

Select stories in the media – June 2006

| Date | Title | Journalist/Author | Page | Paper/Source | Summary |
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| 30 Jun 2006 | Fat drug may fight smoking | Lister, Sam | 11 | Australian | Sanofi Aventis manufacture Rimonabant, also known as Acomplia, a drug developed to help with weight loss, however, research suggests it may also be able to combat nicotine addiction and assist with diabetes treatment. |
| 30 Jun 2006 | Out of puff | | 17 | Herald Sun (Melbourne) | Snippet about the new Queensland tobacco control laws effective from 1 July 2006 banning smoking in all licensed premises and in outdoor areas where food and alcohol is served. |
| 30 Jun 2006 | Shock cig sales sins: giant leap in selling to juveniles | Paine, Michelle | 9 | Hobart Mercury | Reports on a survey by Quit Tasmania that covered 300 retail outlets and found that one in four Tasmanian retailers are selling cigarettes to minors. |
| 30 Jun 2006 | Cigarette displays must be curbed, MPs insist | Clennell, Andrew | 8 | Sydney Morning Herald | Reports on expected recommendations from the Joint Select Committee on Tobacco Smoking in NSW. The Herald reports that the committee will recommend a limit of one square metre for the display of cigarette packets in retail outlets, that smoking should be banned in or near children's playgrounds and more effort should be made to discourage smoking among the indigenous community. |
| 29 Jun 2006 | It's win, lose or draw time | O'Malley, Brendan | 10 | Courier Mail (Brisbane) | New financial year story that addresses the new Queensland smoking laws. |
| 29 Jun 2006 | US study hands legislators timely proof that secondhand smoke kills | Sommerfield, Jeff | 23 | Courier Mail (Brisbane) | Story on the new US Surgeon General report. Richard Carmona: "The debate is over. The science is clear: secondhand smoke is not a mere annoyance, but a serious health hazard." |
| 29 Jun 2006 | Push to rid homes of smoke | Pountney, Michelle | 29 | Herald Sun (Melbourne) | Story discussing the new US Surgeon General report. Health advocates are pushing to make homes smoke free. |

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| 29 Jun 2006 | 'No safe level' of passive smoking | | 9 | The Australian | Story on the new US Surgeon General report. The report concludes that there is no safe level of exposure to smoke. |
| 29 Jun 2006 | US report links passive smoking with deaths | O'Leary, Cathy | 9 | West Australian (Perth) | Story on the new US Surgeon General report that concludes that there is no safe level of exposure to smoke. |
| 28 Jun 2006 | Push to butt out at work | | 7 | Daily Telegraph | Story on the new US Surgeon General report that concludes that there is no safe level of exposure to smoke. US Surgeon General Richard Carmona recommends smoking bans in all workplaces. |
| 28 Jun 2006 | Bracks stands by tobacco holding | Whinnett, Ellen | 10 | Herald Sun (Melbourne) | The Victorian government does not have any guidelines for ethical investment of public funds. Report discloses that more than \$42 million in public funds is invested in tobacco companies. |
| 27 Jun 2006 | Premier defies tobacco attack | Rolfe, John | 9 | Daily Telegraph (Sydney) | The NSW government owns shares in Altria (formerly Philip Morris) and refuses to sell them. Treasurer Michael Costa said that the government would invest in anything "as long as it's legal and provides a good return to the people of NSW". |
| 26 Jun 2006 | National action on cigarette butts | | 25 | Adelaide Advertiser | The South Australian government will join a federal government initiative to tackle cigarette butt litter. |
| 26 Jun 2006 | [Letter to the editor] | McGraw, Marie | 18 | Courier Mail (Brisbane) | Letter to the editor about the graphic health warnings on cigarette packets wanting to see graphic images of victims of vehicle crashes on alcohol containers. |
| 26 Jun 2006 | Tobacco profits a state secret | Rolfe, John | 9 | Daily Telegraph (Sydney) | The NSW government has invested in the Altria Group (formerly Philip Morris), an investment that undermines health policy settings. |
| 26 Jun 2006 | Smokes disgrace [editorial] | | 20 | Daily Telegraph (Sydney) | Editorial on the investment by the NSW government in Altria shares. |
| 25 Jun 2006 | Butt out for sport, play | Healey, Kelvin | 23 | Sunday Herald Sun (Melbourne) | Health advocates in Victoria are pushing to have smoking bans implemented at local sporting events and in outdoor public spaces. |

