

National Vaping Working Group

Meeting 7, 12 February 2025

Communique

The National Vaping Working Group (NVWG) held its seventh meeting on Wednesday, 12 February 2025.

The meeting was chaired by Erin Dale, Interim Illicit Tobacco and E-cigarette Commissioner. Co-chair Susan Pearce AM, New South Wales Ministry of Health, was an apology.

Participants included senior officials from all state and territory health departments and police forces, the Australian Border Force (ABF), the Department of Health and Ageing including the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA), and the Australian Federal Police (AFP). The NVWG welcomed observers from the Australian Tax Office and the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission.

Topics discussed during the meeting included:

- Future governance arrangements for whole of government collaborative working groups relating to illicit tobacco and e-cigarettes at the strategic level
- Challenges and issues related to the storage and destruction of e-cigarettes across jurisdictions
- Updates from the Therapeutic Goods Administration
- Updates from the Australian Border Force relating to national organised crime activity and arrangements for requesting access to intelligence information
- Outcomes and next steps from the national illicit tobacco and e-cigarette symposium, held in December 2024
- Whole of government data collection on illicit tobacco and e-cigarettes
- End-to-end compliance mapping of the illicit tobacco and illicit e-cigarette supply chain.

The next meeting of the NVWG is proposed for May 2025.