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24 Nov 2004	<b>Governments urged to stop children smoking</b>			Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) News	Reports on research that shows over 200,000 children as young as 12 are smoking and over 20 per cent of them were able to buy cigarettes from retail outlets.
24 Nov 2004	<b>Clubs wary of govt regulation</b>	Cassidy, F	4	Canberra Times	Usual rhetoric regarding the impact that smoking bans will have on clubs.
24 Nov 2004	<b>Hunt on for burn `bully'</b>	Andrews, J	1	Free Press Leader	Reports on the cruelty inflicted on a young boy who was attacked and then a lit cigarette was stubbed out on his stomach.
24 Nov 2004	<b>Stations, clubs, ads face tough new laws Rail smoke ban first</b>	Giles, T	24	Herald-Sun	Smoking will be banned in all covered areas of station platforms in Victoria from March 1, 2006. Other tobacco reforms include smoking bans in enclosed workplaces, excluding licensed premises, from March 1, 2006; at under-age music and dance events, including outdoor areas, from March 1, 2006; in enclosed licensed premises by July 1, 2007. There will also be a ban on buzz marketing and non-branded tobacco advertising from March 1, 2006.
24 Nov 2004	<b>Grog at 12, cannabis use rife, report shows</b>	Clarke, C	4	Hobart Mercury	Reports on findings from the Australian Secondary Students' Alcohol and Drug (ASSAD) Survey. Tobacco use: * About 6 per cent of 12-year-olds were regular smokers, rising to 25 per cent of 17-year-olds. * 24 per cent of teenage smokers bought the cigarettes themselves, despite the legal age being 18. * 40 per cent of students had smoked
24 Nov 2004	<b>Smokes, drinks just part of life at age 12</b>	Clarke, C	15	The Advertiser	Reports on findings from the Australian Secondary Students' Alcohol and Drug (ASSAD) Survey, which estimates that more than 205,000 youths aged 12 to 17 are smokers - with a quarter buying cigarettes illegally from shops.

24 Nov 2004	<b>Smoking by young lowest in 20 years</b>	Wiese Bockmann, M	5	The Australian	Reports on findings from the Australian Secondary Students' Alcohol and Drug (ASSAD) Survey. Smoking rates were the lowest recorded since the survey started in 1984.
25 Nov 2004	<b>Clubs to clear air on smoke bans impact</b>			Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) News	Reports on a ClubsNSW meeting in the northern NSW region where attendees will discuss the impact of smoking bans and poker machine taxes.
25 Nov 2004	<b>Voteline</b>		23	Herald-Sun	Do the latest anti-smoking measures go far enough? Yes: 41.9% 73 calls No: 58.1% 101 calls Total: 174 calls
25 Nov 2004	<b>\$2b take in Tassie gaming machines</b>	Paine, M	9	Hobart Mercury	"Smoking bans are expected to reduce spending in Tasmanian gaming venues."
25 Nov 2004	<b>Pokies tax fight not over yet</b>		18	Hornsby and Upper North Shore Advocate	ClubsNSW appear to want to use the pending smoking bans policy as leverage to lobby the NSW Government to reduce poker machine taxes.
25 Nov 2004	<b>Kids voice their disgust</b>	Trenwith, C	12	Illawarra Mercury	Kemblawarra Public primary school students wrote songs about what they had learnt concerning the health effects of smoking and produced a CD.
25 Nov 2004	<b>Jab to stop smoking</b>		42	The Advertiser	Reports on a therapeutic vaccine, TA-NIC, for the treatment of nicotine addiction.
25 Nov 2004	<b>Tobacco business smuggled for profit'</b>	Lister, S	8	The Australian	Reports on tobacco industry document research conducted by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine investigating industry cigarette smuggling activities in Asia.
25 Nov 2004	<b>Smoke signals lack logic</b>		19	The Canberra Times	Bhutan is the first country in the world to make tobacco an illegal product.
25 Nov 2004	<b>Spiked cigarettes new date-rape risk</b>	Viellaris, R	4	The Courier-Mail	Cigarettes that are laced with drugs have been reportedly used in Cairns. The purported use is to take advantage of someone and raises grave concerns.
25 Nov 2004	<b>'Smoking gene'</b>		26	The Gold Coast Bulletin	Brief report noting that scientists have identified a gene they believe makes some young smokers at greater risk of nicotine addiction: CYP2A6.

