

The Media and Indigenous Policy Project

Index of Indigenous Health Articles in the *Courier-Mail*

1988-89, 1994-95, 2002-03 & 2006-07

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1988

Title: Expo violence fear as blacks plan protests
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 13 January 1988
Writer(s): Kent, John
News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length:
News source: Academic, Medical, Politician
News spokesperson: Mr Gunn, Qld Police Minister
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Aborigines were expected to converge on Brisbane in April to protest against the Bicentenary at World Expo 88.
Keywords: Living conditions, Violence

Title: Eye disease rife: Doctor
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 18 January 1988
Writer(s): AAPAUSNEWS
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 2
Word length:
News source: Medical, Publication
News spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: A study found that eye diseases, malnutrition and infections were widespread in Aboriginal children in a remote community in north-west Australia.
Keywords: Disease, Living conditions

Title: Unions to fight for blacks
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 20 January 1988
Writer(s): AAPAUSNEWS
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 4
Word length:
News source: Other
News spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: A meeting of 14 unions decided to pressure the State and Federal Governments to improve the situation of Aborigines.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards

Title: Aborigines should get priority - Opposition
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 25 January 1988
Writer(s): AAPAUSNEWS

Courier-Mail

News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 5
Word length:
News source: Church/welfare body, Politician
News spokesperson:
Second spokesperson: Very Rev. Lance Shilton, Anglican Dean
Synopsis: In a statement on Aboriginal affairs prepared for Australia Day, the Opposition said Government welfare assistance should be allocated equally to all Australians, regardless of race, colour or creed. However, as the most disadvantaged identifiable cultural group in Australia, Aborigines should get priority in the provision of health, housing and employment.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards

Title: Rock singer wanted for anti-alcohol role
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 30 January 1988
Writer(s): AAPA US News
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 3
Word length:
News source: Politician
News spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Rosckstar Tina Turner had been asked by the Northern Territory Government to join its fight against petrol sniffing and alcohol abuse in Aboriginal communities.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs

Title: Aboriginal health jobs threatened
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 25 February 1988
Writer(s): Hammond, Philip.
News genre: News
Page number: 10
Word length: 300
News source: Politician
News spokesperson: Spokesperson for Mr Hand, Federal Aboriginal Affairs Minister
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Funding problems for Queensland's Aboriginal Health Program were threatening the jobs of up to 50 health workers state-wide. Reports claim that, while individual Aboriginal-run services concentrated on treating existing ailments, they did not specialise in long-term, preventive health initiatives.
Keywords: Federal politics, Health funding, State politics

Courier-Mail

Title: Police shoot black man in hotel siege
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 2 March 1988
Writer(s): Button, Doug, Kennedy, Nick & Maher, Sid
News genre: News
Page number:
Word length:
News source: Non-Aboriginal lay person, Police/Court
News spokesperson: Shane, regular female customer, Castle Hotel
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: A policeman shot an Aboriginal protester in the head at a South Brisbane Hotel.
Keywords: Police, Violence

Title: State to resist loss of health workers
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 12 March 1988
Writer(s): Hammond, P
News genre: News
Page number: 17
Word length: 300
News source: Politician
News spokesperson: Mrs Harvey, Qld Health Minister
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The Health Minister, Mrs Harvey, claimed the State Health Department was desperate not to lose the expertise of Aboriginal health workers based in Queensland. Mrs Harvey attacked the Federal Government for its "Total misunderstanding of the long-term preventative health aims of the Aboriginal Health Program."
Keywords: Federal politics, Health funding, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Medical services - mainstream, State politics

Title: Aborigines poisoned by manganese dust -safety officer
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 24 March 1988
Writer(s): AAPAUSNEWS
News genre: News
Page number: 23
Word length: 300
News source: Medical
News spokesperson: Dr Yossi Berger
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: A study at the Gemco mine on Groote Eylandt in the Northern Territory found dangerous levels of manganese dust. The open cut mine had already resulted in 15 aborigines being poisoned. Dr Yossi Berger who completed an inspection of the mine said that he believed more local Aborigines and possibly workers at the Gemco mine could be affected.
Keywords: Disease, Living conditions

Courier-Mail

Title: Aborigines more likely to avoid alcohol, study finds
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 26 March 1988
Writer(s): AAPAUSNEWS
News genre: News
Page number: 32
Word length: 200
News source: Academic, Conference/Meeting
News spokesperson: Dr Carol Watson
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: A study by the Northern Territory Drug and Alcohol Bureau found Aborigines were about five times more likely than other Australians to abstain from drinking alcohol. Dr Carol Watson told a World Health Organisation drugs conference in Sydney the study dispelled the common myth all Aborigines were big drinkers. Notes that two-thirds of Aboriginal drinkers drank to dangerous levels under the National Health and Medical Research Council guidelines.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs

Title: Aboriginal suicides 'rare'
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 4 April 1988
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number:
Word length:
News source: Academic
News spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: A study found that white Australians were over four times more likely to commit suicide than Aborigines living a traditional lifestyle.
Keywords: Suicide

Title: Black women plead for their birthright
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 8 April 1988
Writer(s): AAPAUSNEWS
News genre: News
Page number: 15
Word length: 300
News source: Conference/Meeting, Politician
News spokesperson: Dr Blewett, Federal Health minister
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Five Aboriginal women filed onto the stage after a speech by the Federal Health Minister, Dr Blewett, at the World Health Organisation conference, to protest against the lack of government funding for a central Australian birthing centre.
Keywords: Child health, Health funding, Hospitals, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Women's health

Courier-Mail

Title: Black health is 'Under Threat'
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 21 April 1988
Writer(s): Kent, J
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 4
Word length: 100
News source: Politician
News spokesperson: Mrs Harvey, Qld Health Minister
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The Health Minister, Mrs Harvey, said the Aboriginal Health Program was under threat from Federal Government cutbacks.
Keywords: Health funding, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Medical services - mainstream

Title: Health services bad: Union
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 26 April 1988
Writer(s): Freudenberg, John
News genre: News
Page number: 23
Word length: 200
News source: Medical
News spokesperson: Mr Denis Jones, Queensland Nurses Union
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Mr Denis Jones, Queensland Nurses Union, said that health services on some north Queensland Aboriginal communities were appalling, leading to a high turnover of nurses working in remote communities.
Keywords: Health funding, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: Black win restrictions on Kava
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 10 May 1988
Writer(s): AAPAUSNEWS
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 14
Word length: 100
News source: Politician
News spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Legislation would be introduced to restrict the sale of kava, following calls by Aborigines in Western Australia for a curb on kava drinking.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs

Title: Service for blacks 'abject'
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 11 May 1988
Writer(s): Hammond, Philip
News genre: News

Courier-Mail

Page number: 11
Word length: 300
News source: Medical, Politician
News spokesperson: Mrs Harvey, Queensland Health Minister
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Mr Denis Jones, Queensland Nurses Union, claimed that the level of public-health standards in the Doomadgee Aboriginal Community were appalling. He mentioned the high rate of chronic ear infections among young children, and women who had IUDs for up to 15 years without medical check-ups.
Keywords: Child health, Health funding, Hospitals, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Medical services - mainstream, Women's health

Title: Govt denies community blacks are neglected
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 12 May 1988
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number:
Word length:
News source: Bureaucrat, Medical
News spokesperson: Denis Jones, secretary, Nurses union
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: A spokesman for Northern Development, Community Services and Ethnic Affairs claimed that the Queensland Nurses Union had made some "wild, unfounded accusations" about health conditions at Doomadgee. Nurses union secretary Mr Denis Jones alleged that Aboriginal women at the Doomadgee community had been fitted for more than a decade with intra-uterine devices without having had medical check-ups.

