

Select stories in the media – February 2006

Date	Title	Journalist/Author	Page	Paper/Source	Summary
1 Feb 2006	Strong case for smoke ban		16	Hobart Mercury	Letters to the editor regarding the case for banning smoking in private cars.
2 Feb 2006	ALP took cash from tobacco retail king	Roberts, Jeremy	4	The Australian	Story about political donations by the tobacco industry.
4 Feb 2006	Lose weight, get fit and beat cancer	Phillips, Kara	55	Adelaide Advertiser	World Cancer Day story.
4 Feb 2006	Smokers may be denied surgery	O'Leary, Cathy	1	West Australian	Story about the rationing of medical care.
4 Feb 2006	Cigarette war sparks fly	Lower, Gavin	9	Hobart Mercury	Story about political donations by tobacco companies.
9 Feb 2006	Smokescreen hid truth on low-yield cigarettes	Margo, Jill	59	Australian Financial Review	Reports on a study based on internal tobacco industry documents published in The Lancet. The paper entitled "Secret Science: tobacco industry research on smoking behaviour and cigarette toxicity" is based on internal documents from British American Tobacco (BAT) and reviews smoking behaviour research undertaken Imperial Tobacco Limited (ITL) and BAT. Hammond D, Collishaw NE, Callard C. Secret science: tobacco industry research on smoking behaviour and cigarette toxicity Lancet . 2006 Mar 4;367(9512):781-7.
11 Feb 2006	The walls close in on smokers	Fisher, David	6	Daily Telegraph (Sydney)	The NSW government has deemed rooms in pubs and clubs with 25 per cent of their walls or ceilings open to the outside "unenclosed spaces". At least 10 per cent of the total ceiling and wall area must remain open to the outside at all times and the remaining 15% that makes up the unenclosed space can include windows and doors but must stay open during trading hours.
11 Feb 2006	Smoking ban "too lax"		9	Sydney Morning Herald	NSW Planning Minister, Frank Sartor, has agreed to a less strict smoking ban in pubs and clubs.
11 Feb 2006	Loophole lets smoke waft in	Scott, Steven	7	Australian Financial Review	NSW Planning Minister, Frank Sartor, has deemed rooms in pubs and clubs with 25 per cent of their walls or ceilings open to the outside "unenclosed spaces" and subsequently will be exempt from smoking bans.

12 Feb 2006	Graphic assault on smokers	Dyer, Paul; Waterhouse, Charles	17	Sunday Tasmanian	Cigarette packs will carry graphical health warning messages from March 1, 2006. Includes two examples: mouth and throat cancer and heart disease (smoking clogs your arteries).
12 Feb 2006	Shocking!: graphic images on packs	Dyer, Paul	12	Sunday Territorian	Cigarette packs will carry graphical health warning messages from March 1, 2006. Includes three examples: mouth and throat cancer, gangrene and heart disease (smoking clogs your arteries).
14 Feb 2006	Victoria's smoking ban	Hatch, Brad	59	Australian Financial Review	Brief on the new Victorian tobacco control laws, specifically, smoking in enclosed places.
15 Feb 2006	Grisly images aim to shock smokers into quitting for good	Smith, Bridie	3	The Age (Melbourne)	Cigarette packs will carry graphical health warning messages from March 1, 2006.
15 Feb 2006	Smoking kills health warning graphic: Don't let children breathe your smoke		9	Sydney Morning Herald	Graphic.
15 Feb 2006	Smokers oblivious to high cancer risks	Leo, Jessica	31	Adelaide Advertiser	Reports on the results from a Cancer Council Victoria study. Story also includes information on the new graphic health warning messages.
15 Feb 2006	Cig packs light up fury: flasks not hip to Quit	Pountney, Michelle	25	Herald Sun (Melbourne)	Reports that some tobacco companies are now packaging cigarettes in "accessory style" reusable purse packs.
15 Feb 2006	Gruesome images		5	Canberra Times	Cigarette packs will carry graphical health warning messages from March 1, 2006.
16 Feb 2006	Smoking stubbed out: lighting up outlawed in English pubs, clubs	Chapman, James	34	Daily Telegraph (Sydney)	MPs voted to ban smoking in all pubs, restaurants, private clubs and most workplaces across England in 2007.
16 Feb 2006	Health danger up in smoke	Jones, Kate	34	Herald Sun (Melbourne)	Reports on a Cancer Council Victoria study that surveyed nearly 3000 Victorians and found more than 75% were aware that smoking caused lung cancer but 95% were ignorant that smoking caused pregnancy complications.
16 Feb 2006	Fags banned: Britain ditches smokes in all pubs and clubs		16	Northern Territory News	MPs voted to ban smoking in all pubs, restaurants, private clubs and most workplaces across England in 2007.

16 Feb 2006	Chemical exposure shows cancer risk		67	Australian Financial Review	Reports on a Belgian study published in <i>The Lancet Oncology</i> that found exposure to metal cadmium significantly increased the risk of cancer and in particular lung cancer. Environmental exposure to cadmium includes tobacco smoke.
17 Feb 2006	Butt out campaign		25	Adelaide Advertiser	The South Australian government has given a \$300,000 grant to convince smokers aged 15-29 to quit and \$127,000 towards a quit campaign for people with a mental illness.
18 Feb 2006	Butt out under cover: smoke bans set to spread	Gardiner, Ashley	18	Herald Sun (Melbourne)	Reports on the implementation of Victoria's new tobacco control laws. Effective March 1, 2006, sheltered areas of railway stations, bus and tram stops will be smokefree. Most enclosed spaces will be smokefree except licensed premises.
21 Feb 2006	Pubs, clubs ban move is not merely smoke and mirrors		10	MX (Sydney)	Reports on a story in the Adelaide Advertiser. South Australia is lagging behind other states in implementing smokefree laws. A State of Justice survey found more than 80% of respondents supported smoking bans.
21 Feb 2006	Survey reveals push for early smoking ban	Shepherd, Tory; Anderson, Laura	9	Adelaide Advertiser	South Australia is lagging behind other states in implementing smokefree laws. The Advertiser's State of Justice survey found more than 80% of respondents supported smoking
24 Feb 2006	Anti-smoking demand: supermarket move		25	Adelaide Advertiser	Federal parliamentary secretary for health, Christopher Pyne, would like to see pharmacy only smoking cessation products such as nicotine patches, chewing gum and lozenges more readily accessible. Drug companies argue that research shows making such products available in supermarkets is not effective.
24 Feb 2006	Shopping for quit products		13	Daily Telegraph	Federal parliamentary secretary for health, Christopher Pyne, would like to see pharmacy only smoking cessation products such as nicotine patches, chewing gum and lozenges more readily accessible. Drug companies argue that research shows making such products available in supermarkets is not effective.