To make a submission and to find out more about the inquiry go to the Committee’s [website](https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/vapetobaccoinquiry).

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