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1 Jan 2005	Thou shalt not smoke: papal blessing for those want to quit	Maley, J	17	The Sydney Morning Herald	The latest issue of the Vatican-endorsed Jesuit review Civiltà Cattolica declares smokers must take "moral responsibility" for damaging their health and the health of others.
1 Jan 2005	WA moves closer to smoking ban			Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) News	Report on the new WA smokefree policies.
1 Jan 2005	Tas hotels prepared for new smoking laws			Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) News	Reports on the new Tasmanian smokefree laws: effective 1 January 2005 smoking is banned in gaming areas, nightclubs and half of most outdoor dining areas in the state.
1 Jan 2005	Pubs fear business will go up in smoke as bans hit	Meade, K		The Australian	Smoking bans at hotels and clubs came into effect in Queensland and New South Wales (NSW) on 1 January 2005. John Thorpe, Australian Hotels Association national president said hoteliers had reluctantly accepted the changes and hoped patrons would be accommodating: "The AHA maintains that these new laws will decrease patronage and will subsequently affect employment"
1 Jan 2005	Smoke laws to hit hard	Guppy, D and Mudge, T	7	The Cairns Post	Breaches of the new Queensland smokefree laws may incur a fine of up to \$1500.
2 Jan 2005	TV host rests after quitting		103	Sunday Herald Sun	Steve Liebmann, co-host of the Today Show on Channel 9, is recovering from heart surgery and has given up smoking on doctor's advice.
2 Jan 2005	Smoke ban sparks fear for swimmers	Dibben, K	17	Sunday Mail	Reports that surf lifesavers are concerned that smokefree laws could scare swimmers away from the safety of patrolled areas at beaches.
2 Jan 2005	Gaming areas will feel the pinch	Waterhouse, C	16	Sunday Tasmanian	New smokefree laws came into effect in Tasmania on 1 January 2005. They include bans on smoking in nightclubs, casino gaming areas and hotel gaming rooms.
2 Jan 2005	Smoking		20	Sunday Telegraph	Dr Mukesh Haikerwal, AMA vice-president, attacked the concept of "light" or "mild" cigarettes: "As a nation we have to get tougher on smoking, and that means getting tougher on the tobacco companies. There is no such thing as a safe cigarette".
2 Jan 2005	Beach ban		38	Sunday Telegraph	Notes that smoking bans came into effect at Bondi, Tamarama and Bronte beaches in December 2004.

2 Jan 2005	No butts in bars as ban fires up	Strutt, J	18	Sunday Times (Perth)	Reports on smokefree policies in WA.
3 Jan 2005	Smokers stub out quit bid	Hickman, B and McKinnon, M	3	The Australian	The National Tobacco Campaign was established in 1997 to reduce smoking rates. There was an early decline in smoking prevalence but in recent years the level has stalled at about 20 per cent. The figures back the perceptions of health and anti-smoking campaigners. They provide support for calls for more funding and more anti-smoking initiatives.
3 Jan 2005	Puffing zones up in smoke		9	The Gold Coast Bulletin	Reports on Queensland's new smokefree laws being phased in from 1 January 2005.
3 Jan 2005	New laws to affect smokers, landlords	Maguire, P		The Newcastle Herald	Reports on NSW's new smokefree laws.
3 Jan 2005	Smoking curb at bar counters	Granath, N	5	The West Australian	Under the code, agreed to by the Australian Hotels Association of WA, the State Government and individual hotels, smoking bans will be introduced gradually and voluntarily by pubs.
3 Jan 2005	No butts about new laws now	Weatherup, M	2	Townsville Bulletin	Reports on Queensland's new smokefree laws being phased in from 1 January 2005.
3 Jan 2005	Policing the new bans		2	Townsville Bulletin	Queensland Health has a team of 80 Environmental Health Officers (EHOs) across the State to enforce the new tobacco control laws.
4 Jan 2005	Cancer fund up-beat about smoke ban enforcement			Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) News	The Queensland Cancer Fund is confident the State Government will not have to wield a big stick in enforcing its new anti-smoking legislation.
4 Jan 2005	New smoking laws take effect		3	Herbert River Express	Reports on the new smokefree laws in Queensland.
4 Jan 2005	Smoking bans are in effect		5	Northern Miner	Reports on the new smokefree laws in Queensland.
4 Jan 2005	Beach smoking problem		3	The Cairns Post	Reports that surf lifesavers are concerned that smokefree laws could scare swimmers away from the safety of patrolled areas at beaches.
5 Jan 2005	Time to butt out		5	Albert Logan News	Reports on Queensland's new smokefree laws.
5 Jan 2005	Clubs breathe easy as smokes snuffed out	Rose, D	7	Hobart Mercury	Tasmanian nightclubs have reported that the new ban on smoking has been relatively easy to implement.
5 Jan 2005	Smokers stretched to get a pub drink		5	Kalgoorlie Miner	Reports on the new smokefree laws in WA.
5 Jan 2005	Healthy clubs		8	MX (Australia)	Tasmanian nightclubs have reported that the new ban on smoking has been relatively easy to implement.

