

The Media and Indigenous Policy Project

Index of Indigenous Health Articles in *The Australian, Courier-Mail & Sydney Morning Herald* 2002

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January 2002

Title: No colour bar in helping baby
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Wednesday, 2 January 2002
Writer(s): Scott, Leisa
News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length: 468
News source: Aboriginal lay person, Politician
First spokesperson: Bianca Dodd, Aboriginal woman
Second spokesperson: Wendy Edmond, Qld health minister
Synopsis: A 30 per cent fall in indigenous infant mortality rates from 1997 to 1999 has been attributed to increased uptake of pre-natal care amongst indigenous mothers.
Keywords: Child health, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Medical services - mainstream, Women's health

Title: Healthy shift. It was good to read . . .
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Friday, 4 January 2002
Writer(s): Hadfield, Clive
News genre: Letter to the editor
Page number: 10
Word length: 198
News source: Non-Aboriginal lay person
First spokesperson: Clive Hadfield, member of the public
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Comments that it was good to see a positive news story about indigenous health. Mentions the continuing deficit in 'doctor-days' per capita for Indigenous Australians.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: ATSIIC to mediate on youth safe house
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Thursday, 10 January 2002
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 1
Word length: 527
News source: ATSIIC, Local government, Politician
First spokesperson: Joy Baluch, Mayor, Port Augusta
Second spokesperson: Geoff Clark, chairman, ATSIIC
Synopsis: The ATSIIC chairman has been called in to mediate on issues around Aboriginal children roaming the street in Port Augusta.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, ATSIIC, State politics

Title: Body parts
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Saturday, 12 January 2002
Writer(s): Ferrari, Justine
News genre: Regular column
Page number:
Word length: 466
News source: Medical
First spokesperson: Cochrane Collaboration, an international organisation of leading scientists dedicated to assessing the effectiveness of medical treatments
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Discusses ear infections in infants. Mentions that one in three indigenous children in Australia have damaged eardrums as a result of chronic middle-ear infections.
Keywords: Child health, Indigenous health standards

Title: Death and the demon drink
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Tuesday, 15 January 2002
Writer(s): Toohey, Paul
News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length: 246
News source: Medical, Police/Court
First spokesperson: John Boffa, public health medical officer, Congress (an Aboriginal health service, Alice Springs)
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Discusses the issue of alcohol abuse and its link to Aborigine-on-Aborigine violence in the NT.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Police, Violence

Title: Elders demand sex abuse inquiry
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Thursday, 17 January 2002
Writer(s): Egan, Colleen
News genre: News
Page number: 4
Word length: 364
News source: Aboriginal leader
First spokesperson: Dean Collard, director, Manguri agency
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: A newly formed coalition of indigenous leaders in Perth will ask a parliamentary committee to launch a wide-ranging inquiry into sexual abuse in Aboriginal communities, claiming the Government's inquiry would not "lance the boil" of pedophilia by Noongar elders.

Keywords: Child health, Federal politics, Indigenous politics, State politics, Violence

Title: Philip Ruddock's plan to review the structure

Publication: Australian

Publication date: Friday, 18 January 2002

Writer(s):

News genre: Editorial

Page number: 8

Word length: 245

News source: Opinion

First spokesperson:

Second spokesperson:

Synopsis: Discusses The Australian's campaign to open the public's eyes to Aboriginal issues. Welcomes Philip Ruddock's plan. Mentions low life expectancy, health and education standards and high unemployment.

Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, ATSIC, Child health, Federal department of health, Federal politics, Indigenous health standards, Indigenous politics, Living conditions, Violence, Women's health

Title: Indigenous MP backs pedophilia investigation

Publication: Australian

Publication date: Friday, 18 January 2002

Writer(s): Egan, Colleen

News genre: News

Page number: 4

Word length: 524

News source: Medical, Politician

First spokesperson: Carol Martin first female Aboriginal MP

Second spokesperson: Robert Isaacs, president, Derbarl Yerrigan health service

Synopsis: The nation's first female Aboriginal MP, Carol Martin, has thrown her support behind a new coalition of Noongar leaders who want full exposure of alleged pedophilia by elders in their community.

Keywords: Child health, Indigenous politics, State politics, Violence

Title: Ruddock reworks black aid program
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Friday, 18 January 2002
Writer(s): Saunders, Megan
News genre: News
Page number: 1
Word length: 525
News source: ATSIIC, Politician
First spokesperson: Philip Ruddock, Federal Aboriginal Affairs Minister
Second spokesperson: Geoff Clark, ATSIIC chairman
Synopsis: Discusses Ruddock's plan to force urban Aborigines into mainstream welfare programs and specific funding concentrated on regional and remote communities.
Keywords: ATSIIC, Federal politics, Indigenous politics, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Medical services - mainstream

Title: Ruddock aims to split black people - Dodson
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Saturday, 19 January 2002
Writer(s): Kerin, John
News genre: News
Page number: 8
Word length: 343
News source: Aboriginal leader, Medical, Politician
First spokesperson: Pat Dodson, former chairman, Reconciliation Council
Second spokesperson: Pat Anderson, chair, National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation
Synopsis: Details Ruddock's indigenous policy which included ushering urban Aborigines into mainstream welfare centres so that funding could be concentrated on regional and remote communities. Pat Dodson responded: "I don't think it's right to treat urban Aborigines in one way and rural and remote communities in another".
Keywords: Federal department of health, Federal politics, Health funding, Indigenous health standards, Indigenous politics, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Medical services - mainstream

Title: Government mugged Aboriginal report
Publication: Sydney Morning Herald
Publication date: Saturday, 19 January 2002
Writer(s): O'Loughlin, Toni
News genre: News
Page number: 2
Word length: 450
News source: ATSIIC, Politician, Publication
First spokesperson: Philip Ruddock, Indigenous Affairs Minister
Second spokesperson: Jenny Prior, ATSIIC commissioner for north Queensland
Synopsis: The Commonwealth Grants Commission report into indigenous funding

in 2001 found that the money was not going to waste. However, the government decided to cut urban Aborigines from specialised indigenous health, education and housing programs and make them use mainstream services, defying the recommendations of the report.

Keywords: ATSIIC, Federal department of health, Federal politics, Health funding, Indigenous politics, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: Aboriginal care hitch
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Monday, 21 January 2002
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 5
Word length: 128
News source: Academic, Medical, Publication
First spokesperson: Joan Cunningham, author, Medical Journal of Australia article
Second spokesperson: Dr Dale Fisher, Royal Darwin Hospital
Synopsis: Claims that Aborigines were treated differently in hospital than the rest of the community, receiving fewer tests, operations and other medical procedures.
Keywords: Health funding, Hospitals, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Medical services - mainstream

Title: Hospitals fail needs of black patients
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Monday, 21 January 2002
Writer(s): Stock, Sarah
News genre: News
Page number: 5
Word length: 484
News source: Academic, ATSIIC, Bureaucrat, Medical, Publication
First spokesperson: Joan Cunningham, epidemiologist, Menzies School of Health Research
Second spokesperson: Unnamed spokeswoman for the federal health department's office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health
Synopsis: A study in the Medical Journal of Australia examines government data on the characteristics, diagnosis and care of patients in almost all public and private hospital in 1998 and 1999. It finds patients identified as indigenous are less likely than other patients to undergo a procedure.
Keywords: Disease, Federal department of health, Hospitals, Indigenous health standards

Title: No quick fix for long, damaged past
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Monday, 21 January 2002
Writer(s): Corowa, Miriam, Cruse, Sharon & Nimmo, Julie
News genre: Letter to the editor

Page number: 10
Word length: 769
News source: Aboriginal lay person, Academic
First spokesperson: Miriam Corowa, Indigenous woman
Second spokesperson: Sharon Cruse, Aboriginal Health Research, Flinders Institute of Health Research
Synopsis: Expresses concerns over Phillip Ruddock's indigenous policy plan. Mentions alcohol and substance abuse issues.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Federal politics, Indigenous politics, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Medical services - mainstream, Violence

Title: The nation
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Monday, 21 January 2002
Writer(s):
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 2
Word length: 214
News source: Unknown
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Indigenous Australians, who generally suffer poorer health than the rest of the population, have fewer tests and less surgery than whites when admitted to hospital.
Keywords: Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Medical services - mainstream

Title: Black Welfare
Publication: Sydney Morning Herald
Publication date: Wednesday, 23 January 2002
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 10
Word length: 468
News source: ATSIIC, Politician
First spokesperson: Philip Ruddick, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Philip Ruddock, announced that there would be a shift in the way that housing, health and educational services were provided to urban Aborigines.
Keywords: ATSIIC, Federal department of health, Federal politics, Indigenous politics, Living conditions, Schools

Title: Walkout threats follow sacking
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Thursday, 24 January 2002

Writer(s): Egan, Colleen
News genre: News
Page number: 6
Word length: 407
News source: Bureaucrat, Lawyer/Legal representative
First spokesperson: Richard Bannerman, Perth lawyer
Second spokesperson: Dennis Eggington, director, Aboriginal Legal Service
Synopsis: A board member resigned and staff considered walking out of the troubled Derabl Yerrigan health service over the removal of a volunteer who had been advocating Aboriginal issues for 20 years.
Keywords: Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: Defeatism costs black lives
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Friday, 25 January 2002
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 9
Word length: 937
News source: ATSIC, Film/TV/Other media report, Politician
First spokesperson: Murrandoo Yanner, ATSIC commissioner
Second spokesperson: Amanda Vanstone, Federal Minister for Family and Community Services
Synopsis: Claims that the indigenous leadership and Canberra continue to fail Aboriginal women.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, ATSIC, Federal politics, Indigenous politics, State politics, Violence

Title: Sex abuse files at nub of protest
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Tuesday, 29 January 2002
Writer(s): Egan, Colleen
News genre: News
Page number: 7
Word length: 329
News source: Aboriginal leader
First spokesperson: Kathleen Penny, Noongar elder
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: An impasse has developed at Perth's Aboriginal health service over the position of a long-time volunteer and the integrity of client files allegedly documenting generations of sexual abuse and medical and housing issues.
Keywords: Child health, Indigenous politics, Living conditions, State politics, Violence

Title: Gallop urges support in child abuse inquiry
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Wednesday, 30 January 2002

Writer(s): Egan, Colleen & Tucak, Layla
News genre: News
Page number: 4
Word length: 380
News source: Aboriginal leader, Other, Politician
First spokesperson: Geoff Gallop, WA Premier
Second spokesperson: Betsy Buchanan, volunteer, Derbal Yerrigan health service
Synopsis: Premier Geoff Gallop called on non-government agencies to co-operate with the Gordon inquiry into Aboriginal child sexual abuse as concerns continued over the privacy of client files at Derbal Yerrigan health service.
Keywords: Child health, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, State politics, Violence

Title: Blacks to take on child abuse
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Thursday, 31 January 2002
Writer(s): Egan, Colleen
News genre: News
Page number: 4
Word length: 498
News source: ATASIC
First spokesperson: Dean Collard, spokesman, meeting of Aboriginal leaders
Second spokesperson: Unnamed ATASIC spokesman
Synopsis: A meeting of Aboriginal leaders has endorsed a wide-ranging plan to deal with the problem of child sexual abuse, putting the issue high on the political agenda and calling for governments to remodel services to tackle the problem.
Keywords: ATASIC, Child health, Federal politics, Indigenous politics, State politics, Violence

February 2002

Title: Aboriginal families urged to tackle abuse
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Friday, 1 February 2002
Writer(s): Hickman, Belinda
News genre: News
Page number: 4
Word length: 298
News source: Police/Court
First spokesperson: Sue Gordon, Aboriginal magistrate
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Aboriginal magistrate Sue Gordon has called for indigenous families to take more responsibility for dealing with abuse cases as she welcomed a pledge by key community leaders to support her inquiry into the problem.
Keywords: Living conditions, Violence

Title: Life-saving dollars roll in for land council
Publication: Sydney Morning Herald
Publication date: Monday, 4 February 2002
Writer(s): Jopson, Debra
News genre: News
Page number: 1
Word length: 528
News source: Aboriginal Land Council, Aboriginal lay person, Other
First spokesperson: David Pross, Chairman of the Darkinjung Aboriginal Land Council
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The Darkinjung Aboriginal Land Council voted to sell 101 hectares of prime beachfront land on the Central Coast for millions of dollars to a developer who was planning a golf course resort. The council planned to put the money into health, education, housing and employment.
Keywords: Education funding, Health funding, Living conditions, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: Staff move to sack health board
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Wednesday, 6 February 2002
Writer(s): Egan, Colleen
News genre: News
Page number: 6
Word length: 262
News source: Unknown
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The troubled Derbal Terrigan indigenous health service in Perth is facing a revolt by Noongar members who have forced a meeting to move no-confidence motions in the board.
Keywords: Courts, Legal aid, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, State politics

Title: Secrets and whispers
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Wednesday, 6 February 2002
Writer(s): Egan, Colleen
News genre: Feature
Page number: 11
Word length: 1644
News source: Aboriginal leader, Lawyer/Legal representative, Medical, Politician
First spokesperson: Ted Wilkes, director, Derbal Yerrigan health service
Second spokesperson: Michael Poland
Synopsis: Public airing of sex abuse claims threatens to cripple a Perth Aboriginal community. Ted Wilkes, a prominent figure in the WA indigenous health sector, alleges systematic sexual abuse of Aboriginal children by some Noongar elders.

