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## **ARA SUBMISSION ON DRAFT NSW PUBLIC HEALTH (TOBACCO) REGULATION 2022**

The Australian Retailers Association (ARA) welcomes the opportunity to comment on comment on the Draft NSW Public Health (Tobacco) Regulation and accompanying Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS). We note that the draft Regulation will replace the existing instrument which is due to sunset on 1 September 2022.

The Australian Retailers Association (ARA) is the oldest, largest and most diverse national retail body, representing a \$360 billion sector that employs 1.3 million Australians and is the largest private sector employer in the country. As Australia's peak retail body, representing more than 100,000 retail shop fronts and online stores, the ARA informs, advocates, educates, protects and unifies our independent, national and international retail community.

Some of our members in the supermarket and convenience store segments are retailers of tobacco products and operate in compliance with existing regulation. The ARA's membership does not include manufacturers or suppliers of tobacco products and we do not receive any funding from the tobacco industry.

In principle, the ARA strongly supports the regulation of the sale of tobacco products, due to the well-known adverse health impacts these products have on individuals and the community. We therefore support replacing the existing instrument with the updated regulation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Regulation and RIS. Any queries in relation to this submission can be directed to our policy team at [policy@retail.org.au](mailto:policy@retail.org.au).

Yours sincerely,



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