

# *Perspectives in Public Health*

## proposed special issue on: Tobacco Control



The global impact of tobacco on health and well-being persists, with an increasing body of evidence confirming the association with increased mortality and morbidity. In 2023, we celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the World Health Organisation Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, and this provides an opportunity to reflect on the successes to date and where to focus attention on the tobacco endgame. We know that a comprehensive societal-wide focus for policies and actions are required at the country level to reduce the burden of ill health globally. The use of e-cigarettes as aids to support quitting remains controversial in different jurisdictions; however, consensus exists for increased legislation to reduce the availability of sales to minors and reduce single-use vapes and their detrimental impact on the environment.

This seems an interesting time to propose a special issue on tobacco control in light of proposed legislative changes supporting a smoke-free generation. The UK government is currently undertaking a consultation. In New Zealand, the government led in passing smoke-free generation ban legislation due for implementation in July 2024, and this is now under threat with a proposed rollback on this law. A human rights-based approach must continue to foreground activities and practices to reduce the burden of disease for those most at risk and for those with increased exposure to secondhand smoke.

This special issue aims to showcase the achievements across the global tobacco control community. We welcome articles relating to tobacco control, including:

- Reviews of literature for practice
- Policy analysis
- Creative practices in reducing tobacco control (smoking cessation or secondhand smoke exposure)
- Opinion-based articles on an area of practice or related policy
- Impact on marginalized and diverse populations
- Impact on priority groups including children, women, older people, carers
- Tobacco endgame
- Harm reduction practices

We intend that the Special Issue will comprise around five or six front matter articles (current topics and opinion, feature articles or in practice) and four peer-reviewed research articles on tobacco control research and practice. Author guidelines and information on article types can be found here: <https://bit.ly/304pYrc>

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