Keywords: Child health, Indigenous health standards, Women's health
Title: Black health "world's worst"
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 25 May 1988
Writer(s): AAPGROUP
News genre: News
Page number: 31
Word length: 250
News source: Medical, Publication
News spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The Health Targets and Implementation Committee released a report to health ministers showing that White Australians had the world's third longest life expectancy, but Aboriginal health appeared to be worse than that of any other population group.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Disease, Indigenous health standards, International, Living conditions

Courier-Mail

Title: Some maternal deaths 'avoidable'
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 2 June 1988
Writer(s): AAPAUSNEWS
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 12
Word length: 200
News source: Medical, Publication
News spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: A National Health and Medical Research Council report found that maternal death rate continued to fall in Australia. Briefly mentions that Aboriginals and immigrants faced an increased risk of maternal death.
Keywords: Child health, Women's health

Title: Researchers to consult aborigines
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 2 June 1988
Writer(s): AAPAUSNEWS
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 20
Word length: 100
News source: Academic, Medical
News spokesperson: Professor Richard Lovell, chairman, National Health and Medical Research Council's ethics committee
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: New ethical guidelines covering research into Aboriginal health were to be established to ensure researchers were sensitive to Aborigines' wishes and culture. Professor Richard Lovell, the chairman of the National Health and Medical Research Council's ethics committee, said initial consultations with Aborigines had shown dissatisfaction with some research techniques.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards

Title: Children flown in for tests
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 3 June 1988
Writer(s): Woods, J
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 4
Word length: 100
News source: Academic, Medical
News spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Aboriginal children from the Woorabinda community, 200km west of Rockhampton, were flown to Brisbane as part of a three-year nutrition study. The study focused on Aboriginal children who were smaller than other Australian children of the same age to see if supplementing their diets would be beneficial to their nutrition.

Courier-Mail

Keywords: Child health

Title: Race probe: Qld stalling alleged
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 16 June 1988
Writer(s): Walker, Jamie
News genre: News
Page number:
Word length:
News source: Human Rights Commission, Politician, Publication
News spokesperson: Mr Justice Einfeld, president, Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Commission
Second spokesperson: Mr Littleproud, Queensland Education Minister
Synopsis: Mr Justice Einfeld, president of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Commission, claimed that the Queensland Education Department had instructed teachers not to cooperate with the Toomelah racism inquiry. The Human Rights Commission report found that more than 20 per cent of children at the Toomelah settlement were suffering from recurrent chest infections and almost 50 per cent had chronic ear disease as a result of overcrowding, lack of water and poor sewage disposal.
Keywords: Child health, Living conditions

Title: Actions louder than words: locals
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 16 June 1988
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number:
Word length:
News source: Aboriginal lay person, Human Rights Commission, Publication
News spokesperson: Mrs Ada Jarrett, community member, Toomelah
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The Aborigines of Toomelah welcomed the findings of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Commission report but remained unconvinced that "white man's" words would translate into action.
Keywords: Living conditions

Title: Black aid campaign funds limited: Worker
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 29 June 1988
Writer(s): Hammond, Philip
News genre: News
Page number: 12
Word length: 200
News source: Medical, Conference/Meeting
News spokesperson: Sister Gracelyn Smallwood
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The nursing sister behind the AIDS awareness campaign for

Aborigines spent two and a half years living on a supporting mothers benefit. Sister Gracelyn Smallwood said this was the only way to get things done with only \$2000 allocated to the project. Sr Smallwood worked on raising awareness in Aboriginal and Islander communities and, while millions of dollars were being spent on AIDS awareness, she complained that little of it reached community "grassroots" levels.

Keywords: Disease, Health funding, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: Speakers gagged at nurses' seminar
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 18 July 1988
Writer(s): Hammond, Philip
News genre: News
Page number: 16
Word length: 400
News source: Bureaucrat, Politician
News spokesperson: Mr Sherlock, the Liberal health spokesman
Second spokesperson:

Synopsis: Two Health Department employees were told that they were not allowed to speak at the Queensland Nurses Union seminar after they had travelled there at their own expense. Brief mention of tour of the Weipa South Aboriginal Community by Mr Comben, Queensland Opposition Health spokesman.

Keywords: Living conditions, State politics

Title: Alcoholism 'hits displaced peoples'
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 21 July 1988
Writer(s): Murray, R
News genre: News
Page number: 2
Word length: 300
News source: Bureaucrat
News spokesperson: Mr Cliff Fua, director, Aboriginal alcohol program, Qld Health Department

Second spokesperson:

Synopsis: Mr Cliff Fua has returned from an American study tour, where he found that North American Indians and New Zealand Maoris, suffered from alcoholism similarly to Australian Aborigines. Mr Fua, the Health Department's Aboriginal alcoholism program director, said that methods used among North American Indians were the same as those used in Queensland, but they received more government funding.

Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Courier-Mail

Title: Drug dealers peddling heroin to blacks
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 29 July 1988
Writer(s): AAPGROUP
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 2
Word length: 100
News source: Bureaucrat, Medical
News spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The NSW health department claimed that drug dealers are peddling cheap heroin in a New South Wales Aboriginal Reserve. Cases of AIDS had resulted from shared needles.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs

Title: More funds for blacks, says Hawke
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 6 August 1988
Writer(s): Pekol, Suzanne
News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length: 400
News source: Politician, Publication
News spokesperson: Mr Hawke, Prime Minister
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The Prime Minister, Mr Hawke, promised a significant increase in Aboriginal funding in the Budget. This follows the release of a United Nations report which found Aborigines were living in "poverty, misery, and extreme frustration."
Keywords: Federal politics, Health funding, International, Living conditions

Title: Booze books anger blacks
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 8 August 1988
Writer(s): Walker, Jamie
News genre: Feature
Page number: 3
Word length: 600
News source: Aboriginal lay person, Aboriginal leader, Non-Aboriginal lay person
News spokesperson: Dermot Tiernan, Publican
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Discusses the practice of taking bank cards or books from customers buying alcohol on credit. The practice was continuing in Cherbourg even after publicans agreed to stop the practice.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Living conditions

Courier-Mail

Title: Sober success, in black and white
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 9 August 1988
Writer(s): Maher, Sid
News genre: News
Page number:
Word length:
News source: Other
News spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Profile of Charlie Ah Wing, a Chinese Aborigine, and KASH, the Kalkadoon Aboriginal Sobriety House.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs

Title: Govt will build \$1 Mil hospital at Doomadgee
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 10 August 1988
Writer(s): Hammond, Philip
News genre: News
Page number: 13
Word length: 200
News source: Medical, Politician
News spokesperson: Mr Denis Jones, secretary, Queensland Nurses Union
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The State Health Department would take over medical services at Doomadgee and spend \$1 million on a new hospital. A previous article (in May 2012) reported on the appalling level of public health standards, with 20 per cent of the population having secondary syphilis, and women having intra-uterine devices for more than a decade without medical checks.
Keywords: Health funding, Hospitals, State department of health

Title: Comben plans human rights move over health of blacks
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 11 August 1988
Writer(s): Morley, P
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 14
Word length: 100
News source: Politician
News spokesperson: Mr Comben, state opposition health spokesman
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The state opposition health spokesman, Mr Comben, would take Aboriginal health care complaints to the Human Rights Commission. During a visit to remote Aboriginal and Islander communities on Cape York and in the Torres Strait, Mr Comben found what he described as "Third World standards".
Keywords: International, Living conditions

Courier-Mail

Title: \$126m bid to bring Aborigines out of 'third world' conditions
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 24 August 1988
Writer(s): Hammond, Philip & Orr, John
News genre: News
Page number: 55
Word length: 500
News source: Politician
News spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders would receive \$126 million over the next two years to improve their health, housing, education and employment. The Priority Communities development strategy aimed to provide impoverished communities with basic services over the following two years.
Keywords: Health funding, Hospitals, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions

