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31 Dec 06	<b>Be a quitter</b>	Hall, Joanna	4	Sunday Telegraph (Sydney) Body and Soul liftout	Smoking cessation New Year's resolution article.
31 Dec 06	<b>Smoke alarm: mental patients fume</b>	Lampathakis, Paul	16	Sunday Times (Perth)	Smoking bans in WA hospitals are imminent.
29 Dec 06	<b>Children exhort parents to quit</b>	AAP Reuters	5	Canberra Times	A British poll found that children wanted their parents to quit smoking as part of their New Year resolutions.
28 Dec 06	<b>Smoke on the outer</b>	Pountney, Michelle	31	Herald Sun (Melbourne)	A study by Quit found that one in five parents who smoke regularly do not change their behaviour in front of their children. However, more than a third of parents do not smoke in front of their children.
26 Dec 06	<b>Ads target teenage smokers</b>	Bunce, Jane	6	Canberra Times	A new campaign to scare teenagers from taking up smoking is being launched during the school holidays.
26 Dec 06	<b>Clubs' compliance a breath of fresh air</b>	Mannheim, Markus	6	Canberra Times	The results of a compliance audit of the new indoor smoking regulations in Canberra were encouraging.
26 Dec 06	<b>Blitz targets teen smokers</b>	AAP	9	Hobart Mercury	New Quit campaign focuses on scare tactics to discourage young people from smoking.
24 Dec 06	<b>Smoke bans work</b>		12	Sunday Canberra Times	A New York City health department report documents the number of smoking related deaths has fallen from 9000 in 2001 to under 8100 in 2005. New York implemented smoking bans in public places three years ago.
23 Dec 06	<b>Tobacco links set to cost lawyer</b>	Merritt, Chris	4	Australian	Former Clayton Utz tobacco industry lawyer, Richard Travers, may face perjury charges over evidence he gave in the 2002 Rolah McCabe case.
23 Dec 06	<b>Law firm in tobacco row has strong links to Government</b>	Malone, Chris	3	Canberra Times	Clayton Utz is the biggest provider of legal services to the Federal Government.
23 Dec 06	<b>Young butt of campaign</b>		7	Daily Telegraph (Sydney)	New Quit campaign focuses on scare tactics to discourage young people from smoking.
22 Dec 06	<b>Law firm faces state contract losses</b>	Nguyen, Kenneth	8	Age (Melbourne)	Former partners of Clayton Utz were found by an internal inquiry to have engaged in misconduct and potential perjury while acting for British American Tobacco.

22 Dec 06	<b>Tobacco case lawyers face conduct claims</b>	Malone, Paul	8	Canberra Times	Former Clayton Utz tobacco industry lawyers, Glenn Eggleton and Richard Travers, may face perjury charges over evidence they gave in the 2002 Rolah McCabe case.
22 Dec 06	<b>Tobacco lawyers probed McCabe family continue fight</b>	Ross, Norrie	25	Herald Sun (Melbourne)	Roxanne Cowell, daughter of Rolah McCabe, has welcomed the investigation into the activities of Clayton Utz.
22 Dec 06	<b>Program to stop smoke</b>		7	Northern Territory News	The Federal Government has launched a Smoking in Pregnancy Lifescript program to assist pregnant women to quit smoking.
21 Dec 06	<b>Tobacco lawyers face probe</b>	McKenzie, Nick	1	Age (Melbourne)	The Victorian Director of Public Prosecutions and legal regulators will investigate findings of misconduct and perjury against senior partners of Clayton Utz.
21 Dec 06	<b>Lawyer facing perjury claims</b>	Wallace, Rick	5	Australian	Former Clayton Utz tobacco industry lawyers, Glenn Eggleton and Richard Travers, may face perjury charges over evidence they gave in the 2002 Rolah McCabe case.
21 Dec 06	<b>Clayton Utz faces criminal probe</b>	Drummond, Matthew; Moran, Susannah	1	Australian Financial Review	Glenn Eggleton and Richard Travers (former employees of Clayton Utz and legal counsel to the tobacco industry) may face charges of perjury. Victoria's Director of Public Prosecutions will investigate the allegation of criminal conduct.
21 Dec 06	<b>Criminal probe for law staff</b>	Ross, Norrie	8	Herald Sun (Melbourne)	Former Clayton Utz tobacco industry lawyers, Glenn Eggleton and Richard Travers, may face perjury charges over evidence they gave in the 2002 Rolah McCabe case.
21 Dec 06	<b>Cutting back for her baby</b>	Pountney, Michelle; Metlikovec, Jane	10	Herald Sun (Melbourne)	Pregnant smokers will be given two weeks to quit, then prescribed nicotine replacement treatments under a new federal government program to reduce smoking rates among pregnant women.
20 Dec 06	<b>Quit demand for mums-to-be</b>	Dunlevy, Sue	2	Adelaide Advertiser	The federal government has launched a program to assist pregnant women to quit smoking.
20 Dec 06	<b>Making mums quit: two week deadline to stop smoking in pregnancy</b>	Dunlevy, Sue	6	Daily Telegraph (Sydney)	The federal government wants to cut smoking rates among pregnant women and has launched a quit program. Doctors will advise pregnant women to quit smoking and then give them two weeks to stop. If they are unable to quit after this period, doctors will prescribe nicotine replacement therapy.
20 Dec 06	<b>GPs get smoke signal</b>		19	Herald Sun (Melbourne)	Australian health professionals will help pregnant women to quit under a \$4.3 million federal program.

