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To AHA (NSW) Members
From AHA (NSW) Chief Executive, Brian Ross

**URGENT ALERT TO HOTELIERS AND THEIR PATRONS
ACT NOW OR SMOKING WILL SOON BE BANNED**

If you don't act NOW – the Aussie tradition of having a beer and a smoke will soon disappear forever.

- **Ring you local member of State Parliament NOW.**
Tell your local politicians that "Enough Is Enough".

Tell them you are sick and tired of "Regulation and More Regulation".

Tell them you don't want Government to impose its' will on the people of NSW.

Tell them we don't need a "Nanny State".

Tell them that your business will be DESTROYED.

Tell them there are no responsible alcohol programs in the home.

Tell them there's no responsible gaming when people use their credit cards for internet gaming.

Tell them that non-smokers will not replace the customers you will lose.

Tell them your town can't face 20% job losses.

Tell them the people are not ready for a total ban.
- **Send a fax to Minister Frank Sartor on (02) 9567 0508.**

Tell him that smokers and non-smokers can both be accommodated in Hotels.

Tell him that "Smokers are also Voters" and smokers have rights too.

Tell him how much revenue you've lost because of the smoking bans introduced on 1 July 2004.

Tell him that smoking bans don't stop people from smoking – they will smoke at home where children are present.

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- **Spread the Word ...**
We don't want our businesses to hurt like the pubs in Ireland.

61% of bars in Dublin will not survive much longer.

Nearly 20% of staff have lost their jobs.

Takings are down 15% - 25% on liquor sales alone.

Rural tourism has lost nearly 20% in "bed nights".

Cigarette sales have not decreased since the smoking bans.

Do we need the suffering that's occurred in New York City?

Liquor sales are down up to 40%.

1/3rd of bars will close within 2 years.

Up to 27% of staff have lost their jobs.

Noise complaints because smokers are forced outside have risen to ridiculous and unmanageable levels.

Smoking has also been banned in all outdoor areas where food is served (just like in Mosman on Sydney's North Shore).

**THE AUSSIE PUB WILL NO LONGER BE THE CENTRE OF SOCIAL
INTERACTION – PARTICULARLY IN COUNTRY TOWNS.**

**THE AUSSIE PUB EMPLOYS LOCALS AND GIVES JOBS AND INCOME TO MANY
THOUSANDS OF OTHERS IN SERVICE INDUSTRIES. THE FAMILIES OF LOCAL
STORE OWNERS SUCH AS BUTCHERS AND BAKERS WILL ALSO SUFFER.**

ASK OUR POLITICIANS TO THINK OF THE CONSEQUENCES.