

6.3. MM03: No Smoking Policy for Young St and Burton St Plaza

Three years ago we asked the community if they wanted our CBD to be smoke free and it was a resounding YES! Almost 80% of people who did our survey were in support of this initiative. I was proud to say that we were the first Council to introduce this progressive and fresh approach to creating smoke free environments for our community. We had a lot of media coverage as other Councils looked to follow in our footsteps.

The proposal started out as an awareness campaign until signage was installed across the CBD. Our rangers are now able to enforce the new rule. I have personally received a lot of positive feedback from people who are happy to see us take the front foot on this, as well as feedback from people who want to ensure we do what we set out to do.

It's time for us to be instigators once again. I would like to introduce a no smoking policy at Young St Plaza and the temporary Burton St Plaza.

Sadly, Council has already received complaints about smoking at Young St Plaza and we have only just made this wonderful new open space permanent for the community.

I believe these public gathering spaces should be smoke free areas and signage should be erected immediately to reflect this approach. Now is the time to set the precedent of what we want our new open spaces to be and I want them to be a welcoming place.

Smoking is a choice everyone is entitled to but second-hand smoke is detrimental to everyone's health. I would hate to think that people are reluctant to visit these exciting new spaces if they are covered in smoke clouds.

I therefore recommend:

- 1.THAT** Council create a no smoking policy for Young St and Burton St Plaza.
- 2.THAT** signage is erected to reflect this approach and it becomes enforceable.

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