26 Nov 2004	<b>Protests staged outside Woolworths AGM</b>			Australian Associated Press General News	Reports on antismoking activists protesting outside the annual general meeting of Woolworths pushing for cigarette packets to be kept under the counter and not on display.
26 Nov 2004	<b>Free smokes hit vets</b>		35	Herald-Sun	Cigarette smoking is noted as a factor in contributing to the mortality rates of Australian veterans of the Korean War.
26 Nov 2004	<b>Korean War slowly killing veterans</b>		5	The Australian	Cigarette smoking is noted as a factor in contributing to the mortality rates of Australian veterans of the Korean War.
26 Nov 2004	<b>Cold comfort for Korean War vets</b>		14	The Gold Coast Bulletin	Cigarette smoking is noted as a factor in contributing to the mortality rates of Australian veterans of the Korean War.
27 Nov 2004	<b>NSW: Plans introduced for self-extinguishing cigarettes</b>			Australian Associated Press General News	The Federal government is reviewing a report on self-extinguishing cigarettes and the NSW Fire Brigades has prepared about introduction of the cigarettes, which is to be presented at an Australian Emergency Management Committee.
27 Nov 2004	<b>Push to hide cigarettes</b>		2	Daily Telegraph	Reports on antismoking activists protesting outside the annual general meeting of Woolworths pushing for cigarette packets to be kept under the counter and not on display.
27 Nov 2004	<b>Smoke ban planned</b>	Mayne, N	15	Geelong Advertiser	From 1 July 2006 all Barwon Healthsites will be smokefree.
27 Nov 2004	<b>Addicted to death Study reveals chilling new smoking stats</b>	Pountney, M	20	Herald-Sun	Reports on tobacco use mortality statistics. Professor Alan Lopez, University of Queensland, is quoted.
27 Nov 2004	<b>Woolies urged to hide its cigarettes</b>	Crawshaw, D	19	Illawarra Mercury	Reports on antismoking activists protesting outside the annual general meeting of Woolworths pushing for cigarette packets to be kept under the counter and not on display.
27 Nov 2004	<b>No smoking signs going up around the world</b>	Ingham, R	79	The Advertiser	Reports on the tightening up of smokefree policies around the world.
27 Nov 2004	<b>Join war to help smokers quit</b>	Kenihan, K	E30	The Advertiser	Story in the employment section profiling Quit SA and basically advertising that the organisation needs a new Quitline administration officer.

27 Nov 2004	<b>Lifestyle tips key to cutting health costs</b>	Hickman, B	10	The Australian	The Australian Chronic Disease Alliance, a coalition made up of five healthcare lobby groups, has called for a greater focus on the prevention of disease. The Alliance claims that major illnesses are caused by preventable factors such as smoking, obesity, lack of exercise, poor nutrition and high blood pressure. The Alliance has called for more money to be spent on preventative health measures.
28 Nov 2004	<b>New smoking restrictions ahead of ban in WA clubs, pubs</b>			Australian Associated Press General News	From January 1, 2005 smoking is not permitted within one metre of bar counters. From November 2005, smoking will be allowed only in one designated room of any licensed premises. By July 2006, a full ban on smoking in all enclosed public places would be in force. "It was always inevitable that smoking would be banned but we are glad that we have been given a timetable on this" said Australian Hotels Association state president Neil Randall.
28 Nov 2004	<b>WA Govt announces smoking bans</b>			Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) News	Smoking will be banned within five metres of all SA government buildings from January 1, 2005.
28 Nov 2004	<b>WA smoking ban wins wide praise</b>			Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) News	Reports on the implementation schedule of the smokefree laws in WA. The Australian Hotels Association is quoted: "Neil Randal, from the Australian Hotels and Hospitality Association, says he does not believe businesses will suffer. "I think initially it will have some impact... as we've seen overseas the suddenness in Ireland and New York, for example, caused a lot of grief," he said. "But with the time frame in plan I'm sure we won't lose too many customers at all." Mr Randal says the decision to delay implementing a total ban will help businesses cope."
28 Nov 2004	<b>Alarm at girls' deadly habit</b>	Wood, M	7	Sun Herald	Reports on results of a national survey of high school students that found that more than 205,000 teenagers, aged between 12 and 17, smoked cigarettes every week.