Keywords: Child health, Health funding, Indigenous politics, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Violence

Title: Funds go bush
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Wednesday, 6 February 2002
Writer(s): McCulloch, Stuart
News genre: Letter to the editor
Page number: 12
Word length: 129
News source: Non-Aboriginal lay person
First spokesperson: Stuart McCulloch, member of the public
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Discusses writ lodged by Aboriginal elders in the High Court relating to copyright images or icons of Australian fauna. Mentions that the case could be taxpayer funded, money that would be better spent on Aboriginal health, education and funding.
Keywords: Courts

Title: Keep up the pressure
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 12 February 2002
Writer(s): Johnston, Mark
News genre: Letter to the editor
Page number: 10
Word length: 205
News source: Non-Aboriginal lay person
First spokesperson: Mark Johnston
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Claims that the Queensland government should be applauded for highlighting the problem of domestic violence in Torres Strait and Cape York communities.
Keywords: Child health, Living conditions, State politics, Women's health

Title: Bankrupting blacks is not good policy
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Thursday, 14 February 2002
Writer(s):
News genre: Editorial
Page number: 10
Word length: 488
News source: Opinion
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Discusses the practice of businesses taking bank access cards and PINs from indigenous people to pay for grog. States that it is not a matter for police or liquor licencing but for Aboriginal communities.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Indigenous health standards, Police

Title: ACCC urges cash card honesty system
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Saturday, 16 February 2002
Writer(s): Martin, Roger
News genre: News
Page number: 12
Word length: 418
News source: Aboriginal leader, Bureaucrat, Medical
First spokesperson: Professor Ian Webster, President, Alcohol and Other Drugs Council of Australia
Second spokesperson: Joseph Elu, chairman, Indigenous Business Australia
Synopsis: The ACCC has concluded it is pointless banning traders in remote Aboriginal communities from keeping customers' bank access cards, and will ask them to operate by a voluntary code of conduct instead.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions

Title: Pools washing away public health problems
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Friday, 22 February 2002
Writer(s): Tucak, Layla
News genre: News
Page number: 8
Word length: 447
News source: Academic, Politician, Publication
First spokesperson: Mary Tennant, researcher, Institute for Child Health Research
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The children of a remote Aboriginal community in WA have improved their health by bathing in a government-funded swimming pool.
Keywords: Child health, Disease, Health funding, Indigenous health standards, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, State department of health, State politics

Title: Poor logic deepens the divide
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Monday, 25 February 2002
Writer(s): Megalogenis, George
News genre: Regular column
Page number: 8
Word length: 864
News source: Academic, Opinion
First spokesperson: Ann Harding, director, National Centre for Social and Economic Modelling
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Discusses poverty and globalisation. Mentions life expectancy difference between Aborigines and the rest of the Australian population
Keywords: Indigenous health standards

Title: Public health injection
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Thursday, 28 February 2002
Writer(s): Woodruff, Tim
News genre: Letter to the editor
Page number: 10
Word length: 385
News source: Academic, Medical
First spokesperson: Professor Fran Baum, Public Health, Flinders University
Second spokesperson: Tim Woodruff, National President, Doctors Reform Society
Synopsis: Discusses the public health industry raising its fees by an average 7 per cent. Mentions public health spending and its allocation; claims that 10 per cent should be dedicated to Aboriginal health.
Keywords: Health funding, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Medical services - mainstream

March 2002

Title: Drug use explosion raises fear of disease
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Thursday, 7 March 2002
Writer(s): Hickman, Belinda
News genre: News
Page number: 4
Word length: 467
News source: Academic, Medical, Publication
First spokesperson: Professor Dennis Gray, research team leader, National Drug Research Institute
Second spokesperson: Jade Maddox, director, Noongar Alcohol and Substance Abuse Service
Synopsis: Research has found that Injecting drug use has increased by up to 100 per cent among Aborigines, leading to increased concerns about a potential explosion of blood-borne diseases among indigenous West Australians.
Keywords: Disease, Indigenous health standards, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: Black communities in a mess, warns Aboriginal minister
Publication: Sydney Morning Herald
Publication date: Friday, 8 March 2002
Writer(s): Jopson, Debra
News genre: News
Page number: 9
Word length: 515
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: John Ah Kit, minister assisting Chief Minister Clare Martin on indigenous affairs.
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: John Ah Kit, the first indigenous minister to serve in the Northern Territory Parliament, said that it was almost impossible to find a functional Aboriginal community in the Territory. In his first major ministerial statement, Mr Ah Kit told Parliament that the burden of indigenous ill health in the Territory threatened "to blow out the economy faster than it can grow."
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Living conditions, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, State department of health, State politics, Violence

Title: Dodson son killed
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Friday, 8 March 2002
Writer(s):
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 6

Word length: 320
News source: Other
First spokesperson: John Allin, spokesman, Deakin University
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Reports on the circumstances of the death of Mick Dodson's son.
Keywords:

Title: Warning of a city behind razor wire
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Monday, 11 March 2002
Writer(s): Toohey, Paul
News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length: 472
News source: Lawyer/Legal representative, Politician
First spokesperson: Jon Trippett QC, Darwin criminal Lawyer
Second spokesperson: John Ah Kit, NT Local Government Minister
Synopsis: Claims that Darwin is turning into a low-level Port Moresby in which whites seek to protect their possessions with razor wire and dogs from homeless Aborigines. Mentions neglect of Aborigines by all previous governments. Claims that institutionalised racism has resulted in the Aboriginal population being without important things that the rest of the community has: health care, community services, educational facilities.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Federal politics, Health funding, Indigenous education standards, Indigenous health standards, Indigenous politics, Living conditions, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Medical services - mainstream, Race & racism, State politics, Violence

Title: Charity burgeons at home
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Tuesday, 12 March 2002
Writer(s): Walker, Vanessa
News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length: 361
News source: Aboriginal leader, Church/welfare body
First spokesperson: Ruth Jones, general manager, Philanthropy Australia
Second spokesperson: Darren Godwell, Chief executive, Lumbu Indigenous Community foundation
Synopsis: Aboriginal leader Darren Godwell, speaking at a conference, mentioned that white Australia was healthy, while black Australia looked like a developing nation.
Keywords: Health funding, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions

Title: Howard policy ignored GP grant
Publication: Australian

Publication date: Wednesday, 13 March 2002
Writer(s): Kerin, John
News genre: News
Page number: 2
Word length: 406
News source: Medical, Politician
First spokesperson: John Howard, Prime Minister
Second spokesperson: Stephen Smith, opposition health spokesman
Synopsis: Claims that John Howard went the polls in the previous year on a health funding fallacy, promoting a policy that failed to acknowledge funding cuts relating to Michael Wooldridge's medical lobby group property grant. Mentions that the NT is in dire need of funds to provide specialists to remote Aboriginal communities.
Keywords: Federal politics, Health funding, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, State department of health

Title: Health for GP
Publication: Sydney Morning Herald
Publication date: Thursday, 14 March 2002
Writer(s): Fahey, Barbara
News genre: Letter to the editor
Page number: 12
Word length: 544
News source: Non-Aboriginal lay person
First spokesperson: Craig Leventhal
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Claims that the Aboriginal dental clinic at Grafton was forced to close due to lack of funding, while five million dollars had been put into building the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners.
Keywords: Health funding

Title: Health system needs strong dose of reality
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Monday, 18 March 2002
Writer(s):
News genre: Editorial
Page number: 12
Word length: 507
News source: Opinion
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Discusses the current state of public health system, Mentions under-servicing in rural areas and Aboriginal population.
Keywords: Federal department of health, Federal politics, Health funding, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Medical services - mainstream

Title: Thirst for SELF-RULE
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 23 March 2002
Writer(s): Wenham, Margaret
News genre: News
Page number: 30
Word length: 1325
News source: Aboriginal leader, Politician, Publication
First spokesperson: Judy Spence, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
Second spokesperson: Robert Sands, chief executive officer, Kowanyama
Synopsis: Minister Judy Spence copped flak after threats to close canteens and set up a unit to combat alcohol abuse and violence on aboriginal communities.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Living conditions, Violence

Title: Black graft endemic, ATSIC
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Wednesday, 27 March 2002
Writer(s): Saunder, Megan
News genre: News
Page number: 1
Word length: 585
News source: Academic, ATSIC, Conference/Meeting/Speech, Politician
First spokesperson: Marcia Langton, academic
Second spokesperson: Brian Butler, SA ATSIC commissioner
Synopsis: Alleges that corruption and bribery are widespread in indigenous communities.
Keywords: Allegations of Indigenous corruption, ATSIC, Drugs, Federal department of health, Federal politics, Health funding, Indigenous politics, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, State politics

Title: Black issues redefined
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Thursday, 28 March 2002
Writer(s): Rintoul, Stuart
News genre: News
Page number: 1
Word length: 737
News source: Academic, ATSIC, Lawyer/Legal representative, Politician, Publication
First spokesperson: Geoff Clark, chairman, ATSIC
Second spokesperson: John Howard, Prime Minister
Synopsis: Discusses the change in dynamic between Aboriginals and the Howard government. Mentions violence, petrol-sniffing, child abuse and illiteracy.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, ATSIC, Child health, Federal politics, Indigenous education standards, Indigenous health standards, Indigenous politics, Living conditions, Violence

April 2002

Title: Jump in number of children placed in care
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Thursday, 4 April 2002
Writer(s): Walker, Vanessa
News genre: News
Page number: 6
Word length: 474
News source: Church/welfare body, Politician, Publication
First spokesperson: Larry Anthony, Minister for Children and Youth Affairs
Second spokesperson: Jan Owen, chief executive, Create Foundation
Synopsis: A dramatic rise in the number of families unable to care for their children has led to a 26 per cent jump in care protection orders over the past four years. Mentions that indigenous children were 6 times more likely to be in care, commonly due to parental neglect.
Keywords: Child health, Courts

Title: State tops nation in child abuse figures
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 4 April 2002
Writer(s): Wenham, Margaret
News genre: News
Page number: 8
Word length: 480
News source: Academic, Bureaucrat
First spokesperson: Helen Johnstone, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Second spokesperson: Unnamed spokeswoman, child protection unit, Families Department
Synopsis: Claims that Queensland had the highest rate of child abuse in the nation, with a 43 per cent increase in child abuse notifications between 1997 and 2002. Indigenous children continued to be over-represented in the child protection system nationwide, with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children on care and protection orders 6.2 times the rate for other Australian children.
Keywords: Child health

Title: Health staff fury over acting chief
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Friday, 5 April 2002
Writer(s): Egan, Colleen
News genre: News
Page number: 5
Word length: 369
News source: Medical
First spokesperson: Diana Downs-Stoney, acting executive, Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service
Second spokesperson: Mort Hansen, committee member, Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service
Synopsis: WA's biggest employer of Aboriginal workers was in turmoil following the

refusal of a large group of staff to recognise the position of the acting chief executive.
Keywords: Allegations of Indigenous corruption, Health funding, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: We're richer but paying for it, says ABS
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Friday, 5 April 2002
Writer(s): Megalogenis, George
News genre: Editorial
Page number: 6
Word length: 608
News source: Opinion
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Discusses Australia's economic improvements. Mentions gap between Aboriginal life expectancy and the rest of the population.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards

Title: State of the nation
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Friday, 5 April 2002
Writer(s):
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 6
Word length: 118
News source: Unknown
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Discusses the gap between Aboriginal life expectancy and the rest of the population.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards

Title: Call for intolerance
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 6 April 2002
Writer(s): Pearson, Noel
News genre: Invited column
Page number: 30
Word length: 1637
News source: Aboriginal leader
First spokesperson: Noel Pearson, Aboriginal leader
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Noel Pearson responded to the Fitzgerald Justice Study, arguing that there were two imperatives: the need to take decisive action and the need for each community to "own" the action and take responsibility for

Keywords: tackling grog problems.
Alcohol & drugs, Hospitals, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, Violence

Title: Good life under the gun
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Saturday, 6 April 2002
Writer(s): Megalogenis, George
News genre: Editorial
Page number: 19
Word length: 1312
News source: Opinion
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Discusses ABS statistics, including Aborigines' life expectancy, and likelihood of going to jail.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, Prisons

Title: Care for wounds by email
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Tuesday, 9 April 2002
Writer(s): Ede, Charisse
News genre: News
Page number: 30
Word length: 275
News source: Medical, Non-Aboriginal lay person, Politician
First spokesperson: John Thwaites, Victorian Health Minister
Second spokesperson: Stephen Pemberton, patient
Synopsis: A medical imaging system is enabling patients in remote Australian communities to receive expert advice on wounds without having to visit hospital. This system is said to be useful to Aboriginal communities
Keywords: Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Medical services - mainstream

Title: Alcohol ban plan branded paternal
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 10 April 2002
Writer(s): Spann, Craig & Franklin, Matthew
News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length: 521
News source: Aboriginal leader, Politician, Publication
First spokesperson: Premier Peter Beattie
Second spokesperson: Bob Sands, Kowanyama Community Council
Synopsis: Premier Peter Beattie vowed to defy criticism from some indigenous leaders and embrace a controversial report calling for tough action to

Keywords: deal with alcohol abuse in indigenous communities.
Alcohol & drugs, Disease, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, Violence

Title: State backs reform
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 10 April 2002
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 1
Word length: 157
News source: Politician, Publication
First spokesperson: Premier Peter Beattie
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Premier Peter Beattie said that no one should doubt his absolute commitment to adopting former judge Tony Fitzgerald's call for a tough attack on alcoholism in indigenous communities.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Disease, Health funding, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, State politics, Violence

Title: Black pregnancy problem tackled
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Wednesday, 10 April 2002
Writer(s): Strahan, Nicole
News genre: News
Page number: 5
Word length:
News source: Aboriginal lay person, Medical
First spokesperson: Katrina Newton, Aboriginal mother-to-be
Second spokesperson: Leanne Coyle, Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation
Synopsis: Discusses complications during pregnancy and childbirth for Aboriginal women.
Keywords: Child health, Health funding, Indigenous health standards, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Medical services - mainstream, Race & racism, Women's health

Title: State fights horror of grog abuse
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 11 April 2002
Writer(s): Franklin, Matthew
News genre: News
Page number: 1
Word length: 637
News source: ATSIIC, Politician, Publication

First spokesperson: Premier Peter Beattie

Second spokesperson: Judy Spence, Aboriginal Partnerships Minister

Synopsis: Indigenous community councils would be stripped of control of alcohol canteens in a State Government bid to wipe out alcohol-driven violence on Cape York.

Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, Women's health

Title: Achievable solutions at hand for sad camps
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 11 April 2002
Writer(s): Koch, Tony
News genre: News
Page number: 2
Word length: 337
News source: Politician, Publication
First spokesperson: Premier Peter Beattie
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The State Government's response to Tony Fitzgerald's Cape York study represented a serious commitment to address the problems confronting indigenous life in remote communities, including overcrowding, oppression, unemployment, alcoholism and violence.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: Beattie misses chance to beat the grog
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Thursday, 11 April 2002
Writer(s):
News genre: Editorial
Page number: 8
Word length: 671
News source: Opinion
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Claims that Peter Beattie has bowed to political correctness and a flawed view of Aboriginal self-determination in watering down a precarious chance to end the indigenous grog epidemic.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: Uniform protection laws urged
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Friday, 12 April 2002
Writer(s): Walker, Vanessa & Videnieks, Monica
News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length: 635
News source: Church/welfare body, Politician, Publication
First spokesperson: Larry Anthony, Children and Youth Affairs Minister
Second spokesperson: Brad Hazzard, NSW Opposition Community Services spokesman
Synopsis: Call for uniform child protection laws. Mentions WA Gordon inquiry into violence and sexual abuse in Aboriginal communities.
Keywords: Child health

Title: Ruddock's plan 'just one step from racism'
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Saturday, 13 April 2002
Writer(s): Rintoul, Stuart
News genre: News
Page number: 8
Word length: 503
News source: Human Rights Commission, Politician
First spokesperson: Dr Bill Jonas, Aboriginal human rights commissioner
Second spokesperson: Mr Ruddock, Federal Aboriginal Affairs Minister
Synopsis: Aboriginal human rights commissioner Bill Jonas has described the federal Government's "five-point plan" for Aboriginal people as assimilationist and "one step away from racist policy". Mentions making substance abuse the focus of health policy.
Keywords: Drugs, Education funding, Federal politics, Indigenous politics

Title: Trails for vaccine
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 13 April 2002
Writer(s): Ryan, Siobhain
News genre: News
Page number: 12
Word length: 320
News source: Aboriginal Land Council, Academic
First spokesperson: Professor Michael Good, director, Queensland Institute of Medical Research
Second spokesperson: Kevin Driscoll, board director, Indigenous Land Corporation
Synopsis: The Queensland Institute of Medical Research had developed a vaccine for rheumatic fever, a killer disease common in Aboriginal communities.
Keywords: Disease, Living conditions, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: Vaccine for Aborigines spurned by drug makers
Publication: Sydney Morning Herald
Publication date: Monday, 15 April 2002
Writer(s): Jopson, Debra
News genre: News
Page number: 4
Word length: 356
News source: Aboriginal lay person, Academic, Publication
First spokesperson: Michael Good, director of the Queensland Institute of Medical Research
Second spokesperson: Kevin Dirscoll, Director of the Indigenous Land Corporation
Synopsis: The Queensland Institute of Medical Research was not able to find a pharmaceutical company willing to provide the \$500,000 needed to begin a trial into a vaccine against rheumatic fever which affects Aborigines at the highest recorded rate in the world.
Keywords: Child health, Health funding, Indigenous health standards

Title: Charity millions halted by indigenous funding row
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Monday, 15 April 2002
Writer(s): McKinnon, Michael
News genre: News
Page number: 1
Word length: 634
News source: Church/welfare body
First spokesperson: Alan Hooper, finance director, Queensland Cancer Fund
Second spokesperson: Mike Lynskey, chief executive, Fred Hollows Foundation
Synopsis: The second largest charity fund in Australia ground to a halt for 15 months over a dispute between its Queensland trustees about the scope of funding for Aborigines. Briefly mentions that the charity's work towards indigenous health would not have been funded by governments.
Keywords: Health funding, State politics

Title: Hospitals silent on deaths
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Monday, 15 April 2002
Writer(s): Scholz, Nathan & Jones, Chris
News genre: News
Page number: 1
Word length: 722
News source: Church/welfare body
First spokesperson: Mike Lynskey, chief executive, Fred Hollows Foundation
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Briefly mentions the work of the Viertel Foundation, and their donations which had allowed ground breaking work improving nutrition in indigenous communities in Queensland and the Northern Territory.
Keywords: Health funding, State department of health

Title: Charity draws indigenous ire
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 16 April 2002
Writer(s): Lomax, Simon
News genre: News
Page number: 7
Word length: 442
News source: Aboriginal leader, Church/welfare body
First spokesperson: Darren Godwell, chief executive, Lumbu Indigenous Community Foundation
Second spokesperson: Rew Freudenberg, trustee, Silvia and Charles Viertel Charitable Foundation
Synopsis: The Silvia and Charles Viertel Charitable Foundation was accused of turning its back on needy Aboriginal communities. The Charity donated up to \$5 million each year, divided between medical research and community-based projects. Indigenous communities would no longer receive special treatment.
Keywords: Health funding

Title: Cashing in on aged health
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 20 April 2002
Writer(s): Parnell, Sean
News genre: News
Page number: 29
Word length: 975
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Peter Costello, Federal Treasurer
Second spokesperson: Kay Patterson, Federal Health minister
Synopsis: The Federal Treasurer Peter Costello announced that the government had placed ageing population high on its agenda. However Queensland Health minister Wendy Edmond said there were significant anomalies with the existing system. Queensland had 27 per cent of the indigenous population yet only received 14 per cent of the funding.
Keywords: Federal politics, Health funding, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, State politics

Title: Police clear Wilkes over health service
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Monday, 22 April 2002
Writer(s): Egan, Colleen
News genre: News
Page number: 4
Word length: 364
News source: Medical
First spokesperson: Ted Wilkes, director, Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service, Perth
Second spokesperson: Robert Isaacs, president, Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service, Perth

Synopsis: The WA police fraud squad has cleared veteran Aboriginal health leader Ted Wilkes over allegations he wrongly dealt with finances at Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service in Perth.

Keywords: Allegations of Indigenous corruption, Child health, Violence

Title: Call for grants to boost black health

Publication: Australian

Publication date: Wednesday, 24 April 2002

Writer(s): Kerin, John

News genre: News

Page number: 6

Word length: 399

News source: Conference/Meeting/Speech, Medical, Politician

First spokesperson: Pat Anderson, chairwoman, NACCHO

Second spokesperson: Unnamed spokesman for Senator Kay Patterson, Federal Health Minister

Synopsis: An Aboriginal leader has proposed a plan to give trainee doctors a tax-free \$20,000 a year towards their studies in return for spending six years in remote or urban indigenous communities, to beat a chronic shortage of medicos.

Keywords: Health funding, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: Medico exodus engenders indigenous health centres

Publication: Sydney Morning Herald

Publication date: Thursday, 25 April 2002

Writer(s): Jopson, Debra

News genre: News

Page number: 2

Word length: 512

News source: Medical, Politician

First spokesperson: Dr John Daniels, Medical director of the Aboriginal Medical Service Redfern.

Second spokesperson:

Synopsis: Dr John Daniels, the medical director of the nation's oldest Aboriginal Medical Service, warned of an impending crisis for indigenous health centres in NSW as the first of about 20 salaried doctors who would shortly be without medical malpractice insurance resigned.

Keywords: Health funding, Hospitals, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Medical services - mainstream

Title: Lack of education proving 'deadly'
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Monday, 29 April 2002
Writer(s): Madigan, Michael
News genre: News
Page number: 2
Word length: 258
News source: Other, Publication
First spokesperson: Joel Wright, indigenous officer, National Tertiary education union
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: A report, "Apartheid: Australian Style 2002", found that poor education, rather than crime and poverty, was killing Aborigines.
Keywords: Education funding, Indigenous education standards, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions

Title: Violence summit for black women
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Monday, 29 April 2002
Writer(s): Scott, Leisa & Stock, Sarah
News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length: 339
News source: Aboriginal leader
First spokesperson: Thomas Hudson, Queensland's Aboriginal Co-ordinating Council
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Several hundred Aboriginal women have met in north-western NSW to hold crisis talks about domestic violence in their communities.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Indigenous health standards, Violence, Women's health

Title: Saving life is islanders' ambition
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Monday, 29 April 2002
Writer(s): Grayson, Ian
News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length: 328
News source: Medical
First spokesperson: Bill Landers, patient services officer, Joyce Palmer Health Service & area co-ordinator, SES
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Discusses a local resident's desire to become the first indigenous ambulance officer on Palm Island. Mentions deaths due to lack of ambulance availability, as well as the rate of alcohol-related violence.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Hospitals, Indigenous health standards, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Medical services - mainstream, Violence

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Title: Aborigines seek speed on health and justice
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 2 May 2002
Writer(s): Wenham, Margaret
News genre: News
Page number: 8
Word length: 432
News source: Aboriginal leader, Politician
First spokesperson: Pat Anderson, chairwoman, National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation
Second spokesperson: Judy Spence, Qld Aboriginal Affairs Minister
Synopsis: The National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation renewed calls for frank debate on community violence as key groups met to fast-track the Beattie Government's response to the Fitzgerald Cape York Justice Society.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Health funding, Living conditions, State politics, Violence

Title: Black Aboriginal women
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Thursday, 2 May 2002
Writer(s): Munn, Regina
News genre: Letter to the editor
Page number: 10
Word length: 2178
News source: Lawyer/Legal representative
First spokesperson: Regina Munn, Co-ordinator, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Women's Legal & Advocacy Service
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Claims a lack of resources for women's legal services. Alleges leniency towards perpetrators. Mentions lack of funding from ATSIC being directed to violence protection.
Keywords: ATSIC, Child health, Indigenous health standards, Legal aid, Violence, Women's health

Title: ATSIC 'failing women'
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Thursday, 2 May 2002
Writer(s): Rowbotham, Jill & Saunders, Megan
News genre: News
Page number: 4
Word length: 399
News source: ATSIC, Conference/Meeting/Speech, Lawyer/Legal representative, Medical
First spokesperson: Regina Munn, Co-ordinator, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Legal and Advocacy Service
Second spokesperson: Pat Anderson, head, National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation
Synopsis: Calls for more funding by ATSIC for groups that assist indigenous women with domestic violence, family law and child protection.
Keywords: ATSIC, Child health, Health funding, Indigenous health standards, Legal aid, Women's health

Title: ATSIC fails to tackle black violence
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Thursday, 2 May 2002
Writer(s): Toohey, Paul
News genre: Feature
Page number: 10
Word length: 588
News source: Aboriginal Land Council, Medical
First spokesperson: Noel Pearson, leader, Cape York Land Council
Second spokesperson: Pat Anderson, chairwoman, National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation
Synopsis: Discusses 'normalisation of extreme family violence within Aboriginal communities', which is seen by leading Aboriginal health professional as "the most pressing issue confronting us today". Alleges indifference to issue by ATSIC.
Keywords: ATSIC, Health funding, Violence, Women's health

Title: Cheque but no bank for Aborigines
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Tuesday, 7 May 2002
Writer(s): Morris, Sophie & Stock, Sarah
News genre: News
Page number: 6
Word length: 366
News source: Business, Conference/Meeting/Speech, Publication
First spokesperson: Joseph Elu, chariman, Indigenous Business Australia
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: A workshop in Canberra will discuss ways to improve banking and financial services for indigenous communities. Mentions ABS report on

Keywords: living conditions in indigenous communities.
Indigenous health standards, Living conditions

Title: Aborigines still lag in housing, education
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 7 May 2002
Writer(s): Keim, Tony & Wenham, Margaret
News genre: News
Page number: 4
Word length: 329
News source: Aboriginal leader, Publication
First spokesperson: Lloyd Fourmile, executive member, Aboriginal Co-ordinating Council
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Figures released by the Australian Bureau of Statistic revealed that many Queensland Aboriginal communities had no clean water, working sewerage or access to adequate high school facilities.
Keywords: Education funding, Indigenous education standards, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, Schools

Title: Remote community finds it pays to network
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Thursday, 9 May 2002
Writer(s): Hodge, Amanda
News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length: 393
News source: Bureaucrat
First spokesperson: Gerhardt Pearson, chairman, Outback Digital Network
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Discusses the benefits of a digital network in Cape York, which is expected to deliver better health and education services.
Keywords: Medical services - mainstream

Title: PNG's looming AIDS menace
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Thursday, 16 May 2002
Writer(s): Kaszubska, Gosia
News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length: 335
News source: Academic, Publication
First spokesperson: Jon Willis, Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society, La Trobe University
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: A leading HIV researcher has warned that the AIDS crisis in PNG could reach Aboriginal communities in northern Australia.

