



CITY OF MONASH

From the Office of the Mayor

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The Hon Jill Hennessy
Minister for Health
Level 22, 50 Lonsdale Street
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Dear Minister

SMOKING BAN IN OUTDOOR EATING AREAS

Congratulations on your appointment as the Minister for Health.

Thank you for the election commitment to introduce a state-wide ban on smoking in outdoor eating areas.

On behalf of the Monash community, I encourage you to prioritise the introduction of this ban. The Monash community is strongly in support of a ban, with 75% of surveyed residents saying they support it. We hear regularly from local parents who are concerned that their children are exposed to second hand smoke when their families eat out at local cafes.

As you would be aware, Victoria is far behind the rest of the country when it comes to introducing this ban. In NSW, for example, a ban will be implemented from 6 July 2015. Victoria has previously had a reputation as a leader in tobacco control, so it is disappointing that we are lagging on this key measure.

We recognise there is a need to consult with businesses and other affected parties prior to the introduction of this ban. We ask that this consultation period begin soon and that the ban be implemented as soon as possible.

If there is any role that you think Monash Council could play in supporting the introduction of this ban, please do not hesitate to ask this of us. I can be contacted via email at Paul.Klisaris@monash.vic.gov.au or through my office on 9518 3509.

Yours sincerely

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Mayor