

## Select stories in the media – September 2006

Date	Title	Journalist/Author	Page	Paper/Source	Summary
30 Sep 2006	<b>Employer butts out smokers</b>	Burke, Nicolette	7	Daily Telegraph (Sydney)	Public servants working for the Federal Dept of Industry, Tourism and Resources will only be allowed to smoke in their lunch hour with the introduction of new rules becoming effective from Monday, October 2.
30 Sep 2006	<b>Smoke ads banned at all sports events</b>	AAP	10	Hobart Mercury	Tobacco advertising is prohibited at all sporting events from October 2006.
27 Sep 2006	<b>Cigarette makers lose ruling on 'lights'</b>	Johnston, David Cay; Warner, Melanie	7	Age (Melbourne)	US smokers of "light" and "mild" cigarettes can pursue their fraud claim as a class action following the US court ruling by Judge Jack Weinstein. Substantial evidence has been found that cigarette manufacturers knew light cigarettes were at least as dangerous as regular cigarettes.
27 Sep 2006	<b>How corporations how hijacked the climate change debate</b>	Monbiot, George	13	Age (Melbourne)	Monbiot argues that important public issues should be subject to transparent discussion. Companies like ExxonMobil and Philip Morris have been funding the campaign of dissuasion about the science of climate change.
27 Sep 2006	<b>US class action may help local smokers</b>	Guy, Robert; Symonds, Alexander	11	Australian Financial Review	Reports on the New York District Court ruling in the Schwab case that allows smokers to sue the major tobacco companies for misleading information about "light" and "mild" cigarettes.
25 Sep 2006	<b>40,000 avoidable deaths every year</b>	Pirani, Clara	3	Australian	Reports findings from a study produced by the Public Health Information Development Unit, Australia and the New Zealand Ministry of Health on avoidable mortality.
24 Sep 2006	<b>I'd gladly butt out: surgeon hates his job</b>	Mayes, Andrea	24	Sunday Times (Perth)	Report on the new antismoking campaign "Make Smoking History" launched in WA on 24 Sep 2006.
23 Sep 2006	<b>Sale beats cig ban</b>	Wilmot, Ben	15	Australian Financial Review	Business news story reporting that hotel investors are looking for pubs with "inbuilt insurance policies" – open spaces for smoking.
23 Sep 2006	<b>Door closes on hotels' al fresco pokies plans</b>	Clennell, Andrew	8	Sydney Morning Herald	The NSW government will legislate to prohibit the placement of gambling machines in outdoor areas if evidence surfaces that such plans are pursued being by pubs and clubs. The Queensland government has banned any form of entertainment in outdoor smoking areas to discourage smoking.

22 Sep 2006	<b>Just butt out [letter to the editor]</b>	Mortensen, Jon F	10	Sydney Morning Herald	Response to the "Pubs fume at smoking area rules" SMH 21 Sep. Reader is fed up with licensed premises whingeing about the rules.
21 Sep 2006	<b>Pubs fume at smoking area rules</b>	Clennell, Andrew	5	Sydney Morning Herald	Clubs NSW and the Australian Hotels Association (AHA) are lobbying for a change to the smoking regulation over the outdoor smoking area 25 per cent stipulation arguing some premises are disadvantaged by the regulation if they have pitched or angled roofs.
17 Sep 2006	<b>Smokers on the outer</b>	Fraser, Scott	12	Sunday Times (Perth)	Reports that hotels are increasing the number of non-smoking rooms or going completely smokefree.
16 Sep 2006	<b>Worries over smoke law enforcement</b>	Martain, Tim	3	Hobart Mercury	AHA Tasmania are claiming that the Tasmanian Department of Health are not equitably enforcing the new smoking ban laws in pubs and clubs.
16 Sep 2006	<b>Sartor gets tough on pub smoking ban</b>	Dick, Tim	4	Sydney Morning Herald	Sartor is promising more action on breaches of the pub and club smoking bans. NSW Australian Hotels Association (AHA) president John Thorpe argues: "Australians have been smoking at the bar for more than a century ... This is not only a public education campaign, but a cultural change as well." Fines for smoking in a banned area are \$550 for the smoker and \$5500 for the pub.
16 Sep 2006	<b>Where there's smoke ... there's foot dragging</b>		34	Sydney Morning Herald	Editorial alleging the Labor government is going easy on the hospitality industry regarding smoking bans in clubs and pubs. "... bans must be applied universally and fairly, and for that to happen they must be policed".
15 Sep 2006	<b>Charge smokers more: MBF</b>	Stafford, Annabel	11	Age (Melbourne)	MBF are pushing for a relaxation of the community rating rules for health insurance. The current rules prevent health funds from charging different premiums based on a person's age or health risks.
15 Sep 2006	<b>Smoking cuts 23 years</b>	Pountney, Michelle	25	Herald Sun (Melbourne)	Life expectancy is reduced by 23 years for middle-aged smokers. Report uses data from <a href="http://www.deathsfromsmoking.net">www.deathsfromsmoking.net</a>
15 Sep 2006	<b>Mayor acts on fears over smoking in mall</b>		13	Hobart Mercury	The proposal to ban smoking in the Brisbane Mall has failed and Launceston City Council are seeking advice over the potential threat of legal action by disabled people affected by smokers in public areas.

