

# Kingborough

## **SMOKE-FREE AREAS ENGAGEMENT REPORT**

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## Did you know?

- Smoke-free areas are regulated under the *Public Health Act 1997*.
- Under the *Public Health Act*, areas such as indoor restaurants and shops, within 3-metres of an entry to a public building, pedestrian malls, outdoor dining areas (at times when food can be eaten), within 10-metres of playground equipment, bus malls and within 3-metres of bus shelters are all declared smoke free areas.
- In these smoke-free areas you cannot use any tobacco products, electronic cigarettes such as vapes, herbal cigarettes and non-tobacco cigarettes.
- Council has powers under the *Public Health Act* to declare Council-owned areas as smoke-free areas.
- Council has previously declared Kingston Park and the Community Hub as Council owned smoke-free areas.

## Consultation

Public consultation about smoke-free areas occurred between **30 April and 28 May 2024**, through inviting responses to a survey or written submissions.

During consultation:

**99** submissions were received.

**93** via the survey and **6** written responses.

Due to the low response rate, the data and its results are not considered scientifically significant.

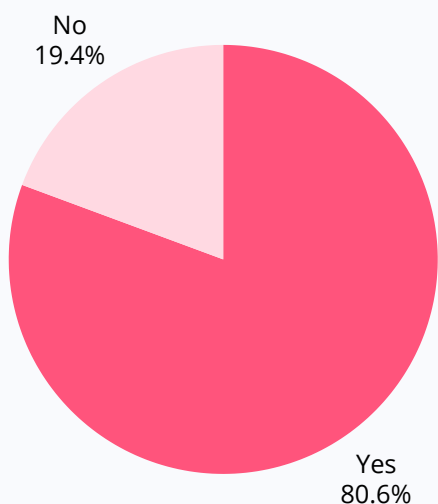
***Council staff will submit these results in a report to Council in December 2024.***



# Survey Results

**Q1. Are you exposed to passive smoke in public places?**

**Yes** 75  
**No** 18



**Q3. Do you find it difficult to find an appropriate place to smoke?**

**Yes** 2  
**No** 2



**Q2. Do you currently smoke?**

**Yes** 4  
**No** 89



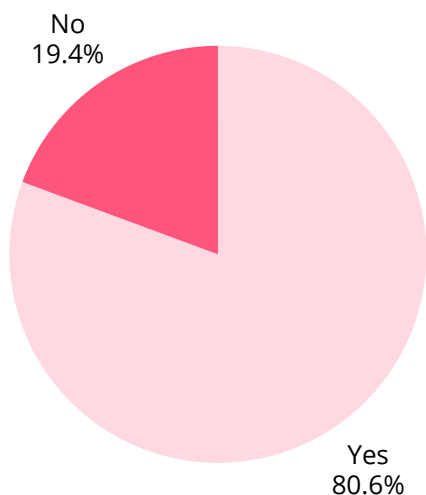
# Survey Results

**Q4. Do you see people smoking in any of the smoke-free areas in Kingborough? (listed below\*)**

**Yes** 75  
**No** 18

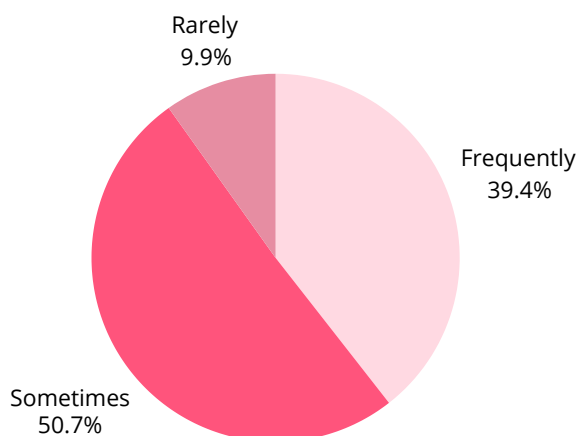
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- Inside public places (such as restaurants and shops) and within 3 metres of an entry to a public building
- Pedestrian malls
- Between the flags on patrolled beaches and outdoor areas at public pools
- Outdoor dining areas at times when food can be eaten
- Within 10 metres of playground equipment
- Within 20 metres of competition and seating areas at sportgrounds
- Bus malls and within 3 metres of bus shelters
- In cars when a child (under 18 years) is in inside



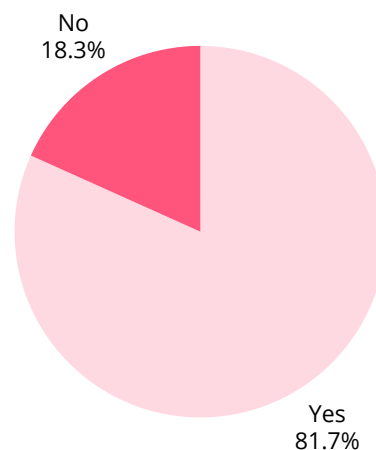
**Q5. How frequently do you see people smoking in these areas?**

**Frequently** 28  
**Sometimes** 36  
**Rarely** 7



**Q6. Would you like to see more public places declared as smoke-free?**

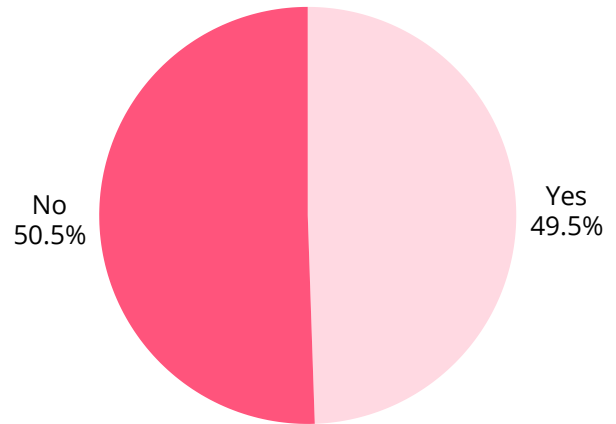
**Yes** 76  
**No** 17



# Survey Results

**Q7. Do we need designated smoking areas in Kingborough?**

**Yes** 46  
**No** 47



# Sample of emailed submissions

Currently there is a requirement that smokers be 3 metres away from a couple of specified areas. However, due to wind effect, that 3 metre separation is insufficient. A TEN metre separation is warranted. Also, one often sees smokers puffing away while seated in their cars with the window down and while parked in a carpark. There are often other cars parked adjacent. Any occupants of those adjacent cars are then caught in the smoke zone. Again, a ten metre separation is required. i.e. the smoker should position themselves away from the busier parts of the carpark.

“The restrictions already required by the Public Health Act seem entirely adequate to me.....

The implication in the survey that new rules might be applied between the flags on beaches seems like unnecessary overkill....

Council may be to leave well alone while encouraging people to treat each other with consideration and respect.”



“Thank you so much for taking action on this issue! I frequently experience second-hand smoke in public and it's distressing, especially when there are children in the space. I think there should be stronger enforcement of no-smoking areas.