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| 25 Jun 2006 | Butt out campaign a success | | 18 | Sunday Mail (Adelaide) | Quit SA statistics reveal a rise in the number of calls to its Quitline in May following the new gangrenous foot antismoking TV campaign. |
| 25 Jun 2006 | The drugs that make us a state of dopes: Tasmanians are on the high end of drug abuse | Bevilacqua, Simon | 12 | Sunday Tasmanian | Story about drug abuse being on the rise in Tasmania. |
| 25 Jun 2006 | Smokes being sold to minors: officers catch 160 retailers | Markson, Sharri | 35 | Sunday Telegraph (Sydney) | A NSW Health audit of more than 1000 retailers found more than 160 had sold cigarettes to the underage. |
| 25 Jun 2006 | Jail smoking 'is criminal' | Spagnolo, Joe | 32 | Sunday Times (Perth) | Mike Daube, president of the Australian Council on Smoking and Health, accused the WA government of not being serious about health problems in gaols. |
| 24 Jun 2006 | Packet jackets to go | | 21 | Adelaide Advertiser | "Packet Jackets", cigarette packet sleeves designed by the wife of SANFL chief executive are no longer being produced. |
| 24 Jun 2006 | Smokers quitting in droves | Masters, Clare | 19 | Daily Telegraph (Sydney) | Statistics reveal a rise in the number of calls to Quitline in May following the new gangrenous foot Quit antismoking TV campaign. |
| 24 Jun 2006 | Drugs killing us softly [editorial] | | 34 | Hobart Mercury | Editorial on drug use in Tasmania. Reports that Tasmania averages 540 tobacco related deaths every year. |
| 22 Jun 2006 | Label govt cash cows 'poison': [letter to the editor] | Christopher, John | 13 | Northern Territory News | Letter to the editor about health warnings on tobacco products. |
| 21 Jun 2006 | Pregnant smokers risk fat teens | Robotham, Julie | 1 | Sydney Morning Herald | Reports on research published in the <i>American Journal of Epidemiology</i> that found children whose mothers smoked while pregnant were 40 per cent more likely to be obese by their early teens. |
| 20 Jun 2006 | Tobacco deaths worse than road toll | Smith, Linda | 5 | Hobart Mercury | More Tasmanians die from tobacco related deaths than on Tasmanian roads. |

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| 18 Jun 2006 | Anger over smoke site: Minister demands action | Healey, Kelvin | 35 | Sunday Herald Sun (Melbourne) | Reports that the website http://www.cheapcigarettes.com.au has not been shut down following complaints made over a year ago. The website claims that there are "NO UGLY PICTURES ARE DISPLAYED ON OUR PRODUCTS" and are therefore in breach of the law. |
| 18 Jun 2006 | Nicotine vaccine | | 29 | Sunday Telegraph (Sydney) | Researchers in the United States are testing a vaccine against nicotine addiction. |
| 17 Jun 2006 | Blogger's view on the impact of the new Queensland smoking laws on pubs and clubs | | 31 | Courier Mail (Brisbane) | Letters to the editor. |
| 15 Jun 2006 | Wrinkling an early sign of lung disease | Reaney, Patricia | 18 | Courier Mail (Brisbane) | Reports on research published in <i>Thorax</i> that found cigarette smokers who had a large amount of facial wrinkling were five times more likely to have COPD than smokers who were less wrinkled. |
| 15 Jun 2006 | Smoking's a real bone of contention | Pountney, Michelle | 33 | Herald Sun (Melbourne) | Osteoporosis Australia and Pfizer Australia conducted a survey (1370 Australians) and found that there was poor bone health knowledge among smokers. |
| 15 Jun 2006 | Soft-soaping viewers for adland paymasters | Adams, Phillip | 15 | The Australian | Piece on television advertising. Briefly mentions cigarette TV advertising commenting that Paul Hogan became the celebrity endorsement for Winfield and the brand successfully snatched market share. |
| 14 Jun 2006 | Tobacco staffer paid to work for WA Libs | Taylor, Robert | 54 | West Australian | Australian Electoral Commission annual returns reveal that Carolyn Denyer, the Regulatory Manager for British American Tobacco (BAT) Australia, was seconded to the WA Liberal Party in February 2005. |
| 12 Jun 2006 | Fix is in to clear the air | Danaher, Carla | 10 | Herald Sun (Melbourne) | The FIX Waterfront City nightclub owned by celebrities, including Chris Tarrant, Dave Hughes and Nick Daffy, have a smokefree policy. The club had its grand opening over the Queen's Birthday long weekend. Daffy's South Melbourne pub "The Water Rat" banned smoking in early 2006. |

