

Attachment 2

Summary of community support to Proposal to introduce ban on smoking in specific outdoor areas:

#	In support of a ban		Not in Support		Other response	Comment
	Specific	Non specific	Specific	Non specific		SUBMISSIONS:
1					1	wants information about the consultation and decision
2	1					wants to enjoy smoke free outdoor dining
3	1					thinks all outdoor dining should be smoke free
4				1		doesn't agree with Council introducing a ban
5	1					council should introduce a ban on smoking in all Council controlled outdoor areas
6		1				supports bans for health and financial savings
7				1		there are more serious issues for Council than smoking bans
8		1				supportive of ban, as taken up by Baw Baw and New York
9				1		waste of Council resources
10				1		smoking is legal, yet you want to have an expensive SIF for something illegal
11					1	Different regulations across LGA's won't work, If Yarra enacts bans, should encourage neighbour LGA's to do the same
12	1					all for a ban, especially in Park where you go for fresh air
13				1		husband addicted has multiple issues, deaingl with smoke ban would be too much to bear
14					1	provide designated smoking areas
15		1				Supports a ban, smokers don't have the right to impact on others health
16		1				Supports a ban, the only people who get to enjoy outdoor areas are smokers
17					1	if Council are going to put signage up about no smoking, also want no noise in parks.
18				1		anti-smoking ideas outrageous - impact on people trying to make a living
19	1					supportive of a ban, esp in outdoor dining areas
20				1		not supportive of a ban, no evidence that 2nd hand smoke outdoors is dangerous. Disadvantaged would be most targetted by enforcement
21				1		Yarra becoming a nanny state. Not the role of Council don't treat people like morons
22				1		Adults should have the right to make bad decisions. Passing an unenforceable regulation is counterproductive step.
23		1				smokers have taken over outdoor areas, anti-social and toxic, supports a ban
24				1		Council has its priorities all wrong by supporting drug users and against smokers
25					1	undisciplined smokers litter
26					1	promote economic benefits of non-smoking environments to businesses, rather than bans. Greater enforcement of butt littering
27		1				supports a ban, has stopped sitting outdoors to eat because of offensive smoke

28	1				Ban at public transport stops
29	1				supports a ban near playgrounds
30		1			non-smokers have the right to enjoy outdoor spaces
31				1	current restrictions are adequate and message has gotten through, Council shouldn't create culture of intolerance and hysteria
32		1			supportive of a ban, enforced by local law, Council should adopt a strong anti-smoking policy
33				1	supportive of businesses creating outdoor areas for non-smokers, but don't agree with blanket bans
34	1				• ban smoking around children (schools, playgrounds , playgroups, homes, cars), and support to education and health programs (NYCH)
					ONLINE DISCUSSION FORUM
35	1				support a ban; all outdoor areas, especially outdoor dining , gone from creating pleasant smoke-free indoor eating to only making it comfortable for smokers to enjoy
36		1			support a ban; all outdoor areas, re: footpaths All citizens (and restaurant staff) have a right to use such areas smoke free, where people congregate.
37		1			support a ban; all outdoor areas, most common argument against a ban is that it infringes on the smoker's freedom to choose their lifestyle and that cigarettes are not illegal (yet). This argument is invalid. In the words of Oliver Wendell Holmes, "The right to swing my fist ends where the other man's nose begins." - the right to smoke ends where it threatens my enjoyment of my meal and, more importantly, my health.
38		1			support a ban; all outdoor areas
39		1			support a ban; AND other measures
40		1			support a ban if it involuntarily impacts on other people
41		1			support a ban in all outdoor public areas
42		1			support a ban; litter and smell issue
43		1			support a ban; inner city less outdoor space shared by more people
44		1			Support a ban in public places; provide smoking areas with ashtray,
45		1			supports a ban, would add to the pleasure of walking the streets of Yarra. apparently the same level of stupidity that causes someone to smoke leaves them blind to the presence of rubbish bins
46		1			support a ban including local law to enforce
47		1			supportive of ban
48	1				ban smoking in all areas of bars and cafes and restaurants . Most smokers in my experience don't care about others. They smoke no matter what and they usually hold cigarettes behind them to keep the smoke away from friends but end up with the smoke going to the neighbouring tables. They also just throw butts on the ground as it is just too easy.
49		1			support a ban and enforcement
50	1				supports a ban, especially outdoor dining
51		1			support a ban, but not the approach
52		1			support a ban
53	1				supportive in playgrounds and Council facilities , not dining