28 Nov 2004	<b>It's RIP for smouldering cigarettes</b>	Mitchell, A	7	Sun Herald	Reports that the federal government will look at a plan for the fire-safe cigarettes, which have less chance of igniting upholstered furniture, mattresses or bushland if they are dropped or discarded.
28 Nov 2004	<b>Smokes top sale list</b>	Wotherspoon , S	13	Sunday Herald Sun	Reports on the ACNielsen Grocery Report 2004. States that the results reveal Australians spent the most money in the past year on products from tobacco giants British American Tobacco and Philip Morris and multinational food corporation Nestle.
28 Nov 2004	<b>Casey quits</b>		14	Sunday Herald Sun	Australian Idol winner, Casey Donovan, is to quit smoking to set a better example.
28 Nov 2004	<b>Life of the party</b>	Taylor, D	B02	Sunday Herald Sun Body & Soul	Discusses the health problems of binge drinking and social smoking.
28 Nov 2004	<b>Fire-friendly cigarettes</b>		15	Sunday Mail	Short excerpt commenting that the Federal government is reviewing a report on self-extinguishing cigarettes.
28 Nov 2004	<b>Casey cleans up her act</b>	Chant, L; Vermeer, T; Masters, C	73	Sunday Mail	Profiles Casey Donovan, Australian Idol contestant and claims that Casey will begin a smoking cessation program.
28 Nov 2004	<b>Idol winner told to butt out</b>		5	Sunday Tasmanian	Australian Idol winner, Casey Donovan, is to quit smoking to set a better example.
28 Nov 2004	<b>Casey told to cleanup image</b>	Vermeer, T; Masters, C	11	Sunday Telegraph	Australian Idol winner, Casey Donovan, is to quit smoking to set a better example.
28 Nov 2004	<b>Half litter is butts</b>		19	Sunday Telegraph	Brief news about cigarette butt pollution.
28 Nov 2004	<b>War vets' high risk of cancer - Heavy toxins toll</b>	Masters, C	48	Sunday Telegraph	Cigarette smoking is noted as a factor in contributing to the mortality rates of Australian veterans of the Korean War.
28 Nov 2004	<b>Outdoor smoke ban</b>	Strutt, J	1	Sunday Times	The Western Australian (WA) Government is reforming WA's smoking laws. As well as banning smoking at government building entrances, it may also ban it outside privately-owned commercial buildings.
28 Nov 2004	<b>Vaccine may stub out smokes craving</b>		47	Sunday Times (Perth)	Reports that Xenova is developing a therapeutic vaccine, TA-NIC, for the treatment of nicotine addiction and is hoping to have it available on the market as a prescription drug in 2008.

