

Summary of Submissions - Proposed Local Law No. 14 - Public Exhibition period 5 September 2018 - 5 October 2018				
Submission No.	Suburb	Support Y/N	Comments (no edits to wording or spelling)	Represent to Council?
1	Croydon	Yes	I support the banning of smoking in Ringwood an Croydon Town Squares	No
2	Bayswater North	Yes	I'm in support of changing the law to ban smoking at Ringwood square and Croydon central.	Yes*
3	Heathmont	Yes	I would like to see smoking banned in Town Square in particular as I often frequent Eastland. There is always someone smoking along the main walkway from the station to the shopping centre entrance and it makes it very unpleasant. I avoid the area as I have young children and do not want to expose them to the smoke. When we visit realm from Eastland we exit via David Jones rather than the main Eastland entrance in order to try and avoid the smokers. In the past we have enjoyed nice afternoons dining outside and letting the kids run around the small lawn area but avoid that now too due to the smoke. Please ban and enforce the ban! We go to Knox Ozone more often now and they have banned smoking there.	No
4	Vermont	Yes	I strongly support the banning of smoking in public areas such as Eastland Town Square and proposed one in Croydon in the interests of everyone being able to relax and eat in such places without being subjected to inconsiderate smokers and passive smoking.	No
5	Bayswater North	Yes	I support the changes to the local law to make the Ringwood Town Square smoke free.	No
6	Ringwood North	Yes	I fully support the smoking ban in public spaces.	No
7	Ringwood North	Yes	I support the smoking in public places ban.	No
8	Croydon	Yes	Ban smoking in as many public areas as possible	No
9	Ringwood North	Yes	I think it would be great if smoking were banned in Ringwood Town Square. I go to Realm regularly with my 1 year old son and I'm not comfortable with him breathing in second hand smoke as we walk through. I also don't enjoy the smell if I'm ever eating outside at one of the restaurants. I feel like it's such a great communal area to sit and relax, and the cigarette smoke ruins the atmosphere.	Yes^
10	Ringwood North	Yes	Ban smoking in all areas areas of public space indoors or outdoors.	No
11	Croydon South	Yes	Hello, I welcome the proposed Local Law 14 amendment to introduce smoke free public places, and thank Council for the opportunity for the community to be consulted on the matter. 700 responses is a healthy number given the only publicity I saw was through the local paper. I am pleased that the overwhelming majority of respondents is supportive of the change in this important public health matter.	No
12	Ringwood	Yes	I have to hold my breath run pass those smokers sitting inline at the main entrance make me feel sick! Those smokers also hijacked the other side entrance aswell e.g the park bench at the side entrance into Coles supermarket. Those Smokers are dumping cigarettes butts around the area aswell. Hopefully the council are working together to improved these type of Environments.	Yes*

13	Croydon	Yes	We are located right near the future Croydon Town Square and have our door open year round. We are fully in support of a smoking ban as we often find people smoking in the area around the front of our shop and it is unpleasant for our customers as the smell and smoke comes in the door. We also see a large number of children dogs around this area of the Main Street and feel this would encourage and support this environment making it more pleasant for all.	No
14	Croydon	Yes	I agree with a ban on smoking in both Ringwood Town Square & the proposed Croydon Town Square. Also, there needs to be camera's install at the to be new Croydon T/Square to keep out the riff raff who gather around that area now. I feel that unless this is done then it's only going to give undesirables a meeting place & they will come from other areas to hang around in. Smoking should be banned in any public area full stop. Filthy smokers do not care where they drop their butts and no exception for those ridiculous E smoking things either. It's to be a full blanket ban.	Yes
15	Ringwood East	Yes	I write in support of proposed Local Law 14 to ban smoking in Ringwood Town Square and the future Croydon Town Square. Smoking is a recognised health hazard and has negative amenity impacts on nearby non-smokers. For those who wish to smoke, there are many accessible places to do so which do not result in health hazards to the surrounding public. Thanks to the Council leadership and Council officers for all their efforts in working to make these public spaces smoke free under this local law. I support the local law and kindly request the Council to do the same. Thank you.	No
16	Croydon	Yes	I support the proposed Local Law 14 amendment - smoke free public places. It is important for the health and well-being of the community that public spaces are smoke free.	No
17	Croydon	Yes	I fully support any change to local laws that prohibit smoking in shared public spaces. Chemicals released from cigarettes are noxious and harmful to health, and the litter generated by used cigarettes is unsightly. And the smell is awful and metallic. Smokers don't have a right to engage in their habit, or to engage others with their second-hand exhaust.	No
18	Croydon	Yes	Please ban smoking in these areas.	No
19	Ringwood East	Yes	Please make these areas smoke free for the safety and enjoyment for all.	No
20	Ringwood East	Yes	Please PLEASE ban smoking in ringwood town square! It is sooooo horrible walking through there pregnant and with a toddler. Also people drop their cigarette butts and leave other rubbish out there after having their smoke. It's so gross & makes me feel infuriated that if people want to use the space they have no choice but to be exposed to disgusting second hand cigarette smoke.	No
21	Ringwood North	Yes	Smoking should be banned in Ringwood town square to make it more family friendly. So many kids are using the library or eating at the cafes with families and are exposed to big wafts of smoke as you walk around. I'm pregnant and find it particularly annoying. I try to avoid that area at the moment because of smoke.	No
22	Ringwood	Yes	Please make those areas noted, smoke free!	No