54		1				supportive of ban in public places
55	1					agree to ban in playgrounds , not outdoor dining
56		1				most people support a ban
57		1				support a ban, and other initiatives to help smokers quit
58		1				support a ban
59		1				support a ban, and Council providing other services
60		1				introduce designated areas to smoke, everywhere else is smoke free
61		1				support a ban
62		1				support a ban
63		1				support a ban in confined outdoor public spaces
64		1				support a ban
65		1				Aim high, ban example
66		1				supportive of ban and evidence base of harm
67		1				supportive of ban
68	1					supportive of reducing harms from smoking, sick of smells and butts. Not fair dining areas are not smoke free
69		1				need cultural change and smokers to be considerate, a ban could be a good approach and although not easy to enforce, can raise awareness
70		1				as a smoker, the less places I can smoke the better it is for me and others
71	1					smokers don't care or understand their impact, only way to reduce harm is for ban in all outdoor eating areas and where children congregate
72		1				would be MORE likely to visit if smoke free
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76		1				supportive
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78		1				supports smoke free
79		1				smoking areas could be provided if you ban in public areas
80		1				support smoke free environs
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86		1				more likely to visit if smoke free, Council could have designated smoking rooms

87		1				overwhelming response is Yes to smoke free environments being more appealing
88		1				yes, more inclined to visit if smoke free
89	1					yes, more likely in outdoor dining
90	1					yes, more inclined. I'd love to dine outside esp in warmer months but for health reasons, can't risk exposure
91		1				yes, more inclined. Vote with my feet - currently smokers dictate where I eat and shop
92		1				policy doesn't deal with issue of choice, smokers choose, non-smokers have no choice to be exposed. Show leadership and make precincts smoke free
93		1				supportive
94		1				Council's role to create smoke free public space, would support business that are smoke free
95				1		not support a ban; no evidence of health risks in outdoor areas
96				1		ban in outdoor areas is poor policy with no evidence base
97				1		Not supportive of ban; Current regulations are enough
98				1		not Council business
99				1		not supportive of ban, and not evident that non-smokers will be more likely to visit pubs, restaurants and outdoor smoke free areas
100				1		not supportive of ban, understand there are some nuisances to living in inner city and cigarette smoke outdoors is one of them
101				1		not supportive of a ban; no evidence to support it
102				1		not supportive of ban in outdoor dining areas; too much legislation
103				1		not supportive of ban; other issues to worry about drug use, alcohol abuse that are more harmful
104				1		not supportive of effort to ban smoking
105				1		not supportive of a ban
106				1		not supportive of ban
107				1		not supportive of a ban
108				1		not role of council to implement a ban on smoking
109				1		not supportive of ban, agree's with consideration of others
110				1		not supportive of ban, not Council's role
111				1		not Council's role
112				1		not Councils' role, let business deal with it themselfse
113				1		not supportive of a ban
114				1		not Council's role, they should lobby State Gov
115				1		smoking issue not as important as other issues going on
116				1		opposed to a flat ban, supportive of smoking and non smoking areas
117				1		if you want to ban smoking, make the product illegal, and encourage health behaviours
118				1		not supportive of Council actions
119				1		not supportive of bans

