

Opposition to tobacco ban during lockdown

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Strength of ban

- Protected health
- Opportunity to encourage people to quit
- Linked to COVID-19 disease progression



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Weaknesses

- Government did not explain its position
- There was no warning
- Over-zealous enforcement by SAPS & SANDF



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Some good news

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