

Submission on tobacco taxes.

This submission is on tobacco taxes.

First, let talk about all the information that is being used to argue, about why the tax on tobacco is so high, right now.

They say that tobacco smoke is a killer. Wrong. It is not the smoke that is the killer it is the chemical that are in the smoke. With over 260 chemicals in the tobacco products. Who knows which one is the killer.

That is like saying water with fluoride is safe to drink. Fluoride is a toxic poison that is a killer. So let's not just blame product when there is other that should be put in to the same category.

Alcohol is an excise tax product that kills 5000 people a year. But I see no control on how and when you can make your own home brew. You can go to the local store and buy a start kit to make your own brew at home. With no pentiles. Yet if you grow one tobacco plant in your yard you will be hit with a 50,000 dollar fine or 2 years in jail. Or both.

I would like to have some answer to the question on the taxes on home grown tobacco for personal use.

If the product is not for sale then it does not come under the tax office laws?

Now let's get to the legislation, that was passed by both houses of parliament in 2006.

In section 2.28 it state that the control are for the commercial grower and should not be apply to the home grown.

In 2013 there was section 2.8 which stated that there was an exemption for home grown / personal use. If you go to find this now you will not find it.

Let's look at New Zealand tobacco laws. In this country you can grow and store up to 15 kilos of tobacco leaf. In the U.K. you have no legal penalties for growing home tobacco.

Also in the U.K you can buy the seeds with no problems or penalties.

In the U.S.A more and more people are growing they own tobacco at home with no penalties.

If smokers want to take the killer chemical out of tobacco then we should be allowed to do so. And not get a fine or jail.

We smokers are asking for the same rights as do the home brewers get. We would have to buy stuff to grow the product and these would be with the GST so why not let us grow our own. Also stop bring up old data from the 1980 that has no point to make.

Under the Constitution we smoker want the right to do the same as brewer of home brew.

Just look at the number of brick and mortar place that have open for business in the country.

Under said Act we the people have the right to choose as well to have the freedom to do lawful act.

I hope that more and more people get behind this push to have home grown tobacco to legal as like with home brewing.