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Dear Associate Professor Mendelsohn

Thank you for your email received 15 December 2018. The Honourable Steven Miles MP, Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services, has asked that I respond on his behalf.

Any inconsistencies you perceive in Queensland Health's previous responses about laws applying to vaping in Queensland, arise from the application of those laws to different issues as they arose. Those issues include importation and accessing liquid nicotine in Queensland generally and for therapeutic use.

Queensland Health's responses consistently referred to the classification of liquid nicotine under the *Poisons Standard* (Cth) and the legal consequences that flow from its classification.

The initial responses concerned the application of the poisons framework. Subsequent correspondence concerned liquid nicotine from a medicines perspective.

Thank you again for bringing this matter to the Minister's attention. Should you require any further information in relation to this matter, I have arranged for Dr Susan Ballantyne Senior Medical Advisor, Chief Medical Officer and Healthcare Regulation Branch, Prevention Division, Department of Health, on telephone 3708 5282 or via email at Susan.Ballantyne@health.qld.gov.au, to be available to assist you.

Yours sincerely

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