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| 11 Jun 2006 | Up in smoke | | 10 | Sun Herald (Sydney) | Brief news piece reporting that snuff is becoming popular in the UK. |
| 11 Jun 2006 | Few fines for pub smokers: get serious, doctors urge | Castello, Renato | 29 | Sunday Mail (Adelaide) | Reports on the new tobacco control laws in place in SA, focusing on smoking bans in pubs and hotels. Notes that the SA government has only fined 22 pub patrons for breaches. |
| 10 Jun 2006 | Clearing the air [letter to the editor] | Westwood, Steve | 31 | Hobart Mercury | Letter congratulating the Tasmanian government for their pub smoking bans. |
| 9 Jun 2006 | Sporty cig packs banned | | 7 | Daily Telegraph (Sydney) | Sports themed and trendy cigarette pack covers will be banned in NSW. Note: Another version was published in the Extended Metro edition on page 19. |
| 9 Jun 2006 | Sporty smoke covers banned | | 19 | Daily Telegraph (Sydney) Edition Changes XM (Extended Metro) | Sports themed and trendy cigarette pack covers will be banned in NSW. Note: Another version was published in the Extended Metro edition on page 19. |
| 9 Jun 2006 | Tougher laws mooted to target smokers | Titelius, Regina | 17 | West Australian | Reports on a proposed plan by Federal Environment Minister, Ian Campbell, to introduce a national No Butts Day. |
| 8 Jun 2006 | Baby tax demand on smokes | | 32 | Adelaide Advertiser | The lobby group for SIDS is calling for a "Baby Health Tax" to be levied on cigarettes. |
| 8 Jun 2006 | Butt out outside: Alfresco cigs ban | Vallejo, Justin | 15 | Daily Telegraph (Sydney) | Newcastle City Council has outlawed smoking in alfresco dining areas of all cafes, restaurants and hotels. |
| 8 Jun 2006 | Tactics that work [letter to the editor] | Hoffman, Claire | 25 | Hobart Mercury | Letter to the editor responding to a letter by Ray Andrew on antismoking campaigns. |
| 8 Jun 2006 | Pictures of ill health [letter to the editor] | Visser, Wouda | 25 | Hobart Mercury | Letter to the editor regarding the new graphic health warnings on cigarette packets. |
| 8 Jun 2006 | Having your fag and smoking it [letter to the editor] | Lowe, Vanessa | 14 | The Age (Melbourne) | Letter to the editor regarding the new Quit Campaign. |
| 7 Jun 2006 | Clubs, pubs likely to win [letters to the editor] | | 33 | Courier Mail (Brisbane) | Letters to the editor regarding impact of smoking bans on pubs and clubs. |
| 7 Jun 2006 | Cutting rate of cancer is priority | | 11 | Daily Telegraph (Sydney) | Short piece on NSW's health budget. |

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| 7 Jun 2006 | Levy to get mum off cigs | | 11 | Herald Sun (Melbourne) | Baby health advocates are calling for a new levy on cigarette packets to pay for medical research into SIDS. |
| 7 Jun 2006 | Smokers killing kids: tobacco blows \$5b out of state budget | Pountney, Michelle | 11 | Herald Sun (Melbourne) | Report on the health costs associated with smoking drawing on data from reports by David Collins and Helen Lapsley. |
| 7 Jun 2006 | Column 8 piece | | 26 | Sydney Morning Herald | Re: Health Authority Warnings on cigarette packs. |
| 7 Jun 2006 | Lib plan to ban car smoking is hit from within: Johnson prefers education to colleague's Bill | Mason, Graham | 17 | West Australian | Story about the controversial proposal to ban smoking in private cars in WA. |
| 6 Jun 2006 | Smoke-free club counts benefits | Gumbleton, Emma | 8 | Northern Territory News | Story about a smoke-free bar in Darwin. |
| 6 Jun 2006 | NT lags in butt out stakes | | 8 | Northern Territory News | Report on the Dirty Ashtray Award. |
| 6 Jun 2006 | McGinty won't ban smoking near kids | Emerson, Daniel | 1 | West Australian | WA Health Minister, Jim McGinty, will not back proposed legislation to ban smoking in private cars carrying children. |
| 5 Jun 2006 | Smoker ban call for cars: health group warn of dangers | Mather, Anne | 3 | Hobart Mercury | The Tasmanian Dept of Health and Human Services has released a discussion paper recommending banning smoking in any private car when a child is present. |
| 5 Jun 2006 | Pack cover-ups cause concern | | 3 | Hobart Mercury | The Tasmanian government is being urged to ban from sale cigarette cases designed to cover the graphic health warning messages. |
| 5 Jun 2006 | Patches to quit smoking commended | | 6 | Northern Territory News | Snippet about nicotine replacement therapy as a smoking cessation method. |