Title: Five targets for program
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 24 August 1988
Writer(s):
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 56
Word length: 100
News source: Politician
News spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: State and Federal governments would enlist industry, charities and other non-government organisations in a "national program for better health" targeted at people with the greatest health needs, including women, low-income earners, Aborigines and people of non-English speaking backgrounds.
Keywords: Health funding, Medical services - mainstream

Title: AIDS education
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 26 August 1988
Writer(s): AAPAUSNEWS
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 23
Word length: 100
News source: Medical, Conference/Meeting
News spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Claims that Aborigines had a chance to show the world how to prevent AIDS spreading through the community, as AIDS had not so far surfaced as a problem.
Keywords: Disease

Courier-Mail

Title: AIDS joins alcohol on Palm Island
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 2 September 1988
Writer(s): Miller, Calvin
News genre: Feature
Page number: 7
Word length: 400
News source: Aboriginal leader
News spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Five residents on Palm Island had been found AIDS positive after being tested by the Queensland Department of Health. However, alcohol was regarded as the longer-term tragedy of the island, and island leaders were worried about drunkenness leading to indiscriminate sex.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Disease, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions

Title: Services to blacks face chop in NSW
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 6 September 1988
Writer(s): AAPGROUP
News genre: News
Page number: 5
Word length: 300
News source: Publication
News spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: A Government discussion paper touted the possibility of closing all Aboriginal Affairs arrangements in NSW, after a study found that although \$1.2 billion had been ploughed into Aboriginal programs in NSW in the previous decade, the gap in living standards between Aboriginal and White people had widened during the same period.
Keywords: Health funding, Living conditions, State politics

Title: Expert plans end to black drink trouble
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 8 September 1988
Writer(s): Hammond, Philip
News genre: News
Page number: 14
Word length: 300
News source: Bureaucrat, Conference/Meeting
News spokesperson: Mr Cliff Fau, Queensland Health Department alcohol and drug dependency service
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Mr Cliff Fau, Queensland Health Department alcohol and drug dependency service, claimed that a community approach to the Aboriginal drinking problem could turn communities to 100 per cent sobriety.

Courier-Mail

Keywords: Alcohol & drugs

Title: Promise of Mabo lost in paradise
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 23 September 1988
Writer(s): Priest, Marcus
News genre: News
Page number:
Word length:
News source: Aboriginal lay person, Aboriginal leader
News spokesperson: Nicey Sambo, brother of Eddie Mabo
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: A group, backed by Murray Island elders, declared an interim national government and said it would break away from the rest of Australia. Mentions living conditions on the island.
Keywords: Living conditions

Title: Killer wipes out top artist and family
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 29 September 1988
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 1
Word length:
News source: Police/Court
News spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: A renowned artist and his family were among six Aborigines murdered in a shotgun massacre in the Northern Territory's remote Top End.
Keywords: Violence

Title: GP faces his hardest task
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 10 October 1988
Writer(s): Callander, Diana
News genre: News
Page number:
Word length:
News source: Medical
News spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Profile of Dr Gary Erikson, who spent 6 months working at the Wiluna medical service, catering to the mostly Aboriginal population.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Disease

Courier-Mail

Title: Police miss baton protest
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 14 October 1988
Writer(s):
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number:
Word length:
News source: Aboriginal lay person
News spokesperson:
Second spokesperson: Mrs Florence Williams, Indigenous woman
Synopsis: Police accused of having baton-bashed two Aboriginal elders were told to avoid a stormy public meeting over the alleged attacks.
Keywords: Police, Violence

Title: Black women "risk side-effects"
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 20 October 1988
Writer(s): Gubby, R
News genre: News
Page number: 2
Word length: 200
News source: Aboriginal leader, Bureaucrat
News spokesperson: Mrs Robyrtta Felton, president, Yuenmanda Community Women's Association
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The Yuenmanda Community Women's Association president, Mrs Robyrtta Felton, claimed that Aboriginal women in the Gulf of Carpentaria were still being issued with a contraceptive drug linked with a range of serious side effects.
Keywords: Federal department of health, Living conditions, Women's health

Title: Racist slur sparked gang death, jury told
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 20 October 1988
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 20
Word length:
News source: Lawyer/legal representative, Police/Court
News spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: A Supreme Court jury was told that an Aboriginal youth was stabbed to death during a teenage gang fight sparked by someone shouting "look at the coon".
Keywords: Race & racism, Violence

Courier-Mail

Title: Mother's anger still burns after death of son
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 27 October 1988
Writer(s): Fitzpatrick, Kevin
News genre: News
Page number:
Word length:
News source: Aboriginal lay person, Police/Court
News spokesperson: Mrs Kay Karl, mother of Aboriginal youth involved in fight in Goodan
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The mother of an Aboriginal youth fatally stabbed in a fight at Goodan was angry that the man accused of his stabbing was found not guilty.
Keywords: Violence

Title: Black infant deaths twice overall rate
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 11 November 1988
Writer(s): Hammond, Philip
News genre: News
Page number: 10
Word length: 200
News source: Bureaucrat, Publication
News spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: State Health Department figures showed that the Queensland Aboriginal infant mortality rate remained more than double the rate for the overall population. The infant death rate for the 14 Aboriginal communities was 24.9 deaths per 100 live births, while Statistics Bureau information showed Queensland's overall mortality rate in 1987 was 9.3 deaths per 1000 live births.
Keywords: Child health

Title: Water crisis may force evacuation
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 12 November 1988
Writer(s): Walker, Jamie
News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length: 300
News source: Aboriginal leader, Publication
News spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The 1200 residents of Doomadgee faced evacuation because of a water-supply crisis. Residents were allowed only 4 half-hours of water a day and feared a threat to health from clogged toilets.
Keywords: Living conditions

Courier-Mail

Title: Vanishing water on sacred site
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 16 November 1988
Writer(s): AAPAUSNEWS
News genre: News
Page number: 13
Word length: 300
News source: Aboriginal lay person, Aboriginal leader, Publication,
News spokesperson: David Douglas, Doomadgee Council shire clerk
Second spokesperson: Clive Cairns, member, Doomadgee Aboriginal Community Council
Synopsis: The Doomadgee Aboriginal Community Council said 1200 residents at the township were on strict water rations because the pumping station drawing supplies from the Nicholson River had broken down. Doomadgee Aboriginal Community Council member Clive Cairns said a health crisis created by the water shortage could force an evacuation.
Keywords: Living conditions

Title: Black infant deaths 'twice the average'
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 17 November 1988
Writer(s): Quinn, Sue
News genre: News
Page number:
Word length:
News source: Academic, Publication
News spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: A key report on Aboriginal child survival found that Aboriginal infants died at more than twice the average rate in Australia.
Keywords: Child health

Title: Federal policy needed: study
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Sunday, 20 November 1988
Writer(s): Towers, M
News genre: News
Page number: 31
Word length:
News source: Medical, Publication
News spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: A national investigation into mental health uncovered a system which was badly coordinated, struggling to cope with increasing numbers of patients, inefficient and too expensive. Brief mention of Aboriginal issues.
Keywords: Health funding

Courier-Mail

Title: Scientists clear manganese: BHP
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 22 November 1988
Writer(s): AAPAUSNEWS
News genre: News
Page number: 23
Word length: 200
News source: Medical, Other, Publication
News spokesperson: Mr John Parkin, Union health officer
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: BHP said that health experts found no evidence of manganese poisoning from Groote Eylandt mining operations. Brief mention that a union health officer, Mr John Parkin, said that a BHP-Northern Territory Government study last year found indications of brain damage among local Aborigines, but could not prove manganese was the cause.
Keywords: Living conditions

Title: Poison finding attacked
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 23 November 1988
Writer(s): AAPAUSNEWS
News genre: News
Page number: 47
Word length: 200
News source: Business, Other, Medical
News spokesperson:
Second spokesperson: Dr Yossi Berger, occupational health and safety research officer, ACTU
Synopsis: Unions accused BHP of attempting to pre-empt the findings of a study to be carried out into the effects of manganese on Groote Eylandt workers. Brief mention that the manganese may have been harmful to Aboriginal residents and mine employees.
Keywords: Living conditions

Title: Health risk as Doomadgee's water dries up
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 23 November 1988
Writer(s): Walker, Jamie
News genre: News
Page number: 5
Word length: 300
News source: Aboriginal leader, Medical, Politician
News spokesperson: Medical
Second spokesperson: Cr Clive Cairns, deputy chairman, Doomadgee Community Council
Synopsis: Medical authorities warned of an impending public health emergency in the drought-stricken north Queensland community of Doomadgee, where the water supply was restricted to six hours a day. The town's government medical officer said that an evacuation of the 1200 residents might be necessary if the dwindling water supply was not replenished soon.

