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**Submission to the Government Administration Select Committee
on the Cigarettes (Fire Safety) Bill**

The National Council of Women of New Zealand (NCWNZ) is an umbrella organisation representing 43 nationally organised societies. It has 34 branches spread throughout the country to which women from some 150 societies are affiliated.

The Consumer Affairs Standing Committee of NCWNZ is pleased to comment on the above Private Member's Bill.

NCWNZ is in favour of the aims of the bill to reduce the damage, injury and death caused by the careless disposal of cigarettes. However, concern was expressed that meeting the standard through reducing the porosity of the cigarette wrapper would increase the concentration of nicotine and the other harmful substances contained in cigarettes.

NCWNZ make this observation in line with its policy of condemning smoking as an unhealthy, dangerous, life threatening addiction that should be discouraged.

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