15 Sep 2006	<b>Pubs defy smoking crackdown</b>	Clennell, Andrew; Kontominas, Belinda	1	Sydney Morning Herald	The Herald conducted a survey of 16 city pubs and found that almost half were breaching the new smoking ban laws. The Herald also obtained documents under the FOI Act, which revealed that the Australian Hotels Association attempted to delay the smoking bans until 2009. There have been over 400 complaints about breaches of the new laws and no prosecutions.
14 Sep 2006	<b>Bill for smoke displays ban</b>	Kelton, Greg	12	Adelaide Advertiser	The South Australian government are introducing a bill banning the display of tobacco products.
13 Sep 2006	<b>Young welcome hotel smoke bans</b>	Treccasi, Louise; Kelton, Greg	3	Adelaide Advertiser	A survey of South Australian adults following the first phase of hotel smoking bans introduced in December 2004 found that 95 per cent of all respondents said that the new laws made no difference. Over half of the respondents found licensed premises more enjoyable. Over half of the respondents aged 18-24 said they would smoke less and 31.5 per cent said they would quit. As an aside, notes that antismoking groups in SA are launching a new campaign today to force the SA government to ban tobacco product displays.
13 Sep 2006	<b>No-smoking message filters down to the young</b>	Stark, Jill	3	Age (Melbourne)	Reports that according to the Victorian Cancer Council, smoking rates among Victorian teenagers have fallen to their lowest level in more than 20 years.
13 Sep 2006	<b>Young people are seeing the light on smoking</b>		14	Age (Melbourne)	Editorial about the Victorian Cancer Council youth survey results lauding tobacco control laws but agreeing that there are still more measures that need to be taken, such as plain packaging and tightening loop holes in the current legislation.
13 Sep 2006	<b>Teens burn \$25m a year on smokes</b>	Pountney, Michelle	6	Herald Sun (Melbourne)	Reports on survey results compiled by Dr Melanie Wakefield – 42,000 Victorian students (12-17 years) smoked about 1.061 million cigarettes a week.
13 Sep 2006	<b>Burn your habit: smoking on its last gasps</b>		3	West Australian (Perth) - Health	Story about smoking prevalence.
13 Sep 2006	<b>Testing out the waters</b>		4	West Australian (Perth) - Health	Smoking cessation article. Politician, Graham Kierath, successfully used water to quench his desire for a cigarette.
12 Sep 2006	<b>Teenagers butting out</b>		2	MX (Melbourne)	Reports that according to the Victorian Cancer Council, smoking rates among Victorian teenagers have fallen to their lowest level in more than 20 years.

10 Sep 2006	<b>Teen smokers, drinkers consider suicide more</b>	Rumble, Chantal	10	Sunday Age (Melbourne)	A study of year 10 students by Orygen (a youth mental health service) found those who smoked cigarettes and drank alcohol were twice as likely as their peers to consider suicide.
10 Sep 2006	<b>Child smoking alarm</b>		38	Sunday Telegraph (Sydney)	ASH Australia are calling for stronger measures to protect children from tobacco.
9 Sep 2006	<b>Council ifs and butts</b>		9	Daily Telegraph (Sydney)	North Sydney and Manly Councils will not process development applications for outdoor smoking spaces in licensed premises until legal advice clears them of any possible liability.
9 Sep 2006	<b>Mall smokers under fire</b>	Sayer, Luke	11	Hobart Mercury	Launceston Mayor Ivan Dean has proposed to ban smoking in the city mall.
8 Sep 2006	<b>Legislate to ban cigarettes from sight</b>	Cain, Christopher	22	Adelaide Advertiser	SA AMA President Christopher Cain discusses the proposal to ban displays of cigarette products – out of sight, out of mind.
5 Sep 2006	<b>Huffing and puffing</b>	Schofield, Leo	42	Bulletin with Newsweek	Leo Schofield's <i>At Large</i> column discusses the problems of smoking being permitted in outdoor areas.
4 Sep 2006	<b>Mum's dire warning ignored; Images must be displayed</b>		17	Herald Sun (Melbourne)	Letters to the editor about graphic health warnings. <b>Mum's dire warning ignored</b> - "Peer pressure to smoke far outweighed my dire warnings".
3 Sep 2006	<b>Father's Day warning</b>		32	Sun Herald (Sydney)	The antismoking advertisement <i>You Should Have Been There</i> was launched on Father's Day to encourage parents who smoke to quit.
3 Sep 2006	<b>Not what the doctor ordered</b>	Davies, Hannah	23	Sunday Mail (Brisbane)	Patients are going outside of smokefree hospital complexes to have a smoke.
3 Sep 2006	<b>Don't smoke in bed</b>	Fraser, Scott	19	Sunday Tasmanian (Hobart)	Reports that more hotels are increasing the number of smokefree rooms or are completely smokefree.
1 Sep 2006	<b>9000 child smokers in SA</b>	Treccasi, Louise	5	Adelaide Advertiser	The 2005 Australian School Students' Alcohol and Drugs Survey show smoking rates have halved in the past 20 years.
1 Sep 2006	<b>Anti-smokers want tougher limits on nicotine</b>	Stark, Jill	6	The Age (Melbourne)	Story reporting on the results from the Massachusetts Department of Public study on nicotine yields.
1 Sep 2006	<b>WA mum's campaign sees third of smokers pack it in</b>	Rule, Peta	5	West Australian	The WA antismoking advertisement featuring Zita Roberts is reported as one of the most successful campaigns.