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Keywords: Child health, Living conditions

Title: Aussies get glowing bill of health; but not Blacks

Publication: Courier-Mail

Publication date: Thursday, 24 November 1988

Writer(s): Quinn, Sue

News genre: News

Page number: 21

Word length: 200

News source: Publication

News spokesperson:

Second spokesperson:

Synopsis: An Australian institute of Health report said that Australians were healthier than ever and living longer, with female life expectancy increasing from 51 to 79 during the century to 1986 and males from 46 to 73. Brief mention that Aborigines were the least healthy group in Australia, with death rates ranging from two to four times the national average.

Keywords: Indigenous health standards, Living conditions

Title: Doomadgee dry in 16 days - MP

Publication: Courier-Mail

Publication date: Friday, 2 December 1988

Writer(s):

News genre: News summary/minor piece

Page number:

Word length:

News source: Politician

News spokesperson: Mr Beard, Liberal member for Mount Isa

Second spokesperson:

Synopsis: The Liberal member for Mount Isa, Mr Beard, said that the water supply for the Aboriginal community of Doomadgee would last only 16 days.

Keywords: Living conditions

Title: Govt grant aids water supply

Publication: Courier-Mail

Publication date: Saturday, 3 December 1988

Writer(s):

News genre: News summary/minor piece

Page number:

Word length:

News source: Politician

News spokesperson: Spokesman for Mr Katter, Community Services Minister

Second spokesperson:

Synopsis: The Federal Government gave the Aboriginal community of Doomadgee an emergency grant of \$560,000 to alleviate its water supply crisis.

Keywords: Living conditions

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Title: Doomadgee drying up but residents plan to stay
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 6 December 1988
Writer(s): Ross, David
News genre: News
Page number:
Word length:
News source: Aboriginal leader, Medical, Politician
News spokesperson: Unnamed hospital staff member
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Discusses Doomadgee's dwindling water supply.
Keywords: Child health, Living conditions

Title: Hand accused of misleading house
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 6 December 1988
Writer(s): Pekol, Suzanne
News genre: News
Page number: 11
Word length: 300
News source: Politician
News spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The opposition claimed that Aboriginal Affairs Minister, Mr Hand, misled Parliament over funding for an Aboriginal health organisation.
Keywords: Allegations of Indigenous corruption, Federal politics, Health funding, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: Audit boosts heat on Hand
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 6 December 1988
Writer(s): Pekol, Suzanne
News genre: News
Page number: 1
Word length: 400
News source: Bureaucrat, Publication
News spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: An independent audit into a key Aboriginal health body revealed a high level of financial maladministration and inadequate accounting records. The report showed embarrassing details of non-accountability for spending by the organisation between 1984 and 1986. The damaging audit came as Mr Hand was under fire for allegedly deciding to resume Government funding to the organisation.
Keywords: Allegations of Indigenous corruption, Federal politics, Health funding, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

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Title: Hand holds firm in the face of row on black fund
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 7 December 1988
Writer(s): Pekol, Suzanne
News genre: News
Page number: 2
Word length: 300
News source: Politician
News spokesperson: Federal Minister
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The Opposition claimed that Mr Hand had known about the damning audit of the National Aboriginal and Islander Health Organisation before 8 September. The audit criticised the financial mismanagement and accounting records of the body between 1984 and 1986. Its Government funds were stopped in 1986.
Keywords: Allegations of Indigenous corruption, Federal politics, Health funding, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: Hand could have been more precise, admits Hawke
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 8 December 1988
Writer(s): Pekol, Suzanne
News genre: News
Page number: 2
Word length: 500
News source: Politician
News spokesperson: Mr Hawke, Prime Minister
Second spokesperson: Senator Button, Government Senate Leader
Synopsis: The Prime Minister, Mr Hawke, admitted that the Aboriginal Affairs Minister, Mr Hand, could have been more precise in his statements to Parliament. However, he stood firm behind his Minister in the face of continuing Opposition calls for Mr Hand's resignation. The saga centres around Mr Hand's comments to parliament that he decided not to resume funding to a health organisation, while a senior departmental officer said later that the Minister had told him to agree to fund the body. Brief mention that Mr Hand also knew of the damning audit report on the health organisation.
Keywords: Federal department of health, Federal politics, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: AIDS team on the road
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 19 December 1988
Writer(s):
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 17
Word length: 100
News source: Politician
News spokesperson: Dr Blewett, Health Minister
Second spokesperson:

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Synopsis: Teams of politicians and AIDS experts would travel the nation in a bid to gauge public knowledge and opinion of the disease. The Health Minister, Dr Blewett, said six groups would each examine a specific AIDS-related issue: intravenous drug use; AIDS and Aborigines; education and prevention; testing; treatment, services and care; discrimination and legal issues.

Keywords: Disease

Title: North has Christmas drink - of water
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 28 December 1988
Writer(s): Whittaker, Paul
News genre: News
Page number: 2
Word length: 500
News source: Aboriginal lay person, Bureaucrat, Medical
News spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Rain in the remote town of Doomadgee ended the threat of evacuation of the community. The town residents had been on strict water restrictions for six months, with the water only turned on for a few hours a day.

Keywords: Living conditions

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Title: 'Slow genocide' mix of Aborigines, drink
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 2 January 1989
Writer(s): McKenzie, Scott
News genre: News
Page number:
Word length:
News source: Aboriginal leader
First spokesperson: Burnum Burnum, Aboriginal activist
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Aboriginal activist Burnum Burnum called on Aborigines to declare war on alcohol.

Keywords: Aboriginal deaths in custody, Alcohol & drugs

Title: Health standard retained
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 6 January 1989
Writer(s): Job, W
News genre: Letter to the editor
Page number: 8
Word length: 300
News source: Medical
First spokesperson: W Job, chairman, South Brisbane Hospitals Board
Second spokesperson:

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Synopsis: Response to a previous article (3 January 1988) that the replacement of the Dunwich nursing centre with an improved ambulance service would deprive Stradbroke Island residents of a vital safeguard to their health and welfare. Brief mention that Dunwich would still be serviced by the Health Department's division of child care and the Aboriginal Affairs Department's health service.

Keywords: Hospitals, State department of health

Title: Black 'nomads' blame council
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 12 January 1989
Writer(s): Byrne, Nicki
News genre: News
Page number: 11
Word length: 300
News source: Aboriginal lay person, Medical
First spokesperson: Mr Toffee Wharton, Aboriginal spokesman
Second spokesperson: Mr Bill La Haye, Moree Shire Council health inspector
Synopsis: A group of Aborigines in northern New South Wales said it was denied the right to buy land and was continually evicted from camp sites. About 200 Aborigines from Boomi, north of Moree, said that although most were employed and did not cause any trouble they were victims of Moree Shire Council's "racist attitudes". While the land that they were staying on currently was not owned by the council, Mr Bill La Haye, the Health inspector of Moree Shire Council, said that they were served notices for contravening the Health Act.