Keywords: Disease, International

Title: Children grow healthier but heavier
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Friday, 17 May 2002
Writer(s): Bryden-Brown, Sarah
News genre:
Page number: 6
Word length: 387
News source: Academic, Publication
First spokesperson: Fadwa Al-Yaman, author, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare report
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Reports on latest child health statistics. Mentions that Australia ranks low in comparison with other OECD countries because of alarmingly high indigenous infant deaths.
Keywords: Child health, Indigenous health standards

Title: Kids healthier but no happier
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Friday, 17 May 2002
Writer(s): Ryan, Siobhain
News genre: News
Page number: 5
Word length: 481
News source: Medical, Publication
First spokesperson: Dr Tony Cook, child and adolescent psychiatrist
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: A study on child health showed that children were healthier than a decade previously. However Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children had poorer health than other Australian children, with 2.5-3 times higher death rates.
Keywords: Child health, Disease, Living conditions

Title: Children healthier, but dangers lurk
Publication: Sydney Morning Herald
Publication date: Friday, 17 May 2002
Writer(s): Robinson, Mark
News genre: News
Page number: 2
Word length: 463
News source: Publication
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Briefly mentions that the report prepared by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare showed that on most health issues indigenous children were worse off than others.
Keywords: Child health, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: Margin call
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Tuesday, 21 May 2002
Writer(s): West, Michael
News genre: Editorial
Page number: 32
Word length: 762
News source: Business
First spokesperson: Bruce Tomlinson, president, Independent Wineries Association
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Discusses taxing cask wine and the potential for litigation against the grog companies. Mentions prevalence of cask wine in Aboriginal communities.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Indigenous health standards

Title: Healthcare e-record trial begins
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Tuesday, 21 May 2002
Writer(s): Thorp, Diana
News genre: News
Page number: 38
Word length: 502
News source: Medical
First spokesperson: Paul Fitzgerald, program manager, HealthConnect
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Reports on the commencement of Healthconnect, the proposed national electronic health information network, which will be tested in diverse locations. In the NT the trial is based around Katherine with a focus on Aboriginal and remote services.
Keywords: Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Medical services - mainstream

Title: Hungry children feeding out shame
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Wednesday, 22 May 2002
Writer(s): Toohey, Paul
News genre: Feature
Page number: 1
Word length: 1495
News source: Aboriginal lay person, Aboriginal leader, Business, Local government, Medical, Non-Aboriginal lay person, Other
First spokesperson: Dr Matthew Wright, district medical officer
Second spokesperson: Claire Howard, principal, Docker River school
Synopsis: Discusses comment made by district medical officer, Matthew Wright, about children in Docker River going hungry and growing poorly.
Keywords: Child health

Title: Sorry's just not enough
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Wednesday, 22 May 2002
Writer(s): Albrechtsen, Janet
News genre: Feature
Page number: 11
Word length: 908
News source: Aboriginal leader, ATSIC, Conference/Meeting/Speech, Film/TV/Other media report
First spokesperson: William Jonas
Second spokesperson: Kate Legge, journalist
Synopsis: Critiques William Jonas' call for a Senate inquiry into 'whatever happened to reconciliation' and his view that the Government's approach to reconciliation is "assimilationist".
Keywords: Aboriginal deaths in custody, Alcohol & drugs, ATSIC, Child health, Education funding, Federal politics, Health funding, Indigenous health standards, Indigenous politics, Land rights, Living conditions, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Schools, Violence, Women's health

Title: Aboriginal healthcare revolution
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Wednesday, 22 May 2002
Writer(s): Toohey, Paul
News genre: News
Page number: 1
Word length: 555
News source: Medical, Politician
First spokesperson: Jane Agaard, NT Minister for Health
Second spokesperson: Philip Ruddock, Federal Aboriginal Affairs Minister
Synopsis: Direct control over health funding has been granted to Aborigines in the NT.

Keywords: Health funding, Indigenous health standards, Indigenous politics, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Medical services - mainstream, State department of health, State politics

Title: Minister praises remote health plan
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Thursday, 23 May 2002
Writer(s): Toohey, Paul & Kerin, John
News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length: 451
News source: Medical, Politician
First spokesperson: Kay Patterson, Health Minister
Second spokesperson: Kirk Whlan, director, Katherine West Health Board
Synopsis: Health Minister Kay Patterson has described the new NT Aboriginal health plan as an exciting project to help indigenous people combat their own problems.
Keywords: Federal department of health, Federal politics, Health funding, State department of health, State politics

Title: Health reform offers hope for Aborigines
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Thursday, 23 May 2002
Writer(s):
News genre: Editorial
Page number: 10
Word length: 610
News source: Opinion, Politician
First spokesperson: Jane Agaard, minister for health
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Discusses health reform in the NT and its benefits and challenges.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, State politics, Violence

Title: Hope at Docker River
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Saturday, 25 May 2002
Writer(s): Anthoney, Wayne
News genre: Letter to the editor
Page number: 18
Word length: 260
News source: Aboriginal lay person
First spokesperson: Wayne Anthoney, employee, Nyangatjatjara Aboriginal Corporation
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Discusses services available at Docker River from the perspective of an employee from Nyangatjatjara Aboriginal Corporation. Mentions issue of

Keywords: petrol sniffing and other substance abuse by children.
Child health, Drugs

Title: New death clouds petrol-sniffing inquest
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Wednesday, 29 May 2002
Writer(s): Williams, Thea
News genre: News
Page number: 5
Word length: 431
News source: Aboriginal lay person, Lawyer/Legal representative, Police/Court
First spokesperson: Kate Hodder, counsel assisting the coroner
Second spokesperson: Kawaki Thompson, father of Kunmanara Thompson who die of petrol sniffing
Synopsis: SA's coronial inquest into petrol sniffing has begun - a day after a community in the NT learned of the death of a young sniffer.
Keywords: Drugs, Indigenous health standards

Title: Videos, glossy mags offer no answer to sniffing
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Thursday, 30 May 2002
Writer(s): Williams, Thea
News genre: News
Page number: 4
Word length: 375
News source: Bureaucrat, Medical, Police/Court
First spokesperson: Margaret Norington, Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health
Second spokesperson: Paul Torzillo, director, Nganganampa Health Services
Synopsis: The federal Government's Aboriginal health expert flew into remote Umuwa in far north SA to give evidence at the inquest into petrol sniffing. She was unable to give exact numbers on how many petrol sniffers there were or how many deaths could be linked to the practice.
Keywords: Drugs, Indigenous health standards, Sport

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Title: Smoking in Aboriginal population under fire
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 1 June 2002
Writer(s): Parnell, Sean
News genre: News
Page number: 5
Word length: 243
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Kay Patterson, Federal Health Minister
Second spokesperson: Trish Worth, Senator Patterson's parliamentary secretary

Synopsis: The government would target smoking among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, as a review of tobacco advertising laws commenced following the World No Tobacco Day.

Keywords: Federal politics, Indigenous health standards

Title: Tobacco addiction a spark for rising crime in Aboriginal communities says report

Publication: Sydney Morning Herald

Publication date: Saturday, 1 June 2002

Writer(s): Pollard, Ruth

News genre: News

Page number: 11

Word length: 333

News source: Academic, Medical, Politician

First spokesperson: National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation

Second spokesperson: Kay Patterson, Minister for Health and Aging

Synopsis: A report by the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation, Tobacco Time for Action, found that widespread addiction to tobacco was causing rising rates of burglary and violence in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Keywords: Disease, Hospitals, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions

Title: Specialist training program at risk

Publication: Courier Mail

Publication date: Wednesday, 5 June 2002

Writer(s): Yallamas, Lisa

News genre: News

Page number: 13

Word length: 277

News source: Academic

First spokesperson: Dr Alun Williams, Indigenous health program lecturer, University of Queensland

Second spokesperson: Dr Mark Brough, Indigenous health program lecturer, University of Queensland

Synopsis: Claims that a specialist training program for indigenous health workers in north Queensland was under threat of closure because of a funding crisis.

Keywords: Education funding, Health funding, Living conditions, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: Aussies work harder, live longer

Publication: Courier Mail

Publication date: Wednesday, 5 June 2002

Writer(s): Ryan, Siobhain & Mathewson, Catriona

News genre: News

Page number: 2

Word length: 1065

News source: Academic, Publication
First spokesperson: Professor Andrew Wilson, Professor of public health, University of Queensland
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The Australian Health Trends 2002 report found that cancer, heart disease, stroke and accident death rates had all fallen in the decade to 2000. However the report noted that Queensland had the highest rates of suicide in the nation, and that the life expectancy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples remained abysmally low.
Keywords: Living conditions, Suicide

Title: The children we write off
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Saturday, 8 June 2002
Writer(s): Legge, Kate
News genre: News
Page number: 19
Word length: 2225
News source: Bureaucrat, Publication
First spokesperson: Unnamed Sydney case worker
Second spokesperson: Unnamed Queensland case worker
Synopsis: Discusses the child protection system in Australia and the criteria used to identify priority cases. Mentions WA's Gordon inquiry and that indigenous Australians are six times more likely to be subject to care protection orders.
Keywords: Child health, Indigenous health standards, Violence

Title: Cairns park 'war zones' anger mayor
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 8 June 2002
Writer(s): Reid, Robert
News genre: News
Page number: 18
Word length: 433
News source: Local government
First spokesperson: Kevin Byrne, Cairns Mayor
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Cairns Mayor Kevin Byrne accused the State Government of neglect in his fight to clean up drunken behaviour in the city streets.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, State department of health, State politics, Violence

Title: In Brief - ATSI call for change
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Thursday, 13 June 2002
Writer(s):
News genre: News summary/minor piece

Page number: 6
Word length: 286
News source: ATSiC
First spokesperson: Ray Robinson, acting chairman, ATSiC
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Ray Robinson has called for Aboriginals to have greater control over their health system to improve effectiveness.
Keywords: ATSiC, Federal department of health, Federal politics, Indigenous politics, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, State department of health

Title: Boost for net-based learning
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Wednesday, 19 June 2002
Writer(s): Lawnham, Patrick
News genre: News
Page number: 35
Word length: 458
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Kay Patterson, Health and Ageing minister
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Funding has been increased for online courses in a \$50 million public health deal for tertiary students. Mentions James Cook University's program for early detection and management of chronic diseases in indigenous people.
Keywords: Disease, Federal department of health, Federal politics, Indigenous health standards, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: New attitude says it's cool to be black, kids - The Census 2001
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Wednesday, 19 June 2002
Writer(s): Saunders, Megan & Hodge, Amanda
News genre: News
Page number: 10
Word length: 574
News source: Academic, Other, Politician
First spokesperson: Senator Aden Ridgeway, Democrats
Second spokesperson: Lou Davies, deputy principal, Balaclava State Primary School, Cairns
Synopsis: The census has found that thousands more people are identifying as indigenous Australians in comparison with the last census. Mentions better survival rate of infants in the Aboriginal population
Keywords: Child health, Federal politics, Indigenous health standards

Title: Indigenous funding
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 19 June 2002

Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 14
Word length: 196
News source: Politician, Publication
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Claims that the 2002-03 Budget would start the process of implementing reforms arising from the Cape York Justice Study aimed at reducing alcohol abuse and violence in Indigenous communities.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Health funding, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, State department of health, Violence

Title: From refugee to honoured healer
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Monday, 24 June 2002
Writer(s): DiGirolamo, Rebecca
News genre: News
Page number: 2
Word length: 402
News source: Academic, Politician
First spokesperson: Dr Cuong Tran, research scientist, Adelaide Women's and Children's Hospital
Second spokesperson: Chris Hurford, fellowship judge, former Australian Consular-General in New York & former federal minister
Synopsis: Cuong Tran, Vietnam-born scientist, has researched zinc deficiencies among Aborigines.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards, International

Title: Blacks' heroin use surges
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Monday, 24 June 2002
Writer(s): DiGirolamo, Rebecca
News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length: 383
News source: Medical, Politician
First spokesperson: Scott Wilson, state director, Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council
Second spokesperson: Lea Stevens, SA Health Minister
Synopsis: The number of Aborigines using heroin in Adelaide has jumped fivefold in the past decade, fuelling calls for the nation's first Indigenous rehabilitation centre.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Indigenous health standards, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, State department of health, State politics

Title: Calls to lift staff to beat health crisis

Publication: Sydney Morning Herald
Publication date: Tuesday, 25 June 2002
Writer(s): Metherell, Mark
News genre: News
Page number: 4
Word length: 660
News source: Academic, Politician, Publication
First spokesperson: Kay Patterson, Health Minister
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: According to a draft report from the federal Department of Health, Australia needed another 500 doctors and 650 nurses to tackle the woeful ill-health among indigenous people.
Keywords: Federal department of health, Health funding, Hospitals

Title: When health economist
Publication: Sydney Morning Herald
Publication date: Tuesday, 25 June 2002
Writer(s): Metherell, Mark
News genre: News
Page number: 4
Word length: 250
News source: Academic
First spokesperson: Gavin Moody, Health Economist.
Second spokesperson: Ian Ring, Public health scholar
Synopsis: Health economist, Professor Gavin Mooney, said the inability of bodies such as the Productivity Commission to see indigenous ill-health as the health issue in Australia was a kind of "institutionalised racism" that blocked the effective treatment of Australia's sickest communities.
Keywords: Federal department of health, Federal politics, Health funding

Title: Aborigines' short lives 'a national shame'
Publication: Sydney Morning Herald
Publication date: Wednesday, 26 June 2002
Writer(s): Metherell, Mark
News genre: News
Page number: 8
Word length: 299
News source: Academic, Politician
First spokesperson: Carmen Lawrence, Opposition's spokeswoman on indigenous affairs
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The Federal Government denied it was shirking calls to increase indigenous health staff, as Labor produced evidence that Aboriginal life expectancy was lower than in some developing countries.
Keywords: Federal department of health, Health funding, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions

Title: Kit aims to halt indigenous child abuse and neglect
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 27 June 2002
Writer(s): Moscaritolo, Maria, O'Dwyer, Erin & Dullroy, Joel
News genre: News
Page number: 6
Word length: 380
News source: Other, Politician, Publication
First spokesperson: Kenny Bedford, author, Through Young Black Eyes
Second spokesperson: Judy Spence, Qld Minister for Families
Synopsis: A government indigenous child abuse kit had been designed to reduce child abuse and neglect. Indigenous children were six times more likely to be taken by child protection agencies than non-indigenous children.
Keywords: Child health, State politics

Title: Children face health time bomb
Publication: Sydney Morning Herald
Publication date: Friday, 28 June 2002
Writer(s): Metherell, Mark
News genre: News
Page number: 1
Word length: 853
News source: Politician, Publication
First spokesperson: Andrew Tonkin, National Heart Foundation director
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare biannual report found that diabetes had been increasing in children. While the report generally painted an upbeat picture, with most Australians living longer, the advances contrasted with the failure to achieve improvements in the health of indigenous Australians, who continued to die on average 20 years earlier.
Keywords: Child health, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions

Title: Century looms as a fact of life expectancy
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Friday, 28 June 2002
Writer(s): Kerin, John
News genre: News
Page number: 4
Word length: 339
News source: Academic, Publication
First spokesperson: Paul Magnus, Australian Institute for Health and Welfare
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Discusses the prospect of women born in 2060 being able to live to 100 and men reaching that benchmark 10 years later. Mentions Aboriginal life expectancy being 20 years fewer than the rest of the population.