28 Nov 2004	<b>No butts, it's diet time</b>		7	Sunday Times (Perth)	Australian Idol winner, Casey Donovan, is to quit smoking to set a better example.
29 Nov 2004	<b>WA: Penalties to double for WA shops which sell cigs to kids</b>	Clarke, T		Australian Associated Press General News	Jim McGinty, WA Health Minister, announced tougher penalties for those caught selling cigarettes to minors (fines up to \$10,000), point-of-sale advertising for cigarettes will be banned and there will be more restrictions on the display of tobacco products in shops. The amendments to the Tobacco Control Act are due to be introduced into the WA parliament in the first half of 2005.
29 Nov 2004	<b>Fears smoking ban to hurt regional pubs</b>			Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) News	The Western Australian Opposition while in support of smoking bans in pubs and clubs is worried about the impact on country publicans. Reiterates that from January 2005, smoking is not permitted within one metre of the bar and that a total ban comes into effect from July 2006.
29 Nov 2004	<b>WA has the measure of its smokers</b>	Cheesman, B	3	Australian Financial Review	Reports on WA's smokefree plans: effective 1 January 2005 smoking will be banned within a metre of the bar. Smoking will be limited to one room only in licensed premises by November 1, before a total ban in all enclosed public places by July 2006. No ban will be considered at the international room at Burswood Casino until a review of smoking regulations in 2005. "Australian Hotels Association state president Neil Randall said he was 'pleased that the government has left outdoor areas as a place where people have a right to choose to smoke, and that hotels now have a clear timetable'."
29 Nov 2004	<b>Bar ban for hotel smokers FAST FACTS</b>	Buckley-Carr, A	3	Kalgoorlie Miner	Reports on WA's new smokefree laws. "... smoking would be prohibited within 1m of the bar and by November 1, smokers will be shuffled into one designated room in licensed premises."
29 Nov 2004	<b>Cigs to roll on inside</b>	Kyriacou, K	1	Moreland Leader	The Glenroy Bowls Club rooms owned by Moreland council were awarded an exemption from plans to ban smoking inside all council buildings.

29 Nov 2004	<b>Outdoor smoking ban signals start of major changes</b>		10	MX (Australia)	From 1 January 2005 smoking will be banned outside all WA Government buildings, including hospitals, courts and police stations.
29 Nov 2004	<b>Fireproof smokes</b>		5	The Gold Coast Bulletin	Reports that the federal government will look at a plan for the fire-safe cigarettes, which have less chance of igniting upholstered furniture, mattresses or bushland if they are dropped or discarded.
29 Nov 2004	<b>High rollers exempt from smoking ban</b>	Wainwright, R	3	The Sydney Morning Herald	Star City Casino's four high-roller rooms will be exempt when the pubs and clubs become smoke-free in 2007.
29 Nov 2004	<b>Doctors on attack over smokes ban The smoking ban in WA's pubs and clubs will be introduced in three stages over 19 months</b>	Videnieks, M	1	The West Australian METRO	Reports on the AMA's criticism on the timetable to ban smoking in pubs. "Australian Hotels Association president Neil Randall said although the smoking ban would hurt country hotels initially, the industry accepted smoking bans were inevitable and appreciated it had time to adjust." Stage 1: From January 1, 2005, an industry code of practice in licensed venues will prohibit smoking within one metre of a bar and within five metres of any government building. Stage 2: Smoking will be limited to one room only in any licensed premises by November 1, 2005. Stage 3: A total smoking ban in all enclosed public places will be in place by July 2006. Beer gardens and alfresco areas in pubs and clubs as well as the international room at Burswood Casino will be exempt from the smoking ban.
30 Nov 2004	<b>Clubs to meet over smoke ban, pokies tax impact</b>			Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) News	Reports that clubs of south-east NSW have convened in the Eurobodalla to discuss smoking restrictions and poker machine taxes.
30 Nov 2004	<b>Publicans to work through smoking laws</b>			Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) News	Reports on the WA government announcement that from January 2005 smoking will be prohibited in licensed venues within one metre of the bar and that here will be a total ban on smoking in enclosed places from July 2006.

