

PE2033/J: Introduce a full ban on disposable vapes

Maggie Chapman MSP written submission, 26 February 2025

I am sorry not to be able to attend the Committee when it discusses this petition, but I am grateful for its consideration of this statement.

I'm very grateful to my constituent Jordon Anderson for creating this petition. I also want to acknowledge and put on record my thanks for the substantial work which has been carried out on the issues raised. I note especially the work by Gillian Mackay MSP and by the award-winning activist Laura Young, another of my constituents, in Dundee.

It is clear that this is a matter of profound importance, not only as an environmental hazard but also as a source of serious harm to children and young people, especially those experiencing other forms of exclusion and deprivation.

This is also a multifaceted and serious issue, and I am aware that relevant regulations for a pan-UK approach are now not due to come into force until June. For this reason, I hope that the Committee will keep the petition open until those regulations are in force, and the petitioner confirms that the intention of his petition has been fulfilled.