Keywords: Indigenous health standards

Title: Reform to Aboriginal services
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Friday, 28 June 2002
Writer(s): Moscaritolo, Maria
News genre: News
Page number: 8
Word length: 241
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Philip Ruddock, Aboriginal Affairs Minister
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: States and territories would be asked to take more responsibility for indigenous support under a new plan to mainstream all services in urban and regional areas.
Keywords: Federal department of health, Health funding, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Medical services - mainstream, State department of health

Title: Black lives white lies
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Saturday, 29 June 2002
Writer(s): Neill, Rosemary
News genre: Feature
Page number: 19
Word length: 1578
News source: Aboriginal leader, Politician, Publication
First spokesperson: Noel Pearson, Aboriginal Leader
Second spokesperson: Philip Ruddock, Aboriginal Affairs minister
Synopsis: Discusses Aboriginal life expectancy and the mortality gap with the rest of Australia.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards, International, Prisons, State department of health

Title: Black baby health facts don't figure
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Saturday, 29 June 2002
Writer(s): Scott, Leisa
News genre: News
Page number: 11
Word length: 499
News source: Academic, Bureaucrat, Medical
First spokesperson: Joan Cunningham, head, population, health and human development division, Menzies School of Health Research
Second spokesperson: Janis Shaw, director, ABS National Centre for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander statistics

Synopsis: Discusses the lack of statistical information about the infant mortality rate amongst Aborigines, which is attributed to changing habits in filling out birth and death forms and an increase in the number of people identifying as Aborigines.

Keywords: Child health, Indigenous health standards

Title: Indigenous mothers say 'Thanks, Aunty Rosie'

Publication: Australian

Publication date: Saturday, 29 June 2002

Writer(s): Scott, Leisa

News genre: News

Page number: 11

Word length: 352

News source: Aboriginal lay person, Medical

First spokesperson: Mrs Gilbert, resident, Mookai-Rosie-Bi-Bayan

Second spokesperson: Lillian Levers, Manager, Mookai-Rosie-Bi-Bayan

Synopsis: A halfway house in Cairns helps newly pregnant indigenous women learn about birthing, nutrition and breastfeeding.

Keywords: Child health, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Women's health

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Title: Black men tackle health taboos

Publication: Australian

Publication date: Thursday, 4 July 2002

Writer(s): Hodge, Amanda

News genre: News

Page number: 4

Word length: 335

News source: Aboriginal lay person, Aboriginal leader

First spokesperson: Glenn Williams, member, Wujal Wujal community

Second spokesperson: Norman Tayley, chairman, Cape York Men's Forum

Synopsis: A Cape York's men's group is tackling domestic violence and alcohol abuse.

Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, ATSI, Indigenous health standards, Violence

Title: Aboriginal health waits on action

Publication: Australian

Publication date: Friday, 5 July 2002

Writer(s): Anderson, Pat

News genre: Letter to the editor

Page number: 10

Word length: 2250

News source: Medical

First spokesperson: Pat Anderson, Chair, National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health

Organisation: Organisation

Second spokesperson: Dr Tim Leahy

Synopsis: Response to 'Black lives, white lies' article. Discusses life expectancy gap, compares Australia with US, Canada and NZ improvements in indigenous health.

Keywords: Health funding, Indigenous health standards, International, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Medical services - mainstream

Title: Vic Aboriginal health priorities

Publication: Australian

Publication date: Saturday, 6 July 2002

Writer(s): Leahy, Dr Tim & Coutts, Rob

News genre: Letter to the editor

Page number: 18

Word length: 1868

News source: Medical

First spokesperson: Dr Tim Leahy

Second spokesperson:

Synopsis: Calls for more debate on Aboriginal health. Mentions importance of funding.

Keywords: Federal department of health, Health funding, Indigenous health standards, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: Lecturer seeks some cold facts on health care

Publication: Courier Mail

Publication date: Saturday, 6 July 2002

Writer(s): Yallamas, Lisa

News genre: News

Page number: 10

Word length: 347

News source: Academic

First spokesperson: Odette Best, Indigenous University of Southern Queensland

Second spokesperson:

Synopsis: Nurse educator Odette Best won a Churchill Fellowship to study to study indigenous nurse training programs at universities in Canada, New Zealand and the US. She hoped to learn new ways of improving the health of indigenous Australians.

Keywords: Indigenous health standards

Title: Let's talk about black men's health

Publication: Australian

Publication date: Saturday, 6 July 2002

Writer(s):

News genre: Editorial

Page number: 18

Word length: 643
News source: Opinion
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Commentary on Aboriginal health standards with a focus on males. Announces Cape York Men's Forum.
Keywords: ATSIC, Child health, Federal politics, Indigenous education standards, Indigenous health standards, Indigenous politics, Prisons, State politics, Women's health

Title: Business 'not the answer' for blacks
Publication: Sydney Morning Herald
Publication date: Monday, 8 July 2002
Writer(s): Jopson, Debra
News genre: News
Page number: 5
Word length: 564
News source: Conference/Meeting/Speech
First spokesperson: Olga Havnen, indigenous program manager, Fred Hollows Foundation
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Indigenous development worker Olga Havnen labelled Noel Pearson's plan, which would see remote communities becoming entrepreneurs and small businesspeople, as dangerous and wrong.
Keywords: Child health, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions

Title: Astute planning is the key to indigenous aid
Publication: Sydney Morning Herald
Publication date: Monday, 8 July 2002
Writer(s): Havnen, Olga & Morgan, Chip
News genre: Invited column
Page number: 11
Word length: 760
News source: Conference/Meeting/Speech
First spokesperson: Olga Havnen, indigenous affairs manager, Fred Hollows Foundation
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Edited version of a briefing paper for a conference on corporate philanthropy and indigenous Australia held on the 8-9 July 2002.
Keywords: Health funding, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions

Title: Radical health shake-up
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Tuesday, 9 July 2002
Writer(s): Kerin, John
News genre: News
Page number: 4
Word length: 416
News source: Politician

First spokesperson: John Thwaites, Chairman, Australian Healthcare Ageements and Victorian Human Services Minister
Second spokesperson: Kay Patterson, Federal Health Minister
Synopsis: State and federal ministers negotiated a new five-year Medicare agreement expected to exceed \$100 billion. Mentions indigenous health.
Keywords: Federal department of health, Indigenous health standards, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Medical services - mainstream, State department of health

Title: Black men meet to tackle poor health
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Wednesday, 10 July 2002
Writer(s): Wilson, Ashleigh
News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length: 318
News source: Local government, Medical
First spokesperson: Bernie Singleton, Chairman, Apunipima Cape York Health Council
Second spokesperson: William Busch, local councillor, Cape York
Synopsis: Reports on the Cape York Men's Forum in Mapoon. Aboriginal men discuss serious health issues facing their communities.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Indigenous health standards, Violence

Title: Power of the law for elders - Pearson
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Wednesday, 10 July 2002
Writer(s): Hodge, Amanda
News genre: News
Page number:
Word length:
News source: Aboriginal leader
First spokesperson: Noel Pearson
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Noel Pearson has called for a zero tolerance approach to alcohol and substance abuse. He claims that Aboriginal elders must be given legislative power to order rehabilitation.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Police, Violence

Title: Health of Derby falls into decline
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Wednesday, 10 July 2002
Writer(s): Tucak, Layla
News genre: News
Page number: 6
Word length: 436
News source: Aboriginal lay person, Local government, Politician
First spokesperson: Peter McCumstie, Councillor
Second spokesperson: Carol Martin, Kimberley MP
Synopsis: Derby Regional Hospital will be downsized with up to 10 professional and corporate services positions being shifted to Broome.
Keywords: Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: Substance abuse must be stopped
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Thursday, 11 July 2002
Writer(s): Pearson, Noel
News genre: Editorial
Page number: 11
Word length: 903
News source: Aboriginal leader
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Discusses substance abuse in Aboriginal communities and its impact on the culture.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Violence

Title: Forum delivers a sober message
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Thursday, 11 July 2002
Writer(s): Wison, Ashleigh
News genre: News
Page number: 4
Word length: 342
News source: Aboriginal lay person, Aboriginal leader, Conference/Meeting/Speech, Medical
First spokesperson: Noel Pearson
Second spokesperson: Bernie Singleton, chairman, Cape York Health Council
Synopsis: Report on Noel Pearson's address to a forum for Aboriginal men in Cape York.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Indigenous health standards

Title: Hospital cuts jeopardise air service
Publication: Australian

Publication date: Thursday, 11 July 2002
Writer(s): Tucak, Layla
News genre: News
Page number: 4
Word length: 413
News source: Local government, Politician
First spokesperson: Peter McCumstie, Shire councillor
Second spokesperson: Carol Martin, Kimberley MP
Synopsis: A vital air link to Broome could be at risk if the number of health workers is cut back in the remote Western Australian town of Derby.
Keywords: Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: The cape's crusaders
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Friday, 12 July 2002
Writer(s): Wislon, Ashleigh
News genre: Feature
Page number:
Word length:
News source: Aboriginal lay person, Aboriginal leader, Conference/Meeting/Speech, Medical, Politician
First spokesperson: Freddie Shortjoe, community member, Porpuraaw
Second spokesperson: Jackson Shortjoe, community member, Porpuraaw
Synopsis: Aboriginal men are taking the first step in the battle to stop grog ruining their communities.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Living conditions, Prisons, Violence

Title: Substance abuse requires tough action
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Friday, 12 July 2002
Writer(s): Ridgeway, Aden
News genre: Feature
Page number: 10
Word length: 622
News source: Aboriginal leader
First spokesperson: Aden Ridgeway
Second spokesperson: Noel Pearson
Synopsis: Report on Noel Pearson's comments about substance abuse in Aboriginal communities.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, Violence, Women's health

Title: Pearson is right
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Saturday, 13 July 2002
Writer(s): Parrett, Col
News genre: Letter to the editor

Page number: 18
Word length: 1910
News source: Non-Aboriginal lay person
First spokesperson: Col Parrett, member of the public
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Response to Noel Pearson's article about substance abuse amongst
 Aboriginals.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Indigenous health standards, Violence

Title: Time to mend fences - author
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 13 July 2002
Writer(s): Moscaritolo, Maria
News genre: News
Page number: 16
Word length: 417
News source: Aboriginal lay person, Aboriginal leader, Politician
First spokesperson: Doris Pilkington, author, Rabbit Proof Fence
Second spokesperson: Philip Ruddock, Federal Aboriginal Affairs Minister
Synopsis: Doris Pilkington, author of Rabbit Proof Fence, claimed that prejudice
 and paternalism were still damaging Australia's indigenous people and
 their culture. She also called on the Federal Government to confront the
 pain still felt by the Stolen Generation.
Keywords: Health funding, Living conditions, Medical services - Indigenous
 community controlled

Title: Cape civil war
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Tuesday, 16 July 2002
Writer(s): Rule, Graeme
News genre: Letter to the editor
Page number: 10
Word length: 2260
News source: Medical
First spokesperson: Graeme Rule, Director, Institute of Alcohol Studies Drug-Arm
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Response to article about Noel Person's comments made in Cape York
 that substance abuse amongst Aboriginals must be addressed.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Indigenous health standards, Violence

Title: Health body to cure confidence and aid reform
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Wednesday, 17 July 2002
Writer(s): Pitsis, Simone
News genre: News
Page number:

Word length:
News source: Academic, Medical, Politician
First spokesperson: Bob Kucera, WA Health Minister
Second spokesperson: D'Arcy Holman, public health professor, University of Western Australia
Synopsis: WA has established the nation's first health watchdog. Minister Kucera will appoint a committee, which will include a consumer advocate, an indigenous person, a GP and an epidemiologist.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Medical services - mainstream, State department of health, State politics