20 Dec 06	<b>Mums fail to butt out</b>		4	Northern Territory News	The federal government has launched a program to assist pregnant women to quit smoking.
19 Dec 06	<b>Firms watch \$3.5b go up in smoko for 2006: report</b>	Dutt, Kanchan	5	Canberra Times	Research conducted by Talent2 (based on data from 967 respondents) found that smoking breaks cost companies more than \$3.5 billion in lost time in 2006.
17 Dec 06	<b>Move for bongs ban: government wants drug kits taken off the shelves</b>	Milne, Glenn; Burke, Edmund	3	Sunday Mail (Brisbane)	The federal government would like to ban the sale of marijuana pipes and "cocaine kits".
16 Dec 06	<b>Robbie, you're inflammatory: row flares as star lights up in concert</b>		25	Hobart Mercury	Robbie Williams was fined for breaching local tobacco control laws (he smoked cigarettes during his Brisbane concerts). Premier Beattie offered to pay his fines!
15 Dec 06	<b>Robbie told to 'butt out'</b>	Murdoch, Alex	12	Courier Mail (Brisbane)	British singer, Robbie Williams, breached local tobacco control laws when he smoked during his first Brisbane show. His defiance of local laws generated significant controversy.
15 Dec 06	<b>Push for smoke ban in cars with kids</b>	O'Leary, Cathy	7	West Australian (Perth)	Health groups in WA are calling for a ban on smoking in private cars carrying children after findings from a Victorian survey showed significant support for the proposal.
14 Dec 06	<b>We're getting sicker: diabetes, obesity, boozing all on rise</b>	Jones, Kate	18	Herald Sun (Melbourne)	Reports on findings in the ABS <i>Changes in Health</i> report. Concerning smoking, five per cent fewer women and 1 per cent fewer men aged 18-24 were smoking in 2004-05 than in 1995.
14 Dec 06	<b>Smokes ban to aid kids: backing for bid to butt out in cars</b>	Pountney, Michelle	21	Herald Sun (Melbourne)	A Victorian survey has found significant community support for banning smoking in private cars carrying children.
11 Dec 06	<b>Ban on smoking in cars</b>	Gregory, Jason	6	Courier Mail (Brisbane)	Queensland's Health Minister, Stephen Robertson' will consider a ban on smoking in private cars carrying children.
10 Dec 2006	<b>Tougher smoking zone plan</b>	Giles, Darrell	41	Sunday Mail (Brisbane)	The Queensland government will consider expanding smoke-free zones so that the smokers do not congregate close to the entrances of buildings and shopping centres.
9 Dec 2006	<b>Tobacco giant gags cancer council over secret report</b>	McKenzie, Nick	1	Age (Melbourne)	British American Tobacco has threatened to injunct the Cancer Council of Victoria over the leaked internal Clayton Utz document that revealed the tricks used by tobacco industry lawyers to thwart legal processes in the Rolah McCabe case.

9 Dec 2006	<b>Dead smoker in asbestos win: landmark compensation case gives new hope to hundres of sick and dying across the nation</b>	Cowan, Sean; Emerson, Daniel	5	West Australian (Perth)	The family of Paul Cotton (he died in 2002, aged 45, of lung cancer) has been awarded a \$601,894 payout. Cotton's lawyers argued that his workplace exposure to asbestos fibres dramatically increased his risk of getting lung cancer.
6 Dec 2006	<b>Quirk opposes ban on jail smoking</b>	Mason, Graham	44	West Australian (Perth)	The WA government says that it will cave to pressure to make prisons smokefree.
5 Dec 2006	<b>Stubbing out</b>		15	Herald Sun (Melbourne)	Research conducted by the Cancer Council of Victoria has found that the number of Victorians who smoke regularly has declined over the past eight years.
5 Dec 2006	<b>Push for \$2 hike on cigarettes</b>		3	West Australian (Perth)	The Australian Council on Smoking and Health has made a submission to the Federal Treasurer calling for tobacco taxes to be increased by 15 per cent.
4 Dec 2006	<b>Germany stubbing out smoking, but not in pubs</b>		8	Age (Melbourne)	Germany is proposing to ban smoking in select public places. On the smokefree list are restaurants, nightclubs, schools and other public buildings, but pubs, beer tents or bars will remain smoking areas.
4 Dec 2006	<b>McGinty not keen on car smoking ban</b>	Rule, Peta	14	West Australian (Perth)	WA's health minister, Jim McGinty, prefers to approach the smoking in private cars issue through educational campaigns rather than via legislation.
3 Dec 2006	<b>Tobacco giant sends in big guns</b>	Birnbauer, William	6	Sunday Age	British American Tobacco's Australian subsidiaries were in the NSW Supreme Court seeking an injunction to prevent <i>The Sunday Age</i> from publishing details of their legal tactics in two damages cases.
2 Dec 2006	<b>Venues fear more bans as they adjust to smoking laws</b>	Dutt, Kanchan	11	Canberra Times	The ACT Health Minister, Katy Gallagher, says that they are finalising details on a ban prohibiting the serving of food outdoors in smoking areas.
2 Dec 2006	<b>England to ban indoor smoking</b>	AFP	21	Canberra Times	From July 1, 2007, enclosed public places and work spaces in England will be smokefree. Scotland introduced smoking bans in public places in March 2006 and Wales will follow suit in April 2007.