Keywords: Indigenous health standards, Land rights, Living conditions

Title: Settlement 'should have rates lifted'
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 17 March 1989
Writer(s): Gagliardi, J
News genre: News
Page number: 23
Word length:
News source: Human Rights Commission, Publication
First spokesperson: Justice Marcus Einfeld, president, Human Rights Commission
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The Toomelah Review, compiled by the Human Rights Commission, claimed that the Toomelah Aboriginal settlement should be exempt from rates because the local shire council refused to provide services to dwellings.

Keywords: Living conditions

Title: Retarded woman's death 'shame'
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 20 March 1989
Writer(s): AAPAUSNews
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 13

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Word length:
News source: Police/Court
First spokesperson: Dennis Barritt, Alice Springs magistrate
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Alice Springs magistrate Mr Dennis Barritt said that the death of a mentally-handicapped Aboriginal woman brought shame on the Northern Territory.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards, Medical services - mainstream

Title: Aboriginal health calamity claimed
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 23 March 1989
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length: 170
News source: Publication
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: A report claimed that Aboriginal health was a national calamity.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Disease, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: Fighting the killer within
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 5 April 1989
Writer(s): Petersen, Don
News genre: Feature
Page number: 9
Word length:
News source: Non-Aboriginal lay person
First spokesperson: Norm Uhr, asbestosis sufferer
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Overview of the danger of asbestos. Mentions claim that 4,000 asbestos miners, many of them Aboriginal, had died as a result of exposure to asbestos.
Keywords: Disease

Title: Hepatitis B 'more lethal than AIDS'
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 24 April 1989
Writer(s): AAPAUSNews
News genre: News
Page number: 5
Word length:
News source: Medical
First spokesperson: Dr Frank Frye, Royal Australian College of General Practitioners
Second spokesperson: Dr Bob Batey, Royal Australian College of General Practitioners
Synopsis: The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners claimed that

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there were more than 250,000 carriers of hepatitis B in Australia. Brief mention that the disease was more prevalent in ethnic groups such as South-East Asian races and Aboriginals.

Keywords: Disease

Title: The underrated killer
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 25 April 1989
Writer(s): Phillips, Juanita
News genre: News
Page number: 9
Word length:
News source: Academic, Medical
First spokesperson: Professor Graham Cooksley, director, Royal Brisbane Hospital Foundation clinical research centre
Second spokesperson: Dr Geoffrey Gates, president, Royal Australian College of General Practitioners
Synopsis: Hepatitis B Awareness Week was marked with warnings that many in the community did not realise the real dangers of the virus. Brief mention that Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders were at risk.
Keywords: Disease

Title: Watch on black deaths
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 26 April 1989
Writer(s): AAPAUSNews
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 5
Word length:
News source: Politician, Publication
First spokesperson: Mr Collins, NSW Health Minister
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: New South Wales doctors would have to report all Aboriginal deaths and their causes to an Aboriginal mortality committee, under recommendations in a report before the NSW Government.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards

Title: Medical air services waste money: Flying Doc ex-boss
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 2 May 1989
Writer(s): Hammond, Philip
News genre: News
Page number: 5
Word length:
News source: Medical, Politician
First spokesperson: Brigadier Max Simkin, former state director, Royal Flying Doctor Service
Second spokesperson: Spokesman for Mr Gibbs, Qld Health Minister
Synopsis: A former Royal Flying Doctor Service director said that aerial medical

services overlapped and wasted money. Mentions service to Aboriginal communities on Cape York.
Keywords: Health funding

Title: Blacks trained for AIDS fight
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 4 May 1989
Writer(s): Hammond, Philip
News genre: News
Page number: 5
Word length:
News source: Politician, Publication
First spokesperson: Mr Gibbs, Qld Health Minister
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Aboriginal health workers were being trained to specialise in AIDS awareness and education projects among Aboriginal and Islander communities.
Keywords: Disease

Title: AIDS workers fight 'threat of genocide'
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 8 May 1989
Writer(s): Hammond, Philip
News genre: News
Page number: 16
Word length: 410
News source: Medical
First spokesperson: Unnamed community health workers
Second spokesperson: Belle Hegarty, health worker
Synopsis: Claims that AIDS could be another form of genocide for the Aboriginal people.
Keywords: Disease

Title: Hospital sent ill man off: witness
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 17 May 1989
Writer(s): Scott, Leisa
News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length:
News source: Aboriginal leader, Medical
First spokesperson: Michael Connolly, chairman, Yarrabah Community Council
Second spokesperson: John Broadley, chairman, Cairns Hospital Board
Synopsis: The Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody heard that a man suffering a brain haemorrhage was discharged from a north Queensland hospital by its medical superintendent.
Keywords: Aboriginal deaths in custody, Hospitals

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Title: Land fill is deadly: Senator
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 27 May 1989
Writer(s): AAPAUSNews
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 12
Word length:
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Senator Baume, Liberal Party, NSW
Second spokesperson: Senator Robert Ray, Federal Ethnic Affairs Minister
Synopsis: The Senate was told that a northern New South Wales Aboriginal community was living on land partly filled with deadly white asbestos.
Keywords: Disease, Living conditions

Title: UK 'greatly underestimated' Maralinga contamination risk
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 6 July 1989
Writer(s): AAPAUSNEWS
News genre: News
Page number: 15
Word length: 400
News source: Film/TV/Other media report
First spokesperson: Robert Cockburn, Sydney-based correspondent, UK Times
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Claims that a report suggesting that the contamination from nuclear bomb tests spread far beyond the official test range in South Australia was being withheld from the printers. Brief mention of the contamination of the Aboriginal Tjarutja Tribal lands.
Keywords: International, Land rights, Living conditions

Title: Black health officer warns of state-wide AIDS threat on African scale
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 8 July 1989
Writer(s): Hammond, Philip
News genre: Feature
Page number: 3
Word length: 600
News source: Bureaucrat, Medical, Politician
First spokesperson: Ms Barbara Keys, Aboriginal AIDS education officer, State Health Department
Second spokesperson: Mr Gibbs, Queensland Health Minister
Synopsis: Discussion of AIDS epidemic sweeping Africa and possible impact on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Disease, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions

Title: Families get aid to cope with deaths
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 16 August 1989
Writer(s): Quinn, Sue

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News genre: Feature
Page number: 40
Word length: 600
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Mr Hawke,
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: As part of the Federal Government budget, a network of 28 women's health centres would be established in cities and rural areas. The centres would offer a range of health services with a special emphasis on illness prevention, health promotion and counselling and support services. Briefly mentions that the centres would include staff of Aboriginal and non-English-speaking backgrounds.
Keywords: Health funding, Women's health

Title: Funds set for blacks, Islanders
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 16 August 1989
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 40
Word length: 300
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Mr Hand, Aboriginal Affairs Minister
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Communities would receive special funding for major infrastructure programs. The Aboriginal Affairs Minister, Mr Hand, said communities which lacked essential services including water, sewerage, housing, electricity and roads, would be targeted with a \$23 million special allocation.
Keywords: Federal department of health, Health funding, Living conditions

Title: Condom row: Katter's job on line
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 22 August 1989
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number:
Word length:
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Mr Ahern, Qld Premier
Second spokesperson: Spokesman for Mr Katter, Community Services Minister
Synopsis: The Community Services Minister, Mr Katter, would be sacked from State Cabinet if he refused a direction to install condom-vending machines in Aboriginal and Islander communities.
Keywords: Disease

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Title: Blacks hit 'interference' on AIDS
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 24 August 1989
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number:
Word length:
News source: Aboriginal leader
First spokesperson: Ricki Clay, chairman, Palm Island Aboriginal Council
Second spokesperson: Merv Gibson, chairman, Aboriginal Co-ordinating Council
Synopsis: Aboriginal leaders accused State Cabinet of interfering in the lives of Aboriginal and Islander people, following Cabinet's decision to instruct the Community Services Minister, Mr Katter, to have condom vending machines installed in Aboriginal and Islander communities as a preventative measure against AIDS.
Keywords: Disease