Title: Tragedy in dance
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 20 July 2002
Writer(s): Wenham, Margaret
News genre: Feature
Page number: 27
Word length: 1627
News source: Aboriginal lay person, Academic, Publication
First spokesperson: Matthew Doyle, friend of Russell Page
Second spokesperson: James Harrison, researcher, Flinders University
Synopsis: The death of Aboriginal dancer Russell Page, apparently at his own hands, had shocked the indigenous and arts communities. Mentions that suicide was a prominent public health problem in Australia and a particular issue of grave concern for the country's indigenous population.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards, Suicide

Title: Town in fury over health
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Tuesday, 23 July 2002
Writer(s): Tucak, Layla
News genre: News
Page number: 8
Word length: 217
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Bob Kucera, WA Health Minister
Second spokesperson: Carol Martin, Kimberley MP
Synopsis: Protest over the transfer of responsibility for Derby Regional Hospital to Broome. Residents believe that it will undermine the delivery of health services, particularly to the remote Aboriginal communities.
Keywords: Hospitals, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Medical services - mainstream, State department of health, State politics

Title: Cape united
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Wednesday, 24 July 2002

Writer(s): Singleton, Bernie
News genre: Letter to the editor
Page number: 10
Word length: 2272
News source: Medical
First spokesperson: Bernie Singleton, Chair, Apunipima Cape York Health Council
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Response to reporting of men's health forum in Mapoon, Cape York, clarifying comment made by the author during the forum.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Indigenous health standards, Violence

Title: Australia No 1 for women
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Thursday, 25 July 2002
Writer(s): Haslem, Benjamin
News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length: 313
News source: Other, Publication
First spokesperson: Richard Ponzio, spokesman, UN Development Program
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The UN has named Australia the most desirable place in the world to live as a woman. However, we are ranked 14th out of the 17 OECD countries in terms of poverty alleviation, which is attributed to the poverty and poor-health experienced by the indigenous population.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards, International, Women's health

Title: Soft option on hard stuff
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 27 July 2002
Writer(s): Koch, Tony
News genre: News
Page number: 25
Word length: 895
News source: Aboriginal leader
First spokesperson: Noel Pearson, Indigenous leader
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Noel Pearson disagreed with the soft approach that Premier Peter Beattie announced in regards to small-time drug users. Under Beattie's plan, magistrates would have the power to sentence small-time drug offenders to rehabilitation programs, rather than put them in jail as criminals.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Police, Prisons

Title: Aiming at fluency between cultures
Publication: Australian

Publication date: Wednesday, 31 July 2002
Writer(s): Rothwell, Nicolas
News genre: Feature
Page number: 39
Word length: 1565
News source: Other
First spokesperson: Lizzie Ellis, co-director, Education Area
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Discusses how the Ngaanyatjarra people are taking control of their children's education to fight against other social issues such as 'social collapse, lack of jobs and medical crisis'.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Indigenous education standards, Prisons, Violence

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Title: State keeps sorry suicide reputation
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 1 August 2002
Writer(s): Ryan, Siobhain
News genre: News
Page number: 100
Word length: 593
News source: Academic, Politician, Publication
First spokesperson: Professor Diego De Leo, director, Australian Institute of Suicide Research and Prevention
Second spokesperson: Wendy Edmond, Qld Health Minister
Synopsis: Eleven Queenslanders killed themselves each week on average, as the state retained its reputation as one of the country's suicide hot spots. A report by the Australian Institute of Suicide Research and Prevention found that Queensland's jails and psychiatric hospitals contributed to the toll.
Keywords: Prisons, Suicide

Title: Kintore triumph
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Friday, 2 August 2002
Writer(s): Ward, James
News genre: Letter to the editor
Page number: 10
Word length: 2150
News source: Non-Aboriginal lay person
First spokesperson: James Ward, Kintore School
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Community leaders in Kintore, a Northern Territory Aboriginal Community, are taking control of substance abuse. They gave all petrol sniffers a traditional punishment, which is said to have made a significant difference.

Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Indigenous health standards

Title: New laws to fight grog in communities
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 6 August 2002
Writer(s): Franklin, Matthew & Odgers, Rosemary
News genre: News
Page number: 9
Word length: 546
News source: Aboriginal leader, Politician, Publication
First spokesperson: Premier Peter Beattie
Second spokesperson: Alfred Lacey, deputy chairman, Aboriginal Co-ordinating Council
Synopsis: Premier Peter Beattie announced that Indigenous communities would be given the power to crack down on alcohol abuse, removing the power from the community council's canteens. Beattie said that the changes would be accompanied by extra police powers to crack down on sly-grogging, in a co-ordinated response to the Fitzgerald inquiry.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Health funding, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Violence

Title: Medic's error draws apology
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 7 August 2002
Writer(s): Reid, Robert
News genre: News
Page number: 10
Word length: 523
News source: Aboriginal lay person, Politician
First spokesperson: Jodie Fyfe, resident, Hope Vale community
Second spokesperson: Unnamed spokesman for the Qld Minister for Health
Synopsis: A young indigenous mother was told several times that her infant son had a bruised arm before an x-ray three days later revealed the boy's limb was broken.
Keywords: Child health, Indigenous health standards, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: Grog economy
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Thursday, 8 August 2002
Writer(s): Ransley, John E & Vaitas, Con
News genre: Letter to the editor
Page number: 10
Word length: 2234
News source: Non-Aboriginal lay person
First spokesperson: John E. Ransley, member of the public
Second spokesperson:

Synopsis: Reponse to Paul Kelly's opinion piece on indigenous substance abuse.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Indigenous health standards

Title: Volunteers show way - Focus on the Outback - a special advertising report
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Saturday, 10 August 2002
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number:
Word length: 422
News source: Aboriginal leader
First spokesperson: Paul Tyrell, chief executive officer, Indigenous Communities Foundation
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Volunteers are training a small Aboriginal community to maintain a store to provide affordable essentials for healthy living.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards

Title: Turning a positive corner
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 10 August 2002
Writer(s): Koch, Tony
News genre: News
Page number: 27
Word length: 793
News source: Aboriginal leader, Publication
First spokesperson: Delena Foster, chairwoman, Palm Island
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Discussion of the Fitzgerald inquiry into justice issues on the Cape, and ways to resolve the problems of alcohol-related violence.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Federal department of health, Health funding, Indigenous health standards, Indigenous politics, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: Boost to therapy services - Focus on the outback - a special advertising report
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Saturday, 10 August 2002
Writer(s):
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number:
Word length: 122
News source: Unknown
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Outback and rural communities will benefit from a new service, the

National Rural and Remote Allied Health Advisory Service (NRRAHAS). One project will provide new allied health services to an Aboriginal community near Katherine.

Keywords: Indigenous health standards, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Medical services - mainstream

Title: Leah joins fight against killer disease
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 14 August 2002
Writer(s): Smith, Kristen
News genre: News
Page number: 12
Word length: 335
News source: Aboriginal lay person, Medical
First spokesperson: Leah Purcell, actor
Second spokesperson: Noel Niddrie, spokesman, Wanda Woman Travelling Roadshow
Synopsis: Indigenous broadcaster Lola Forester joined with medical company Wyeth Australia to raise awareness among indigenous communities about the potentially fatal pneumococcal disease.

Keywords: Disease
Title: Once-a-week booze ban
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Friday, 16 August 2002
Writer(s): Martin, Roger
News genre: News
Page number: 4
Word length: 314
News source: Bureaucrat
First spokesperson: Hugh Highman, State liquor licensing director
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Sales of takeaway liquor are to be banned one day a week in Port Hedland.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Indigenous health standards

Title: Aboriginal child sex crisis shocks Gallop
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Friday, 16 August 2002
Writer(s): Egan, Colleen
News genre: News
Page number: 4
Word length: 480
News source: Politician, Publication
First spokesperson: Geoff Gallop, WA Premier
Second spokesperson: Alan Carpenter, WA Indigenous Affairs Minister
Synopsis: A report by indigenous magistrate Sue Gordon has been tabled in state parliament. The report details an extraordinary rate of child sex abuse and domestic violence, which is claimed to constitute a national disaster.

Keywords: Child health, Indigenous health standards, Indigenous politics, State politics, Violence, Women's health

Title: Patterson backed on costs
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 17 August 2002
Writer(s): Parnell, Sean
News genre: News
Page number: 6
Word length: 176
News source: Bureaucrat, Politician
First spokesperson: Michael Wooldridge, former federal health minister
Second spokesperson: Kay Patterson, Federal Health Minister
Synopsis: Federal Health Minister Kay Patterson said state and territory Labor health ministers were "experts" in cost-shifting, where public hospital patients were billed privately using Federal-funding Medicare.
Keywords: Federal politics, Health funding

Title: Program 'wasting' vaccines
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Monday, 19 August 2002
Writer(s): McKinnon, Michael
News genre: News
Page number: 6
Word length: 439
News source: Politician, Publication
First spokesperson: Senator Kay Patterson, Federal Minister for Health and Ageing
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The Federal Health Department report into the Howard Government's flu vaccine program found that "controlling wastage and leakage" was the most cost-effective way of providing free vaccination for the elderly and some high-risk Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders.
Keywords: Federal department of health, Health funding, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: Vaccine for another killer urged
Publication: Sydney Morning Herald
Publication date: Wednesday, 21 August 2002
Writer(s): Metherell, Mark
News genre: News
Page number: 6
Word length: 334
News source: Bureaucrat, Medical, Politician
First spokesperson: Peter Collignon, Infectious diseases specialist, Sydney University
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Free vaccines for the C strain of meningococcal, the most deadly in

Australia, would begin the following year. The mass immunisation was expected to spur the introduction of an even costlier vaccine for a similarly lethal but more widespread pneumococcal disease. The disease was particularly prevalent among indigenous infants.

Keywords: Child health, Health funding, Indigenous health standards

Title: Call for national health strategy to curb rise in sex infections
Publication: Sydney Morning Herald
Publication date: Thursday, 22 August 2002
Writer(s): Pollard, Ruth
News genre: News
Page number: 5
Word length: 531
News source: Publication
First spokesperson: John Kaldor, Deputy Director, National Centre in HIV Epidemiology and Clinical Research

Second spokesperson:

Synopsis: A rise in sexually transmitted infections and an increase in unprotected sex among gay men prompted calls for a national sexual health strategy and a revival of safe sex campaigns. On a per capita basis, the Northern Territory was the sexually transmitted infection capital of Australia, due in part to high rates of sexually transmitted infection and low levels of access to services and treatments within Aboriginal communities.

Keywords: Disease, Indigenous health standards, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Women's health

Title: Cape leader berates bungling bureaucrats
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 22 August 2002
Writer(s): Reid, Robert
News genre: News
Page number: 8
Word length: 464
News source: Aboriginal leader, Bureaucrat, Conference/Meeting/Speech, Publication
First spokesperson: Gerhardt Pearson, executive director, Balkanu Cape York Development Corporation

Second spokesperson: Frank Rockett, director, Department of Aboriginal Affairs

Synopsis: Gerhardt Pearson accused the state government of bureaucratic bungling over the handling of indigenous substance abuse. He told a traditional elder's summit that the Fitzgerald Inquiry had revealed nothing and the Government was negotiating reform on uneven terms with communities.

Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Health funding, Indigenous politics, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, State department of health, State politics

Title: Bureaucrats mend indigenous bridges
Publication: Courier Mail

Publication date: Saturday, 24 August 2002
Writer(s): Reid, Robert
News genre: News
Page number: 7
Word length: 579
News source: Aboriginal leader, Bureaucrat, Conference/Meeting/Speech, Politician
First spokesperson: Gerhardt Pearson, executive director, Balkanu Cape York Development Corporation
Second spokesperson: Dr Leo Keliher, Director General, Qld Premier's Department
Synopsis: People in remote Aboriginal communities would have instant access to the state's most powerful bureaucrats under a new agreement. The Queensland Government's Community Champions program would provide a direct link between Cape York indigenous communities and government department heads.
Keywords: Health funding, Indigenous politics, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, State department of health, State politics

Title: Fix black health or pay, says ALP
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Thursday, 29 August 2002
Writer(s): Schuber, Misha
News genre: News
Page number: 6
Word length: 419
News source: Medical, Politician
First spokesperson: Carmen Lawrence, Opposition Aboriginal affairs spokeswoman
Second spokesperson: Pat Anderson, head, NACCHO
Synopsis: The Labor opposition has proposed that bureaucrats should lose their bonuses or even their jobs if they fail to improve the health of Aborigines. Also calls for extra \$250 million to address the issue.
Keywords: Federal department of health, Federal politics, Health funding, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, State department of health

Title: ATSIC told to tackle violence
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 29 August 2002
Writer(s): Smith, Kristen & Moscaritolo, Maria
News genre: News
Page number: 5
Word length: 331
News source: ATSIC, Conference/Meeting/Speech, Medical, Politician
First spokesperson: John Howard, Prime Minister
Second spokesperson: Jenny Pryor, ATSIC Commissioner
Synopsis: Prime Minister John Howard challenged the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission to direct more of its funding to domestic violence programs. Answering a question in Parliament, Mr Howard told the commission that it should spend less in other areas to accommodate the

Keywords: increased attention that was needed.
Child health, Living conditions, Violence, Women's health

Title: Discrimination applied
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Friday, 30 August 2002
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 4
Word length: 120
News source: Bureaucrat
First spokesperson: Hugh Highman, WA Liquor Licensing director
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Alcohol sales are to be restricted in WA town. The move has been endorsed by the national race discrimination commissioner.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Federal politics, Indigenous politics, Race & racism, State politics