120				1		smoking bans won't make a difference
121				1		not supportive on the grounds of little evidence of health impact and difficult to enforce
122				1		wouldn't make me change behaviour of visiting or not
123				1		no, disagree. Leave public places alone
124				1		tobacco is legal, and only recently education and culture is changing. Great that more butt bins have been installed
125				1		less inclined to visit as many friends still smoke and I want to socialise with them. Open air harms no one
126				1		want to enjoy friends company, and they smoke and are considerate
127				1		prefer smoke free outdoor dining, but not precious - its all part of the living in the inner city. Too hard to segregate smokers and non-smokers - will only concentrate the problem
128				1		less inclined if smoke free
129				1		not council's business, enough already done
130				1		not Council role, how will it be enforced, resources wasted
131				1		not council role, waste of time
132				1		not council role, better things to do
133				1		not supportive of ban, but would like impact of smoke minimised through something inventive
134				1		nothing to do with Council
135					1	providing evidence of health harm from outdoor passive smoking
136					1	fine people who litter cigarette butts, not supportive of smell issue
137					1	supportive of regulating 'smell' issue
138					1	support business to come up with their own initiatives
139					1	business might be better off if non-smokers are attracted to smoke free environment
140					1	find evidence and state a reasonable case to tell people how to live
141					1	Opportunity for Council to remove known health risk
142					1	no evidence of negative economic impact due to smoke free dining introduction
143					1	evidence of health risk even in low exposure outside
144					1	support decreasing smoking harms
145					1	support decreasing smoking harms and Council efforts
146					1	costs of tobacco to health system - evidence
147					1	clarify private vs public space for non smoking
148					1	evidence for support of smoke free areas
149					1	supportive of effort
150					1	supportive of health effort
151					1	support Council efforts in public places, private operators can install their own smoke areas
152					1	further evidence of harms of secondhand smoke
153					1	increase education work with traders who sell cigarettes

154					1	history of anti-smoking campaigns
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156					1	history of anti-smoking campaigns
157					1	smokers are inconsiderate
158					1	history of anti-smoking campaigns
159					1	signs in playgrounds, voluntary ban in outdoor dining with incentives to be smoke free,
160					1	my right to smoke free environment
161					1	smoke free should be up to the business, agree with smoke free playgrounds
162					1	support Council efforts
163					1	right to smoke free areas
164					1	dislike smoking impacts on others
165					1	likely there'll be more restrictions to drinking and smoking
166					1	right to smoke free areas
167					1	let the market decide. Smoke free environments may encourage more customers?
168					1	right to smoke free areas
169					1	council's role to protect rights
170					1	leave it to businesses to decide if they are smoke free or for smokers. But enforcement needed in playgrounds
171					1	smokers inconsiderate
172					1	is Councils' role to protect health of community
173					1	right to smoke free areas
174					1	supportive of measures to reduce smoking outdoors
175					1	support Council efforts
176					1	smokers are inconsiderate
177					1	3 suggestions for reducing harms from smoke (not bans)
178					1	people who expres concern about passive smoke are concerned for their health, not fanatical about controlling others
179					1	great way to engage
180					1	hates outdoor smokers
181					1	keep encouraging healthy activities, not imposing social restrictions
182					1	support smoke free environs
183					1	support smoke free environs
184					1	smoke free areas don't discriminate smokers, just the activity
185					1	prefer smoke free, but happy to put up with small inconvenience - part of a community
186					1	don't want to share others smoke
187					1	outdoor smoking is revolting

188					1	support alternative initiatives such as smoking areas for homeless or elderly, not bans
189					1	either way there is some form of exclusion
190					1	no evidence about economic impact
191					1	business should have segregated outdoor areas for smoking and non-smoking
192					1	smokers can be acommodated without impacting on non-smokers
193					1	disagree that outdoor areas are ventilated enough
194					1	smokers are inconsiderate
195					1	smell of smoke a problem
196					1	education programs, signage, promotion
197					1	supportive of council efforts
198					1	supportive of council efforts
199					1	education, free quit programs and discounted gym membership
200					1	would not implement own smoke free initiative. Enough is being done
201					1	bans in outdoor dining should be state legislation
202					1	bans are not bad for business
203					1	history of anti-smoking campaigns
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TOTAL	17	59		52	84
		76		52	84
		(Ban)		(No Ban)	(Other)
%		35.90%		24.90%	39.20%

NOTES:

outdoor dining specified 10 times
playgrounds/children specified 5 times
parks and public transport also
mentioned

against a ban in outdoor dining, or should be state govt not Council, specified 11 times
against bans, except playgrounds mentioned several times