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Call to stub out smoking at outdoor cafes

The Cancer Council Tasmania has thrown its weight behind a proposal by Launceston Aldermen Ivan Dean to ban smoking at outdoor dining areas.

Cancer Council Tasmania CEO Lawson Ride says the jury is in on second-hand smoke.

“Second-hand smoke is a killer, no ifs or buts, and the community shouldn’t have to put up with the deadly risks,” Mr Ride says.

“The introduction of smoke-free clubs and pubs in Tasmania has enjoyed strong public support and there’s every reason to believe smoke-free alfresco dining will also.”

Mr Ride says Ald Dean’s proposal follows similar moves on Hobart City Council and puts pressure on the state government to introduce smoke-free alfresco dining statewide.

“Ald Dean’s proposal to introduce smoke-free alfresco dining in Launceston is farsighted,” he says.

“It takes willpower to give up smoking and it takes political willpower for councils to ban smoking in outdoor public places.

“We hope the council will push ahead with these proposed smoking bans so we can all enjoy smoke-free alfresco dining in Launceston.

“Launceston, Hobart and Devonport councils have created an unstoppable momentum with their widening smoking bans in public places; now it’s time for other councils and the state government to stand up and be counted,” Mr Ride says.

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