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## MEDIA RELEASE

### **SHOPPING CENTRE INDUSTRY WELCOMES QLD GOVERNMENT'S NEW ILLICIT TOBACCO LAWS**

The shopping centre industry has welcomed the introduction of the Tobacco and Other Smoking Products (Dismantling Illegal Trade) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 by the Queensland Government.

The Amendment Bill will now enable landlords to terminate the lease of a shop caught selling illicit tobacco or other smoking products (vapes) if they are issued a closure order by QLD Health.

Critically, the Amendment Bill removes risks and ambiguity by allowing lease termination to occur efficiently and effectively, for instance by disapplying dispute, mediation and compensation provisions (amongst other measures) where illicit tobacco is involved.

**Angus Nardi, Chief Executive of the SCCA said:** "Our industry welcomes the Queensland Government's new laws to combat the sale of illicit tobacco head-on.

"The new laws are strong, clear and will give landlords the backing and protections they need to terminate the leases for anyone found selling illicit tobacco and issued with a closure order.

"We commend Health Minister Tim Nicholls for his engagement on these laws, which are nation leading, common sense, and will have a real and positive impact on community safety.

"These laws will be a model for other jurisdictions, and we look forward to working with Minister Nicholls and the Government to help ensure their effective implementation," Mr Nardi said.

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