30 Nov 2004	<b>It's no smoke</b>	Mayne, N	10	Geelong Advertiser	Reports that Barwon Health sites are going to be smokefree. From 1 July 2006 all sites will be smokefree. Geelong Hospital will provide smoking cessation assistance to smokers admitted to the hospital.
30 Nov 2004	<b>Boy, 11, burned in vicious attack Cigarette comment sparks assault</b>	Houlihan, L	2	Herald-Sun	Reports on the cruelty inflicted on a young boy who was attacked and then a lit cigarette was stubbed out on his stomach.
30 Nov 2004	<b>Smoke-free summer</b>		8	Manly Daily	Reports on a SmokeFree Campaign to be launched at Manly Beach on December 1, 2004. Manly Council ruled in May to ban smoking from beaches, within 10m of all council playgrounds, sporting grounds and council events. The zones have since been extended to alfresco dining areas on public land and within 10m from all council buildings.
30 Nov 2004	<b>Biggest cause of early death revealed - us</b>	Pollard, R	3	The Sydney Morning Herald	Presents data from the report of the Report of the Chief Health Officer 2004 see <a href="http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/public-health/chorep/toc/choindex.htm">http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/public-health/chorep/toc/choindex.htm</a> . Greg Stewart, chief health officer said: "Smoking remains the biggest preventable cause of ill health in NSW and Australia - it causes 6500 smoking-related deaths and 55,000 hospitalisations each year".
30 Nov 2004	<b>Whiff of the inevitable blows resistance to change clean away</b>	Taylor, R	6	The West Australian	Reports on WA smokefree policies: smoking bans from two to one room per hotel by December 31, 2006, and make nightclubs smoke-free by the same date.
30 Nov 2004	<b>McGinty firm on smokes ban</b>	O'Leary, C	6	The West Australian	Reports on the AMA's criticism on the timetable to ban smoking in pubs.
1 Dec 2004	<b>Smoking changes cause hotel concerns</b>			Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) News	Brief report noting the WA Government will phase in a total ban on smoking in enclosed areas of hotels by July 2006, and has unveiled a \$2.5 million plan to help country pubs cope with the change.
1 Dec 2004	<b>Clubs want air cleared over what is 'outside'</b>			Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) News	"Clubs New South Wales chief executive officer David Costello says the Government is allowing smoking in outside areas, but will not give a clear definition on the meaning of the term 'outside'."

1 Dec 2004	<b>Smoking ban</b>	Clark, L	4	Cairns Sun	"In my view this is the most important piece of public health legislation that has been introduced by a Labor government since I was first elected in 1989. I make no apologies for the fact that this is the toughest legislation in Australia to restrict smoking, with a total ban on indoor smoking in licensed premises effective from July, 2006."
1 Dec 2004	<b>Cigs to roll on inside</b>	Kyriacou, K	401	Hume/Moreland Leader	The Glenroy Bowls Club rooms owned by Moreland council were awarded an exemption from plans to ban smoking inside all council buildings.
1 Dec 2004	<b>Clubs predict over 600 job losses</b>	Danninger, L	10	Illawarra Mercury	Reports on a ClubsNSW regional meeting in Batesman Bay. ClubsNSW appear to want to use the pending smoking bans policy as leverage to lobby the NSW Government to reduce poker machine taxes.
1 Dec 2004	<b>Divided reaction over cigarette idea</b>		13	News Review Messenger	Short excerpt about potential introduction of smoking bans in Playford Council parks.
1 Dec 2004	<b>Park smoking ban mooted</b>	Day, C	13	News Review Messenger	Another story about the potential introduction of smokefree parks and playgrounds in the Playford Council area.
1 Dec 2004	<b>No-smoking city hotel</b>		5	The Advertiser	The Chifley on the Terrace hotel in South Terrace is now smokefree and is believed to be the first hotel in Adelaide to be completely smokefree.
1 Dec 2004	<b>\$2.5m to clear air for bush pubs</b>	Taylor, R	46	The West Australian METRO	The WA government announced a \$2.5 million package to promote country hotels to stem any impact of the 2006 total smoking bans.

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