23	Ringwood	Yes	I fully support this but it would be good to see actual people out enforcing these rules as I have seen countless amounts of people smoking in non smoking areas within Maroondah. It will only work if it is monitored.	No
24	Ringwood East	Yes	Sounds good! No one wants smoking anywhere near food outlets or anywhere that acts as a access point to retail outlets.	
25	Croydon	No	Given I pay rates and last time I checked smoking was not illegal.. why are my rates used to fund creating an area I cannot frequent ? Why is there not a designated area ? If I'm to be excluded from utilising an area then reduce my rates..will you ban alcohol consumption in the area as well.. Money is allocated for drug programs and safe injecting rooms to accomodate an illegal habit..however smokers are the ones treated like second class citizens and yet smoking is not illegal..I pay tax on cigarettes at a ridiculous rate and you bill me rates and then exclude me from utilising the facilities my rates contribute to... if I can't access these proposed areas then reduce my rates	No
26	Heathmont	Yes	I agree that smoking should be banned in ringwood & Croydon squares due to the health risks for passive smokers including members of the public & staff within these areas.	No
27	Mooroolbark	Yes	Fantastic, support it 100%	No
28	Ringwood	Yes	Smokers should be banned from all public areas. However, like out the front of hospital doors, i fear this will never be enforced.	No
29	Croydon	Yes	I am so excited at the prospect of this change to the local laws!! I hope all councils get on board this type of change. There is nothing worse than the stench of cigarettes and their smoke around the place and when you are going about your business... thanks for being leaders and brave in this, Regards Nicole	No
30	Bayswater North	Yes	Stop smoking in shopping area. I hate walking through and my kids walking through the toxic stench	No
31	Croydon	Yes	Smokers routinely ruin my enjoyment of eating in these areas, having smoking in them would increase my patronage of the businesses in the area	No
32	Heathmont	Yes	I agree to this new law to be implemented.	No
33	Croydon	Yes	I think this is a great idea. Smoking is a well known health hazard to smokers and non-smokers. I choose not to smoke, and appreciate any attempt by council to minimise cigarette smoke exposure to the community. Good luck!	No
34			Written submission from QUIT - see attached	

* These respondents were contacted to attend Panel hearing, however confirmed that they did not want to attend

^ This respondent was unable to attend Panel hearing for personal reasons

11 September 2018



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Dear Mr Kozlowski,

Quit Victoria congratulates the Maroondah City Council on its proposal to create smokefree outdoor areas by prohibiting smoking in Ringwood Town Square and Croydon Town Square. We write to extend our support for this proposal.

Tobacco smoking remains the leading preventable cause of death and disease in Australia. Smoking leads to a wide range of diseases including many types of cancer, heart disease and stroke, chest and lung illnesses and stomach ulcers. Each year smoking causes approximately 4,400 avoidable deaths in Victoria. Research has linked secondhand smoke exposure to a number of health conditions, including heart disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), stroke and various forms of cancer. Secondhand smoke is particularly harmful to children and has been linked to sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), lower birth weight and various forms of childhood cancer. Research confirms there is no 'safe' level of exposure to secondhand smoke.

As you are aware, the proposed smokefree areas in Maroondah City Council will make a positive contribution to improving the health and wellbeing of residents, workers, visitors and the general community. This initiative will help to denormalise smoking and protect the community from exposure to secondhand smoke. Smokefree laws can also provide motivation for existing smokers to quit, while supporting former smokers to remain smokefree. We note that smokefree public places are linked to the adoption of smokefree homes, which in turn are associated with an increase in successful quit attempts.

In the event that the proposal is implemented, we encourage Maroondah City Council to ensure that sufficient resources are dedicated to promoting awareness of the new smokefree areas and to enforcing the new laws.

Once again, we commend Maroondah City Council for this proposal and demonstrating its commitment to the health and wellbeing of Victorians. We are pleased to support this initiative as part of its wider smokefree areas project.

Should you require any assistance with the Council's proposal or any information about smokefree outdoor areas generally, please do not hesitate to contact Kylie Lindorff, Manager, Tobacco Control Policy at Quit Victoria on 9514 6462 or email kylie.lindorff@cancervic.org.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sarah L White".

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