Title: Haunted by her past
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Friday, 30 August 2002
Writer(s): Toohey, Paul
News genre: Feature
Page number: 1
Word length: 670
News source: Church/welfare body, Medical, Police/Court
First spokesperson: Peter Mals, Forensic psychologist
Second spokesperson: Janet Seden, manager, Salvation Army women's shelter
Synopsis: Overview of the case of Jennifer Cook, an Aboriginal woman who killed her abusive husband and received a suspended sentence. Discusses 'visitation experiences' from the deceased by Aborigines.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Courts, Police, Violence, Women's health

Title: 'Fair go' proposal has states brawling
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Saturday, 31 August 2002
Writer(s): Lewis, Steve, Emerson, Scott & Plane, Terry
News genre: News
Page number: 5
Word length: 472
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Michael Egan, NSW Treasurer
Second spokesperson: Mike Rann, South Australian Premier
Synopsis: Changes to distribution of federal funding to states. Tied grants cut from 100 to three national programs: health, education and indigenous community development.
Keywords: Federal politics, Health funding, Indigenous politics, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, State politics

September 2002

Title: Black playing field not level
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Monday, 2 September 2002
Writer(s): McEwan, Keith & Byers, Carl
News genre: Letter to the editor
Page number: 10
Word length: 2234
News source: Non-Aboriginal lay person
First spokesperson: Keith McEwan, member of the public
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Response to Janet Albrechtsen's opinion piece advocating assimilation as a solution for social problems in indigenous communities.
Keywords: Child health, Race & racism, Stolen generations, Violence

Title: Cape York 'champion' scheme a trail for true partnership
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 3 September 2002
Writer(s): Pearson, Noel
News genre: Invited column
Page number: 13
Word length: 881
News source: Aboriginal leader, Politician
First spokesperson: Noel Pearson, leader, community team, Cape York Partnerships
Second spokesperson: Drew Hutton, Greens spokesman
Synopsis: Greens spokesman Drew Hutton called the Queensland Government's decision to require the directors-general of various departments to "champion" the development of partnerships between government and Aboriginal communities "tokenistic".
Keywords: Health funding, Indigenous health standards, Indigenous politics, Living conditions, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, State department of health, State politics

Title: State-run spraying evil-MP
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Tuesday, 3 September 2002
Writer(s): Hickman, Belinda
News genre: News
Page number: 6
Word length: 443
News source: Film/TV/Other media report, Politician
First spokesperson: Tom Stephens, WA Housing minister
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Claims that weed spraying program run by the WA government 20 years ago was 'evil' and 'lethal'. Former workers and families (includes a large number of Aboriginal people) have campaigned for years to have claims

of illness and premature deaths recognised.

Keywords:

Title: Takeaway booze crackdown to spread
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Thursday, 5 September 2002
Writer(s): Martin, Roger
News genre: News
Page number: 4
Word length: 369
News source: Academic, Bureaucrat, Business
First spokesperson: Hugh Highman, WA Liquor Licensing director
Second spokesperson: Bradley Woods, state executive director, Australian Hotels Association
Synopsis: Towns across the Pilbara face widespread restrictions on the purchase of takeaway alcohol.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs

Title: Another study
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Wednesday, 11 September 2002
Writer(s): Parrett, Col
News genre: Letter to the editor
Page number: 12
Word length: 2040
News source: Non-Aboriginal lay person
First spokesperson: Col Parrett, member of the public
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Response to South Australian Coroner's criticism of the conditions of the Aboriginal people on Anangu Pitjantjatjara lands. Mentions need for a detoxification and rehabilitation facility.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, State department of health

Title: More drug rehab centres needed
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Thursday, 12 September 2002
Writer(s): Shine, Kathryn
News genre: News
Page number: 4
Word length: 296
News source: Church/welfare body, Politician, Publication
First spokesperson: Pam McKenna, director, Palmerston Association
Second spokesperson: Bob Kucera, WA Health Minister
Synopsis: More rehabilitation centres are needed in WA. Bob Kucera said that youth and Aborigines need to be targeted in future plans.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Medical services - mainstream

Title: Heart attack rate falls dramatically
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 19 September 2002
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 9
Word length: 227
News source: Academic, Publication
First spokesperson: Sushma Mathur, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Improved diet and powerful heart drugs had dramatically decreased the number of people struck down with heart attacks. Briefly mentions that death rates for Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders were six to eight times higher than the general population.
Keywords: Hospitals, Living conditions, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: Smoke giant offers lesson for schools
Publication: Sydney Morning Herald
Publication date: Saturday, 21 September 2002
Writer(s): Metherell, Mark
News genre: News
Page number: 5
Word length: 521
News source: Academic, Business, Other
First spokesperson: Charles Davison, President of the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group confirmed that it was considering implementing an anti-smoking program financed by tobacco giant Philip Morris. The interactive CD-ROM was designed to educate young people on substance abuse.

Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Schools

Title: Indigenous children at mercy of sex abusers
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 26 September 2002
Writer(s): Griffith, Chris
News genre: News
Page number: 11
Word length: 321
News source: Aboriginal leader, ATSIC, Church/welfare body, Medical, Politician
First spokesperson: Cynthia Button, Beemar Yumbah Shelter, Cherbourg
Second spokesperson: David Grey, president, Cherbourg Men's Action Group Aboriginal Corporation
Synopsis: A peak aboriginal welfare agency berated the Department of Families for continuing to allow indigenous children to live in environments where they are sexually abused.
Keywords: Child health

Title: Communities test distribution system
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 26 September 2002
Writer(s): Moscaritolo, Maria
News genre: News
Page number: 6
Word length: 440
News source: Aboriginal Land Council, Aboriginal leader, Politician
First spokesperson: Unnamed Cape York leader
Second spokesperson: Philip Ruddock, Indigenous Affairs Minister
Synopsis: Cape York indigenous communities would be the testing ground for a new streamlined delivery system for government services. All programs from health to unemployment would no longer be administered by separate departments, but by a "broker" working with the communities to decide what resources were needed.
Keywords: Health funding, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: Indigenous reforms long overdue
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Friday, 27 September 2002
Writer(s):
News genre: Editorial
Page number: 12
Word length: 403
News source: ATSIC
First spokesperson: Lowitja O'Donoghue, ATSIC chairman
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Claims that Australian public support for government spending to help indigenous people overcome woefully poor health and education standards not only depended on the inherent and undeniable value of helping the disadvantaged but in high standards of accountability.
Keywords: ATSIC, Education funding, Health funding, Indigenous health standards, Indigenous politics, Living conditions

Title: ATSIC hopefuls differ on a treaty
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Monday, 30 September 2002
Writer(s): Schubert, Misha
News genre: News
Page number: 4
Word length: 421
News source: ATSIC
First spokesperson: Jenny Pryor, candidate for ATSIC's deputy chair position
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Jenny Pryor wants ATSIC to be given legislative powers to review progress by departments on indigenous health, housing and education.
Keywords: ATSIC, Living conditions, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

October 2002

Title: 'Zombie' sprays get canned
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Thursday, 3 October 2002
Writer(s): Balogh, Stefanie
News genre: News
Page number: 6
Word length: 317
News source: Business, Local government
First spokesperson: Brenton Truscott, manager, Silly Solly's store, Mount Isa
Second spokesperson: Ron McCullough, Mayor Mount Isa City
Synopsis: Spray paint has been removed from the shelves of two discount chain stores in Mount Isa in an attempt to stop teenagers inhaling solvents.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health

Title: More to alcohol abuse than race
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Thursday, 3 October 2002
Writer(s):
News genre: Editorial
Page number: 10
Word length: 472
News source: Human Rights Commission
First spokesperson: William Jonas, Acting Race Discrimination Commissioner
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The acting race discrimination commissioner declared that extending the Adelaide city council ban on drinking in public may break federal discrimination laws because it disadvantages Aboriginals.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Race & racism

Title: Aboriginal learning gets proper hearing
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Saturday, 5 October 2002
Writer(s): Peacock, Tracy
News genre: News
Page number:
Word length: 447
News source: Academic
First spokesperson: Professor Gary Partington, Edith Cowan University
Second spokesperson: Ann Galloway, Edith Cowan University
Synopsis: Aboriginal children's literacy and general education should benefit from Perth research that is testing teaching strategies to cope with conductive hearing loss.
Keywords: Child health, Indigenous education standards, Indigenous health standards

Title: A social problem tackled in small steps
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 8 October 2002
Writer(s):
News genre: Editorial
Page number: 10
Word length: 397
News source: Medical
First spokesperson: Queensland branch, Australian Medical Association
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Claims that Queensland authorities had been slow to respond to the social problem of "chroming" – young people getting high by inhaling spray paint vapours. The State Government had commenced consulting with a range of experts as well as with police and Aboriginal elders before

Keywords: addressing the problem
Alcohol & drugs, Child health

Title: Cape leader slams leftist attitude to social flaws
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 8 October 2002
Writer(s): Wenham, Margaret
News genre: News
Page number: 7
Word length: 483
News source: Aboriginal leader, Conference/Meeting/Speech
First spokesperson: Noel Pearson, Cape York Leader
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Noel Pearson unleashed a scathing attack on left-wing thinking in Australia, saying it was fundamentally intellectually flawed. He particularly mentioned that he was "at odds" with people who espoused left-wing, rights-based solutions to practical problems faced by Aboriginal and other disadvantaged groups.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Indigenous health standards, Police

Title: Promised marriage prevents incest in Top End
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Thursday, 10 October 2002
Writer(s): Rossiter, Heather, Burgoyne, Grant & Neill, Norm
News genre: Letter to the editor
Page number: 10
Word length: 2117
News source: Aboriginal lay person, Non-Aboriginal lay person
First spokesperson: Heather Rossiter, member of the public
Second spokesperson: Grant Burgoyne
Synopsis: Responses to reports of a 50-year-old Aboriginal man asserting his conjugal rights over a 15-year-old girl.
Keywords: Child health, Indigenous history/archeology, Violence

Title: Custom alone can't overturn basic rights
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Thursday, 10 October 2002
Writer(s):
News genre: Editorial
Page number: 10
Word length: 663
News source: Aboriginal lay person, Opinion
First spokesperson: Jackie Pascoe Jamilmira
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Commentary on circumstances surrounding a 50-year old tribal Aboriginal man who was sentenced to 24 hours in prison for having unlawful sex with a 15-year-old girl.
Keywords: Child health, Courts, Indigenous history/archeology, Prisons, Violence

Title: Tradition does not excuse sex exploitation
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Saturday, 12 October 2002
Writer(s): Thite, Dr Mohan, Dawson, John & Linn, David
News genre: Letter to the editor
Page number: 18
Word length: 1810
News source: Medical, Non-Aboriginal lay person
First spokesperson: Dr Mohan Thite
Second spokesperson: John Dawson
Synopsis: Responses to reports of a 50-year-old Aboriginal man asserting his conjugal rights over a 15-year-old girl.
Keywords: Child health, Indigenous history/archeology, Violence

Title: Outback boredom drives blacks to pot
Publication: Sydney Morning Herald
Publication date: Saturday, 12 October 2002
Writer(s): Pollard, Ruth
News genre: News
Page number: 7
Word length: 410
News source: Publication
First spokesperson: Alan Clough, senior research officer, Menzies School of Health Research
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: A study by the Menzies School of Health Research found that cannabis use in indigenous communities in north-east Arnhem Land was one of the highest in Australia, with up to 70 per cent of men and 30 per cent of women between 13 and 36 years using the drug.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs

Title: Teamwork rewarded - Excellence in project management - a special

advertising report

Publication: Australian

Publication date: Wednesday, 16 October 2002

Writer(s):

News genre: Feature

Page number: 17

Word length: 441

News source: Other

First spokesperson: Stephen Beaty, project manager, South Australian Project of the Year

Second spokesperson: David Swallow, WA awards project manager

Synopsis: Feature on PPK Environment and Infrastructure, winners of SA Project of the Year for improving the environment health of remote Aboriginal communities. Mentions National Aboriginal Health Strategy (NAHS).

Keywords: Indigenous health standards, Living conditions

Title: Not enough vegies but plenty of angst for young

Publication: Sydney Morning Herald

Publication date: Friday, 25 October 2002

Writer(s): Pollar, Ruth

News genre: News

Page number: 2

Word length: 566

News source: Medical, Publication

First spokesperson: Greg Stewart, NSW chief health officer

Second spokesperson:

Synopsis: The NSW Child Health Survey found that fewer than one in seven children consume enough vegetables. The survey also found that indigenous health was still an issue with Aboriginal people living an average of 20 years less than the general population.

Keywords: Child health, Indigenous health standards

Title: DOCS blamed for children dying of neglect

Publication: Courier Mail

Publication date: Thursday, 31 October 2002

Writer(s): O'Malley, Nick & Wainwright, Robert

News genre: News

Page number: 7

Word length: 548

News source: Bureaucrat, Other, Politician, Publication

First spokesperson: Gillian Clavert, NSW Commissioner for Children and Young people

Second spokesperson: Brad Hazzard, opposition spokesman on community services.

Synopsis: The NSW Child Death Review Team annual report found that children who lived in the most remote areas of the state were more than twice as likely to die from unnatural causes, and Indigenous children are more likely to die, at a rate of 80.4 deaths per 100,000 compared with 37.3 in the rest of the population.