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| 4 Jun 2006 | US seeks to share tobacco | Birnbauer, William | 8 | Sunday Age | Story about the pre-trial tobacco case being heard in the NSW Dust Diseases Tribunal. Sydney judge, Justice Jim Curtis, found that British American Tobacco Australia Services had adopted a document retention policy in 1985 "for the purpose of fraud". US prosecutors have introduced these findings in their multibillion dollar racketeering case against tobacco companies. |
| 4 Jun 2006 | Top hotel chain bans smoking | Connolly, Ellen | 17 | Sunday Telegraph | The Westin Hotel chain that has hotels in Australia, Fiji, the US and Canada has introduced smoking bans in public areas including bars, restaurants and lobbies and guest rooms. The initiative is being marketed as <i>Breathe Easy</i> . |
| 3 Jun 2006 | Split decision on green | O'Malley, Brendan | 11 | Courier Mail (Brisbane) | Golf clubs in Queensland are accommodating smokers and non-smokers by dividing the golf courses and making half of the holes smoking and the other half non-smoking. |
| 3 Jun 2006 | State's pubs, clubs are waiting to exhale: smoking ban a double whammy for industry | O'Malley, Brendan | 11 | Courier Mail (Brisbane) | Reports on activities by clubs and pubs in Queensland preparing for the new tobacco control laws that will be effective from 1 July 2006. From July 1, all enclosed areas in licensed premises must be non-smoking as well as outdoor eating areas where food or drinks are served. Poker machines in licensed premises will also be areas of non-smoking. |
| 3 Jun 2006 | A big pack of quitters | | 11 | Courier Mail (Brisbane) | Reports on the number of calls to the Queensland government's Quitline service. Number of calls taken since the start of 2005 has increased to 1000 a week. |
| 3 Jun 2006 | Addiction [editorial] | | 30 | Hobart Mercury | Editorial on addiction. The Tasmanian government provide only \$9.5 million annually for drug and alcohol services. |

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| 3 Jun 2006 | Ibs, butts and big bucks: a court case in Sydney could prove devastating for the tobacco industry | Sexton, Elisabeth | 4 | The Age (Melbourne) – Insight section | Story on the pre-trial case in the NSW Dust and Diseases Tribunal. The presiding judge, Jim Curtis, has ordered British American Tobacco to open a storehouse holding tens of thousands of documents, previously protected by legal privilege. The case proper opens on June 26. |
| 1 Jun 2006 | Smokes covers morally wrong – Gago | Owen, Michael | 7 | Adelaide Advertiser | The South Australian Minister for Substance Abuse will write to Annie Whicker urging her to recall the cigarette packet sleeves designed to hide the new graphic health warnings. |
| 1 Jun 2006 | New Zealand: Ban tobacco by 2010 | | 40 | Adelaide Advertiser | A Maori politician has launched a campaign to have tobacco banned in NZ by 2010. |
| 1 Jun 2006 | Law guards cigarette warnings | | 24 | Courier Mail (Brisbane) | The federal government will alter tobacco laws to prevent sleeves and stickers designed to cover up the new graphic health warnings from being used. The new law would require such sleeves and stickers to also contain the health warnings. |
| 1 Jun 2006 | Outdoor habit stubbed out | | 11 | Daily Telegraph (Sydney) | The ACT government has announced new tobacco control laws banning smoking at playgrounds, outdoor dining areas, schools and around building entrances. |
| 1 Jun 2006 | Smokers lighten up | | 34 | Herald Sun (Melbourne) | Smoking prevalence in Victoria for smokers who consume more than 25 cigarettes a day has dropped from 39.9 per cent in 1985 to 17 per cent in 2005. |
| 1 Jun 2006 | Shock images to fight smoking | Young, Kane | 7 | Hobart Mercury | The Tasmanian Health and Human Services Minister announced the new premature baby graphic health warning for tobacco products on World No Tobacco Day. |