Title: Constable may face assault charge
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 9 September 1989
Writer(s): Scott, Leisa
News genre: News
Page number: 4
Word length:
News source: Aboriginal lay person, Politician
First spokesperson: Mrs Florence Williams
Second spokesperson: Unnamed spokesman for Mr FitzGerald, Qld Justice Minister
Synopsis: The Police Complaints Tribunal recommended criminal charges be laid against a constable for the alleged assault of an elderly Aboriginal woman.
Keywords: Police, Violence

Title: Palm Island AIDS fight gets \$1.5m
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Sunday, 1 October 1989
Writer(s): Hammond, Philip
News genre: News
Page number:
Word length:
News source: Medical, Politician
First spokesperson: Mr Gibbs, Qld Health Minister
Second spokesperson: Barbara Keys, Aboriginal health worker
Synopsis: The State Cabinet approved a \$1.5 million, two-year AIDS prevention program targeting north Queensland's Palm Island.
Keywords: Disease, Health funding

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Title: Blacks' hospital deaths to be probed
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 4 October 1989
Writer(s): Rowett, L
News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length: 300
News source: Human Rights Commission, Lawyer/Legal representative
First spokesperson: Commissioner Irene Moss, of the Human Rights Commission
Second spokesperson: Mr Jm Evans, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service administrator
Synopsis: The Human Rights Commission would investigate allegations that deaths have been caused by inadequate medical treatment in far north Queensland hospitals, following complaints from Aboriginal communities about shoddy, racist treatment at Cooktown, Wujal Wujal and Hopevale hospitals and clinics.
Keywords: Hospitals, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, Medical services - mainstream, Race & racism

Title: Palm Island AIDS fight gets \$1.5M
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 10 October 1989
Writer(s): Hammond, Philip
News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length: 300
News source: Medical, Politician
First spokesperson: Mr Gibbs, Queensland Health Minister
Second spokesperson: Ms Barbara Keys, State Health Aboriginal health worker
Synopsis: A \$1.5 million, two-year AIDS prevention program targeting north Queensland's Palm Islander received State Cabinet approval.
Keywords: Disease, Medical services - mainstream

Title: AIDS rate same: Gibbs
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 11 October 1989
Writer(s): Earle, G
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 11
Word length: 100
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Mr Gibbs, Queensland Health Minister
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Responding to a previous report (10/10/1989), the Queensland Health Minister, Mr Gibbs said that the AIDS infection rate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders was about the same as for the rest of Queensland.
Keywords: Disease

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Title: State fights black medical probe
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 27 October 1989
Writer(s):
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number:
Word length:
News source: Human Rights Commission, Police/Court, Politician
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The State Government was challenging a planned public inquiry into medical provided to Aborigines in the Cooktown district.
Keywords: Medical services - mainstream

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Title: Free drugs in nurses' action
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 5 March 1994
Writer(s):
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 13
Word length: 196
News source: Medical
First spokesperson: Mary Louez, Queensland Nurses Union regional organiser
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Nurses in the Cape York region handed out prescribed drugs free to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders as part of an industrial campaign in remote areas of far north Queensland.
Keywords: Health funding, Hospitals, Medical services - mainstream

Title: Pensions buy fear for black women
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 18 March 1994
Writer(s): Harris. Trudy
News genre: News
Page number: 5
Word length: 450
News source: Medical
First spokesperson: Gwen Seru, Cape York Indigenous settlements health worker
Second spokesperson: Jude Adds, officer of the Queensland Department of Health
Synopsis: Discusses the link between pension day and alcohol-related violence, and the impact on the poverty-stricken women of Cape York's remote Aboriginal settlements.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Violence, Women's health

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Title: Black women "bottom of society's ladder"
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 24 March 1994
Writer(s): Woods, James
News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length: 364
News source: Conference/Meeting/Speech
First spokesperson: Cheryl Buchanan, Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee chairwoman.
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee chairwoman, Cheryl Buchanan, said that Aboriginal women were the pits of society "more battered and bruised and raped and mutilated and murdered" than any other race in the world.
Keywords: Violence, Women's health

Title: Legal service plea
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 7 April 1994
Writer(s):
News genre: Feature
Page number: 20
Word length: 254
News source: Conference/Meeting/Speech
First spokesperson: Cheryl Buchanan, Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee chairwoman
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Discusses the need for legal services for Aboriginal women in Brisbane following a recent conference in Brisbane on the plight of Aboriginal women, which had refocused attention on the issue. Ms Buchanan said that aboriginal women could not approach the Aboriginal Legal Service in domestic-violence cases.
Keywords: Violence, Women's health

Title: Blacks seek total alcohol ban: Child abuse targeted
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 12 April 1994
Writer(s): Koch, Tony
News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length: 600
News source: Aboriginal leader, Medical
First spokesperson: Robert Patterson, Council Chairman
Second spokesperson: Les Baird, Council health officer
Synopsis: Queensland's most prominent Aboriginal council called for "total abstinence" in Aboriginal Communities to rid them of alcohol and substance abuse and violence.
Keywords: Aboriginal deaths in custody, Alcohol & drugs, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

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Title: Black group in crisis
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 20 April 1994
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 21
Word length: 269
News source: ATSIC, Politician
First spokesperson: Charles Perkins, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission acting chairman.
Second spokesperson: Steven Gordon, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commissioner
Synopsis: The Federal Government's leading Aboriginal advisory body, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission, warned it faced a "critical time" and was viewed as irrelevant by some senior Cabinet minister. ATSIC had finalised a deal to transfer control of primary Aboriginal health programmes to the Health Department, but retained responsibility for environmental health matters such as water, power and sewerage. ATSIC was also pushing to retain control of the billion dollar land acquisition fund.
Keywords: ATSIC, Federal politics, Health funding, Land rights, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Medical services - mainstream

Title: ATSIC rejects claims it failed outback blacks
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 9 May 1994
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 5
Word length: 369
News source: ATSIC
First spokesperson: Lois O'Donoghue, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Chairwoman.
Second spokesperson: Peter Shergold, ATSIC chief executive officer
Synopsis: The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission defended its operations amid accusations that it failed to meet the needs of Aborigines in outback Australia. Chairwoman Lois O'Donoghue said claims it had mismanaged millions of dollars of funding were prejudiced and wrong. She said conservative estimates suggested \$2 billion was needed to remedy Aboriginal people's housing and health needs.
Keywords: Allegations of Indigenous corruption, Health funding

Title: \$500m tonic for health strategy
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 11 May 1994
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 5
Word length: 429
News source: Politician

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First spokesperson: Carmen Lawrence, Federal Minister for Health
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Spending on Aboriginal health would increase \$500 million to bring National Aboriginal Health Strategy funding to \$1.6 billion over the following five years. Implementation of the National Aboriginal Health Strategy would be considered in the 1995 budget and the allocation of funds would be determined by ATSIC on a needs basis.
Keywords: Health funding

Title: Govt rebuts criticism of health deal
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 12 May 1994
Writer(s):
News genre: Feature
Page number: 14
Word length: 500
News source: Medical, Politician
First spokesperson: Carmen Lawrence, Health Minister
Second spokesperson: Brendan Nelson, president of the Australian Medical Association
Synopsis: Health Minister Carmen Lawrence said, in light of rising criticism from health and medical groups, that the Government had followed its commitment to breast cancer and mental health and dismissed suggestions that \$500 million over four years was not enough for Aboriginal health. AMA president Brendan Nelson said the Aboriginal health funding was a disgrace and would only fund the coffins for the escalating number of Aboriginal dead.
Keywords: Federal politics, Health funding, Indigenous health standards