5 Jan 2005	Smoking bans raise concerns		12	Redcliffe Bayside Herald	Union and health groups have rejected tobacco industry claims that new smoking bans to come into force this year will devastate Queensland's hospitality industry.
6 Jan 2005	Councils seek more info on smoking laws			Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) News	The Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) says councils need more information about the state's new anti-smoking laws.
6 Jan 2005	Cigarettes harm kids' brainpower	Pountney, M	14	Herald Sun	Reports findings from a US research study that found children exposed to environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) had IQ scores.
6 Jan 2005	Bad habits born to be an addict?	Moscaritolo, M		The Advertiser	Opinion piece about addiction.
6 Jan 2005	Smoking dulls brain		29	The Advertiser	Reports findings from a US research study that found children exposed to environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) had lower scores in reading and maths.
6 Jan 2005	Public told to become tobacco vigilantes	Sommerfeld, J	11	The Courier-Mail	Reports on the new tobacco laws in Queensland noting that there will be a 3-month grace period after which breaches of the law will not be tolerated. Queensland Health has re-established the Tobacco Hotline on 1800 005 998 for liquor licensees and Queensland business to clarify any questions they may have about the new laws and the public are invited to use the hotline to make complaints about alleged breaches of the new laws.
6 Jan 2005	Learning goes up in smoke	Edmestone, L	11	The Courier-Mail	Reports findings from a US research study that found children exposed to environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) had lower scores in reading and maths.
6 Jan 2005	Active legislation aims to halt passive smoking		69	The Gold Coast Bulletin	Story about the new smokefree laws designed to protect nonsmokers. Provides a brief overview of the history of the smoking and health controversy and concludes: "tobacco companies have portrayed smokers as members of the public who have rights too and pub-owners as the unfortunate victims of legal clamps".
6 Jan 2005	'Not tough enough' Doctor urges tighter smoke bans	Campion, V		Townsville Bulletin	William Frischman, Australia Medical Association northern representative, says smoking in all public areas should be banned.
7 Jan 2005	Good start for pub smoking laws			Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) News	Hotels owners say their customers are responding well to South Australia's new smoking bans.

8 Jan 2005	Pokie pubs beat anti-smoking law	Sommerfeld, J	3	Courier Mail	There is concern that gaming venues in Queensland are not complying with the spirit of the law with regard to new regulations on smoking. Some pubs and clubs are placing smoking and no-smoking poker machines next to each other throughout the premises, rather than offering a separate no-smoking area.
8 Jan 2005	Tobacco laws alert		2	Herbert River Express	Hinchinbrook residents are advised that they need to comply with the new tobacco laws.
8 Jan 2005	Smoke dumbs our kids		50	The Gold Coast Bulletin	Reports findings from a US research study that found children exposed to environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) had lower scores in reading, maths and problem solving.
9 Jan 2005	Smoking a drawback in hunt for romance	Lawrence, J	30	Sunday Mail	Reports on a paper published in the Medical Journal of Australia by Simon Chapman et al on the topic of online dating services, which notes a high number of smokers registered on a particular dating service website.
9 Jan 2005	Costello defends ban	Downie, G	19	The Canberra Times	Tim Costello, Australian director of World Vision defends the organisation's policy of not accepting money from gambling, armaments and tobacco companies.
9 Jan 2005	It's grubby money all the same		41	The Canberra Times	Reports on philanthropic gestures heightened by the Tsunami disaster and charitable organisation policies. World Vision will not to accept money from organisations such as gambling organisations and tobacco companies.

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