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RACP welcomes plan to ban sale of e-cigarette to minors

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The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) has welcomed the NSW Government's plan to ban the sale of e-cigarettes and accessories to minors.

RACP President Laureate Professor Nick Talley said this is a move in the right direction.

"Smoking e-cigarettes is not a healthy habit. Implementing these necessary measures will help to stop our youth being put at risk from potentially deadly nicotine addictions."

Professor Talley said there is no conclusive evidence that e-cigarettes help people quit smoking.

"The jury is still out on what damage e-cigarettes cause so we must treat them with great scepticism," Professor Talley said.

With e-cigarettes mirroring the behaviour of smoking normal cigarettes, Professor Talley said this legislation could also play an important role in preventing smoking from being seen as acceptable or even desirable

"E-cigarettes should not be used as a marketing tool aimed at turning children into the next generation of smokers," Professor Talley said.

To maximise the full potential of this legislation, Professor Talley has called for a national approach to banning the sale of e-cigarettes to minors.

"We know there are legislative loopholes around the importation of e-cigarettes in Australia and closing these gaps is critical in order to protect young people against these devices," Professor Talley said.

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