Keywords: Child health

Title: Survival a matter of indigenous pride, but so is attitude change
Publication: Sydney Morning Herald
Publication date: Thursday, 31 October 2002
Writer(s): Dodson, Mick
News genre: Invited column
Page number: 15
Word length: 1056
News source: Other
First spokesperson: David Patterson
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Calls on indigenous men to take a stand against violence and the macho man image.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Indigenous politics, Violence

November 2002

Title: ATSIIC needs to target taboo topic
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 2 November 2002
Writer(s): Koch, Tony
News genre: News
Page number: 27
Word length: 703
News source: Aboriginal leader, Conference/Meeting/Speech
First spokesperson: Dr Mick Dodson, Chairman, Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIIC) had held an election of councillors, from which commissioners would be chosen. Mentions alcohol-fuelled violence against children and women, and child abuse.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Violence, Women's health

Title: Creeping curse of diabetes
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Monday, 4 November 2002
Writer(s): Hope, Deborah
News genre: Feature
Page number: 10
Word length: 2274
News source: Academic
First spokesperson: Don Chisholm, Garvan Institute (Sydney)
Second spokesperson: David James, Head of diabetes research, Gavan Institute
Synopsis: Feature on diabetes in Australia, with section on rate of type 2 diabetes in Indigenous communities.
Keywords: Child health, Disease, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions

Title: Indigenous children most at risk
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Friday, 8 November 2002
Writer(s): Bryden-Drown, Sarah
News genre: News
Page number: 12
Word length: 333
News source: Medical
First spokesperson: Dr Paul Bauert, pediatrician & president, NT branch, Australian Medical Association.
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Attributes high rate of middle-ear infections in remote Aboriginal communities to poverty and overcrowding.
Keywords: Child health, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions

Title: Briefs: Funeral back-up
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Wednesday, 13 November 2002
Writer(s):
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 6
Word length: 309
News source: Police/Court
First spokesperson: Acting Police Superintendent David Pryce
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Police reinforcements have been sent to the Top End Aboriginal community of Wadeye ahead of the funeral of a man shot by a police officer.
Keywords: Police, Violence
Title: ATSI is targeting domestic violence
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 14 November 2002

Writer(s): Robinson, Ray
News genre: Letter to the editor
Page number: 14
Word length: 280
News source: ATSIC
First spokesperson: Ray Robinson, deputy chairman, ATSIC
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Argues that journalist Tony Koch used his column to misinform readers about ATSIC and its alleged lack of action on child abuse and domestic violence in indigenous communities.
Keywords: Child health, Violence, Women's health

Title: Life much shorter for indigenous population
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Friday, 15 November 2002
Writer(s): Jones, Chris
News genre: News
Page number: 4
Word length: 437
News source: Publication
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The annual report of the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy, tabled in the Queensland Parliament, showed that indigenous Queenslanders would die more than 20 years before non-indigenous people.
Keywords: Child health, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, State politics

Title: Indigenous health faces bleak future
Publication: Sydney Morning Herald
Publication date: Thursday, 21 November 2002
Writer(s): Metherell, Mark
News genre: News
Page number: 6
Word length: 554
News source: Academic, Publication
First spokesperson: Kerin O'Dea, director, Menzies School of Health Research, Darwin
Second spokesperson: Spokesman for Kay Patterson, Health Minister
Synopsis: The Bureau of Statistics report on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health for 2001 found indigenous citizens were more likely to suffer from most diseases, including hypertension, diabetes and asthma.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Disease, Federal department of health, Health funding, Indigenous health standards

Title: ATSIC: indigenous review
Publication: Courier Mail

Publication date: Thursday, 21 November 2002
Writer(s):
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 4
Word length: 102
News source: Publication
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Two-thirds of Aboriginal people believed they were in good health despite being fatter other Australians, and having twice the smoking rate and three times the incidence of diabetes.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Health funding, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions

Title: Aborigines feel cervical cancer check-up 'shame'.
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Monday, 25 November 2002
Writer(s): Moore, Tanya
News genre: News
Page number: 6
Word length: 330
News source: Medical
First spokesperson: Jennifer Muller, manager, Queensland Health Women's Cancer Screening Services
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The Queensland Health Women's Cancer Screening Services manager said that a cervical cancer death rate 10 times the average among indigenous women was unacceptable. The manager also said that the low number of indigenous women taking part in cervical cancer screening was worrying.
Keywords: Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Women's health

Title: Cancer deaths in decline
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Tuesday, 26 November 2002
Writer(s):
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 6
Word length: 341
News source: Publication
First spokesperson: Dr Chris Stevenson, AIHW
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Aborigines as well as smokers and sun-worshippers are more likely to die of preventable cancers.
Keywords: Disease, Indigenous health standards

Title: Aurukun gives up the grog
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 27 November 2002
Writer(s): Koch, Tony

News genre: News
Page number: 1
Word length: 932
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Judy Spence, Aboriginal Policy Minister
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The influential Cape York Aboriginal community of Aurukun would introduce strict alcohol consumption laws based on a proposal by the local indigenous community justice group.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, Violence

Title: The sharp end of Redfern's drug users
Publication: Sydney Morning Herald
Publication date: Thursday, 28 November 2002
Writer(s): Pollard, Ruth
News genre: News
Page number: 14
Word length: 434
News source: Medical, Politician
First spokesperson: Chris Puplick, Chairman, Australian National Council on AIDS, Hepatitis C and Related Diseases
Second spokesperson: Bob Carr, Premier
Synopsis: Claims that the Repidu bus, which provided clean needles, was having a positive effect in minimizing negative health impacts associated with injecting drug use.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs

Title: Chop off the old Block
Publication: Sydney Morning Herald
Publication date: Thursday, 28 November 2002
Writer(s): O'Rourke, Claire & Pollard, Ruth
News genre: News
Page number: 14
Word length: 1578
News source: Aboriginal leader, Medical, Other, Politician
First spokesperson: Joyce Ingram, Long time Block resident
Second spokesperson: Peter Valilis, executive officer, Aboriginal Housing Company
Synopsis: A new development in Redfern promised to clean up the drugs, violence and poverty. Seven more houses were earmarked for demolition for the new plan to provide new, eco-friendly homes, no drugs and safe open spaces.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Violence

Title: Aurukun takes lead with tough liquor laws
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 30 November 2002
Writer(s): Koch, Tony
News genre: News
Page number: 27
Word length: 848
News source: Opinion
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The Aurukun Aboriginal community, regarded as a leading community in the Cape, introduced tough measures to combat alcohol-induced violence among its people.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Indigenous health standards, Indigenous politics, Living conditions, Violence

December 2002

Title: Elder stateswoman left to live in a hazard
Publication: Sydney Morning Herald
Publication date: Monday, 2 December 2002
Writer(s): Jopson, Debra
News genre: News
Page number: 4
Word length: 633
News source: Aboriginal Land Council, Aboriginal leader
First spokesperson: Vanessa Longbottom, Daughter of elder Linda Longbottom
Second spokesperson: Tony Hanrahan, the administrator appointed by the NSW Government to run La Perouse land council.
Synopsis: The La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council was unable to complete housing projects, leaving occupants in fibro houses that were meant to

have been demolished in the 1980s. Suggests that these and other Indigenous people were living in third world conditions without support from the Australian government.

Keywords: Living conditions

Title: Protection for more children

Publication: Australian

Publication date: Wednesday, 4 December 2002

Writer(s): Gerard, Ian

News genre: News

Page number: 5

Word length: 356

News source: Church/welfare body, Politician, Publication

First spokesperson: Michelle Townsend, Acting director, Create Foundation

Second spokesperson: Mary-Jane Beach, spokeswoman, NSW Foster Care Association

Synopsis: Record numbers of children were taken from their families in 2001. Mentions that number of Aboriginal children in the child-protection system is six times greater than the rest of the population.

Keywords: Child health, Indigenous health standards, Violence

Title: Police raid Bropho camp

Publication: Australian

Publication date: Thursday, 5 December 2002

Writer(s): Martin, Roger

News genre: News

Page number: 6

Word length: 383

News source: Aboriginal leader, Police/Court

First spokesperson: Superintendent David Parkinson

Second spokesperson: Iva Hayward-Jackson, Community Spokesman

Synopsis: Police and state officials made an unannounced visit to the Perth community of controversial Aboriginal leader Robert Bropho, just 24 hours after Premier Geoff Gallop vowed those inside the camp would not be allowed to lock out outsiders.

Keywords: Child health, State politics, Suicide, Violence

Title: Hearing crisis for Aboriginal children
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Friday, 6 December 2002
Writer(s): Carson, Vanda
News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length: 178
News source: Academic, Conference/Meeting/Speech
First spokesperson: Amanda Leach, senior researcher, Menzies School of Health Research
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Aboriginal babies and toddlers in the NT have the highest rate of serious ear infections reported anywhere in the world.
Keywords: Child health, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions

Title: States put ATSIC on reform agenda
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 7 December 2002
Writer(s): Parnell, Sean
News genre: News
Page number: 4
Word length: 278
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Peter Beattie, Qld Premier
Second spokesperson: Mike Rann, SA Premier
Synopsis: The future of ATSIC was uncertain, after Premier Peter Beattie told the leaders of COAG that the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission had failed to turn funding into results for indigenous people. The Commonwealth, Queensland, Western Australian and the Northern Territory also gave in-principle support to a series of child abuse and alcohol abuse programs in indigenous communities.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Health funding, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: Shortage of GPs will hit crisis point in five years
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Monday, 9 December 2002
Writer(s): Gregory, Jason
News genre: News
Page number: 4
Word length: 532
News source: Medical, Publication
First spokesperson: David Rivett, chairman, AMA Council of General Practice
Second spokesperson: John Horvath, chairman, Australian Medical Workforce Advisory Committee
Synopsis: The Australian Doctor survey of 1140 GPs indicated that a shortage of doctors would soar within five years. Mentions the health of indigenous Australians.

Keywords: Health funding, Hospitals, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: AMA blames apathy for indigenous health crisis
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Monday, 9 December 2002
Writer(s): Gregory, Jason
News genre: News
Page number: 4
Word length: 488
News source: Academic, Medical, Publication
First spokesperson: Dr Ian Ring, Adjunct Professor of Public Health, James Cook University.
Second spokesperson: Ngaire Brown, CEO, Australian Indigenous Doctors Association
Synopsis: The Australian Medical Association claimed that the health of indigenous Australians had not improved over the past decade because of federal government apathy.
Keywords: Federal department of health, Federal politics, Health funding, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: No progress noted in Aurukun steps
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Monday, 9 December 2002
Writer(s): Wenham, Margaret
News genre: Regular column
Page number: 11
Word length: 658
News source: Opinion
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Claims that the Cape York Fitzgerald inquiry inspired initiatives of the Aurukun community aimed at curbing abuse and alcohol-related violence. However, the Aurukun community's attempt to combat alcohol abuse pre-Fitzgerald needed to be recognised and not attributed to the external forces such as the Government or the media.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Indigenous health standards, Indigenous politics, Living conditions

Title: 'Go-slow' on black violence
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Tuesday, 10 December 2002
Writer(s): Schubert, Misha
News genre: News
Page number: 5
Word length: 398
News source: Aboriginal leader, Politician, Publication
First spokesperson: Jackie Huggins, co-chairwoman, Reconciliation Australia
Second spokesperson: Fred Chaney, co-chairman, Reconciliation Australia
Synopsis: Reconciliation Australia states that efforts to combat domestic violence and child abuse in indigenous communities have moved at a 'glacial pace'.
Keywords: Child health, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, Violence, Women's health

Title: Aurukun alcohol reforms
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 11 December 2002
Writer(s): Spence, Judy
News genre: Letter to the editor
Page number: 18
Word length: 1151
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Judy Spencer, Qld Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy Minister
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Claims that the Indigenous Communities Liquor Licensing Bill 2002 provided the tools to back up, where possible, decisions made by indigenous community justice groups. Argues that such steps did not breach the Commonwealth Racial Discrimination Act, as the restrictions imposed on alcohol were not based on a person's race.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Race & racism, State politics

Title: Community doctor bulk-bills in smiles
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 21 December 2002
Writer(s): Koch, Tony
News genre: News
Page number: 1
Word length: 643
News source: Medical
First spokesperson: Dr Lara Wieland, doctor, Kowanyama Community
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Kowanyama Community doctor, Dr Lara Wieland, met with former justice Tony Fitzgerald to discuss problems in the community and achievable solutions. Wieland's special concern was the destruction caused by fetal alcohol syndrome – when babies were born to mothers addicted to

alcohol. Solutions include every adult in the community attending a course and limitations on the amount of alcohol sold.

Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Disease, Hospitals, Women's health

Title: The baby or the bottle
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 21 December 2002
Writer(s): Koch, Tony
News genre: News
Page number: 25
Word length: 1675
News source: Aboriginal lay person, Aboriginal leader, Medical, Publication
First spokesperson: Bob Sands, chief executive officer, Kowanyama Community Council
Second spokesperson: Jeremy Jimmy, elder, Kowanyama community
Synopsis: Discussion of the problem of "Grog Babies", born to mothers addicted to alcohol. The Kowanyama Aboriginal Community on western Cape York was the first state community to introduce a specific program to counter the problem.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, Women's health

Title: An old and dangerous adversary
Publication: Courier Mail
Publication date: Monday, 23 December 2002
Writer(s):
News genre: Editorial
Page number: 14
Word length: 557
News source: Medical
First spokesperson: Dr Lara Wieland, doctor, Kowanyama community
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Remote Kowanyama community had introduced a program designed to avoid mental retardation in babies resulting from alcohol abuse by their mothers.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Indigenous politics

Title: Nomads face last taboo
Publication: Australian
Publication date: Saturday, 28 December 2002
Writer(s): Toohey, Paul
News genre: Feature
Page number: 1
Word length: 1580
News source: Local government, Medical, Publication
First spokesperson: unnamed nurse
Second spokesperson: Mike Harper, town clerk, Kiwirrkurra
Synopsis: Incidences of sexual abuse/incest in the Pintubi tribe, also mentions Gordon report.
Keywords: Child health, Violence