Title: Medical funds are 'just not enough'
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 12 May 1994
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 5
Word length: 300
News source: Conference/Meeting/Speech
First spokesperson: John Meaney, Tripartite Forum communications officer
Second spokesperson: Marjorie Baldwin, Wu-Chopperen Medical Centre Deputy chairwoman
Synopsis: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health groups in north Queensland said they doubted whether the Government had a commitment to improving their services.
Keywords: Health funding, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: Blacks made to go: witnesses
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 20 May 1994
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 2

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Word length:
News source: Aboriginal leader, Local government
First spokesperson: John Meaney, spokesman, Tripartite Forum
Second spokesperson: Kevin Byrne, Cairns Mayor
Synopsis: Homeless Aborigines living on Cairns Esplanade said they watched as friends from the Lockhart River community were "rounded up like sheep" and forced to return home. Mentions lack of medical facilities in far north Queensland.
Keywords: Living conditions

Title: Scores of abuse complaints
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 20 May 1994
Writer(s): Maher, Sid
News genre: News
Page number: 2
Word length:
News source: Human Rights Commission, Lawyer/Legal representative, Politician
First spokesperson: Zrinka Johnston, Queensland anti-discrimination commissioner
Second spokesperson: Sam Watson, Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Legal Service
Synopsis: The anti-discrimination commissioner had received scores of allegations of wide ranging human rights abuses of Aborigines in the Cairns district. Mentions claim that many of the Aborigines bussed to Lockhart River were from high risk health categories and that medical services and staff in the community would be placed under greater pressure.
Keywords: Living conditions, Race & racism

Title: Govt is 'soft' on alcohol
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 23 May 1994
Writer(s):
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 3
Word length:
News source: Aboriginal leader, Conference/Meeting/Speech, Politician
First spokesperson: Leslie Baird, Aboriginal leader
Second spokesperson: Anne Warner, Qld Aboriginal Affairs Minister
Synopsis: Aboriginal leader Leslie Baird accused governments and a major Aboriginal body of being soft on Aboriginal alcohol abuse.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs

Title: 'Fourth world' shame
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 25 May 1994
Writer(s): Robertson, Ben
News genre: News
Page number: 6
Word length:
News source: Conference/Meeting/Speech, Medical

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First spokesperson: Gracelyn Smallwood
Second spokesperson: Phil Diaz, US Government's senior adviser on indigenous substance abuse
Synopsis: Gracelyn Smallwood, speaking at the nation's first Indigenous Australian Alcohol and Drug Conference at Palm Cove near Cairns, claimed that the health of Aborigines had become an international embarrassment, with the World Health Organisation listing their living conditions as "fourth world standard".
Keywords: Health funding, Indigenous health standards

Title: Sex diseases 'high' in north
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 28 May 1994
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 11
Word length:
News source: Bureaucrat
First spokesperson: Dr Brad McCall, Qld State Health Department
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Research found that sexually transmitted diseases are more common in remote north Queensland and the Torres Strait than other parts of the state.
Keywords: Disease

Title: Black health cause for alarm: Minister
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 31 May 1994
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 15
Word length:
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Ken Hayward, Queensland Health Minister
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Queensland Health Minister Ken Hayward claimed that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men of 40 had death rates nine to 10 times that of their white counterparts. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women in their 30s had death rates 12 times that of their white counterparts.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards

Title: Storms brew over funding for paradise
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 1 June 1994
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 2
Word length:
News source: Lawyer/Legal representative, Police/Court, Politician

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First spokesperson: Sgt Ned Mosby, community police officer, Yorke Island
Second spokesperson: Mr DeLacy, Qld Queensland
Synopsis: Profile of a police community officer on Yorke Island in Queensland's far north and details of Aboriginal support in Queensland Budget, including mention of funding to address health problems.
Keywords: Living conditions

Title: Call to protect blacks' rights
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 1 June 1994
Writer(s): Schloss, Glenn
News genre: News
Page number: 19
Word length:
News source: Human Rights Commission, Politician
First spokesperson: Mick Dodson, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner
Second spokesperson: Stephen Loosley, Chairman, parliamentary inquiry into Australian efforts to promote and protect human rights
Synopsis: Aboriginal And Torres Strait Commissioner Mick Dodson told a parliamentary inquiry into Australia's efforts to promote and protect human rights that a revolution would erupt if most Australians had to live in the poor conditions of some Aboriginal communities.
Keywords: Living conditions

Title: Health reforms 'urgent'
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 2 June 1994
Writer(s):
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 7
Word length:
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Ken Hayward, Qld Health Minister
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Aboriginal and Torres Strait community representatives met in Brisbane to finalise a comprehensive health plan.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards

Title: Black leader hits housing funding
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Sunday, 12 June 1994
Writer(s): Robertson, Ben
News genre: News
Page number: 12
Word length:
News source: Aboriginal leader
First spokesperson: John Meaney, spokesman, Tripartite Forum
Second spokesperson: Peter Opio, executive director, Aboriginal Co-ordinating Council
Synopsis: A ministerial advisory group on Aboriginal health in the far north

Keywords:	slammed the State Government for "falling short" on commitments to Aboriginal housing. Living conditions
Title:	Course focuses on black health
Publication:	Courier-Mail
Publication date:	Tuesday, 14 June 1994
Writer(s):	
News genre:	News
Page number:	18
Word length:	
News source:	Academic
First spokesperson:	Professor Ian Riley, director, tropical health programme, University of Queensland
Second spokesperson:	Dr Adrian Bower, head, Office of Graduate Medical Education, University of Queensland
Synopsis:	A course dedicated to training Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers in primary health-care management was under way at the University of Queensland.
Keywords:	Indigenous health standards
Title:	Canberra may grab Aboriginal affairs
Publication:	Courier-Mail
Publication date:	Friday, 24 June 1994
Writer(s):	Maher, Sid
News genre:	News
Page number:	1
Word length:	
News source:	Politician
First spokesperson:	Robert Tickner, federal Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
Second spokesperson:	Wayne Goss, Qld Premier
Synopsis:	The Federal Government was considering moves to take responsibility for Aboriginal affairs away from the states.
Keywords:	Health funding
Title:	Been there
Publication:	Courier-Mail
Publication date:	Friday, 24 June 1994
Writer(s):	
News genre:	Editorial
Page number:	8
Word length:	
News source:	Politician
First spokesperson:	
Second spokesperson:	
Synopsis:	Discusses state and federal funding and questions whether Aboriginal services, including health, should be funded separately from mainstream services.
Keywords:	Health funding

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Title: Exploding smoke victim hunts man
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 30 June 1994
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 5
Word length:
News source: Aboriginal lay person, Lawyer/Legal representative, Police/Court
First spokesperson: Rodney Pascoe, Cairns resident
Second spokesperson: Bronwyn Villaflor, administrator, Tharpuntoo Legal Service Aboriginal Corporation
Synopsis: An Aboriginal man was given an exploding cigarette. Tharpuntoo Legal Service Aboriginal Corporation claimed that police were not treating the matter seriously.
Keywords: Violence

Title: Scholarships propel blacks into medicine
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 1 July 1994
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 10
Word length:
News source: Medical, Politician
First spokesperson: Brendan Nelson, president, Australian Medical Association
Second spokesperson: Robert Tickner, Federal Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
Synopsis: Medical schools would consider "positive discrimination" of potential Aboriginal medical students in a bid to boost their critically small numbers.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards

Title: Health base
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 5 July 1994
Writer(s):
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 27
Word length:
News source: Bureaucrat
First spokesperson: George Preston, manager, Federal Government's health database, HealthWIZ
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Detailed health information on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander populations had been prepared for the Federal Government's health database, HealthWIZ.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards

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Title: Health tour banned
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 8 July 1994
Writer(s):
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 3
Word length:
News source: Aboriginal leader, Medical, Politician
First spokesperson: Ken Hayward, Qld Health Minister
Second spokesperson: Brendan Nelson, president, Australian Medical Association
Synopsis: Health Minister Ken Hayward and Australian Medical Association president Brendan Nelson have cancelled a visit to the Lockhart River Aboriginal community because the community banned the media from attending.
Keywords: Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: Islanders' plight stuns AMA chief
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 9 July 1994
Writer(s): Callinan, Rory
News genre: News
Page number: 2
Word length:
News source: Medical, Politician
First spokesperson: Brendan Nelson, president, Australian Medical Association
Second spokesperson: Ken Hayward, Qld Health Minister
Synopsis: Australian Medical Association president Brendan Nelson claimed that indigenous people might as well buy coffins with the inadequate federal health funding they were receiving.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards, Living conditions

Title: GPs unable to halt suicide crisis: expert
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 14 July 1994
Writer(s):
News genre: Feature
Page number: 14
Word length: 684
News source: Bureaucrat
First spokesperson: Carol Pertola, Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs Department executive officer
Second spokesperson: Rhonda Galbally, Chief of the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation
Synopsis: Claims that general practitioners were too busy running their small businesses to become involved in issues such as youth suicide. Also mentions that lack of co-operation among 300 public servants from 33 government departments resulted in the maintenance of fourth world living conditions for Indigenous Australians.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards, Living conditions

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Title: A town without hope?
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 20 July 1994
Writer(s): Turner, Megan
News genre: Feature
Page number: 9
Word length:
News source: Church/welfare body, Lawyer/Legal representative, Local government, Police/Court, Publication
First spokesperson: Justice Margaret White, Supreme Court
Second spokesperson: Bill Roberts, Mayor, Murgon
Synopsis: Profile of life and living conditions in Cherbourg.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Living conditions

Title: Kidney bug hits Cape
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 20 July 1994
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 18
Word length:
News source: Medical, Politician
First spokesperson: Dr David Saltissi, acting director, renal medicine, Royal Brisbane Hospital
Second spokesperson: Dr Elizabeth McKinnon, medical superintendent, Bamaga Hospital
Synopsis: Doctors feared a kidney-attacking bug could become an epidemic in Aboriginal and Islander communities in Cape York.
Keywords: Disease, Living conditions

Title: Worry over Cape clinic 'unfounded'
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 27 July 1994
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 14
Word length:
News source: Aboriginal leader, Medical
First spokesperson: Phillip Port, chairman, Coen Regional Aboriginal Corporation
Second spokesperson: Barbara Shephard, health service registered nurse
Synopsis: A local Aboriginal Corporation chairman rejected claims that a historic health clinic in Cape York would become an Aboriginal-only service.
Keywords: Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Medical services - mainstream

Title: Black health 'disaster'
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 5 August 1994
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 12

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Word length:
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Alexander Downer, Federal Opposition leader
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Coalition leader Alexander Downer said the state of Aboriginal health was a "massive problem for Australia".
Keywords: Health funding, Indigenous health standards

Title: Libs wary of policy brawl
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 8 August 1994
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 2
Word length:
News source: ATSIC, Politician
First spokesperson: Lois O'Donoghue, chair, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission
Second spokesperson: Alexander Downer, Leader, Federal Opposition
Synopsis: Discussion of the announcement of a coalition review of Aboriginal policy. Includes brief mention of Aboriginal health issues.
Keywords: Federal politics, Indigenous health standards, Land rights

Title: Hoodwinked again in outback
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 11 August 1994
Writer(s): Williams, William M.
News genre: Letter to the editor
Page number: 8
Word length:
News source: Medical, Politician
First spokesperson: Dr William M. Williams, medical officer, Pintupi Homelands Health Service
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Alexander Downer, Federal Opposition Leader, visited Kintore in the Western Desert to learn from Yanangu about their health. Downer subsequently retracted his promise to preserve the full mining veto contained in the Aboriginal Land Rights Act (NT) of 1976.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards, Land rights

Title: Fighter for her people
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 17 August 1994
Writer(s): Breaden, Kunmanara & Yunupingu, Galarrwuy
News genre: Other
Page number: 15
Word length:
News source: Aboriginal leader
First spokesperson: Kunmanara Breaden
Second spokesperson: Galarrwuy Yunupingu

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Synopsis: Obituary of Sally Ross, Aboriginal health worker, killed in a car accident.
Keywords: Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: Aboriginal health
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 17 August 1994
Writer(s): Schneider, Roseanne
News genre: Letter to the editor
Page number: 8
Word length:
News source: Non-Aboriginal lay person
First spokesperson: Roseanne Schneider
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Claims that non-Aboriginals do not begrudge improvements to living conditions in Aboriginal settlements. Discusses the need for improvements, given the huge sums of money apparently allocated to Aboriginal projects.
Keywords: Living conditions

Title: Bush tucker back on Aboriginal menu
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 18 August 1994
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 6
Word length:
News source: Bureaucrat, Medical, Publication
First spokesperson: Mr Shane Houston, director, Aboriginal Health Policy and Programs, WA Health Department
Second spokesperson: Ms Joan Winch, director, Marr Mooditj (Good Hands) Aboriginal Health Worker's Training College
Synopsis: The Western Australian Health Department produced a manual that claimed to be the first guide to help urban Aborigines regain a healthy lifestyle.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards, Living conditions

Title: Anaemia worry in NT
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 24 August 1994
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 11
Word length: 200
News source: Academic
First spokesperson: Paul Procriv, Associate professor of the University of Queensland
Second spokesperson: Kieran Aland, PhD student
Synopsis: A University of Queensland study found that half the Aboriginal children in the Northern Territory were anaemic. Associate Professor Paul Procriv said that the anaemia could stem from loss blood

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Keywords: resulting from feeding by hookworms.
Child health, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions

Title: Govt no to Downer's black land fund move
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 31 August 1994
Writer(s): Charlton, Peter
News genre: Feature
Page number: 22
Word length: 450
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Paul Keating, Prime Minister
Second spokesperson: Alexander Downer, Opposition leader
Synopsis: The Federal Government rejected proposed Opposition amendments to its Aboriginal land-fund legislation. The opposition leader said the coalition would support the legislation if the Government agreed to amendments shifting the Bill from land to health, housing and education.
Keywords: Federal politics, Health funding, Land rights, Living conditions

Title: Funding for drug fight
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 31 August 1994
Writer(s):
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 2
Word length: 87
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Carmen Lawrence, Federal Human Services and Health Minister.
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The Indigenous drug treatment program received a funding boost, with the Federal Government allocating \$112,000 to the Meeanjin Treatment Association for culturally appropriate educational materials.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs

Title: Future of Bill still uncertain
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 21 September 1994
Writer(s):
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 19
Word length: 89
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Chris Gallus, Opposition Aboriginal Affairs spokesperson
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The Aboriginal land-acquisition funds bill passed in the House of Representatives, but the coalition would continue to oppose the Bill unless amendments were added to restrict the acquisition of land and concentrate on housing and health issues.

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Keywords: Federal politics, Health funding, Indigenous health standards, Land rights, Living conditions

Title: ATSI funds not wasted: official
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 22 September 1994
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 16
Word length: 320
News source: Medical
First spokesperson: Dr Ian Ring, Queensland Health Director of Epidemiology and Health Information.
Second spokesperson: Wilfred Gordon, Cape York Health Council
Synopsis: The Queensland Health Director of Epidemiology and Health Information called for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to be given more control over their own health. Speaking at the inaugural meeting of the Apunipima Cape York Health Council at Pjinka on the top of the Cape, Dr Ring said the perception that money was being thrown at Aboriginal health was not supported by the facts.
Keywords: Federal politics, Health funding, Indigenous health standards, Indigenous politics, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: Star seeks help for others
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 23 September 1994
Writer(s):
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 5
Word length: 120
News source: Aboriginal leader
First spokesperson: Pat Clohessy, athletics coach
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Cathy Freeman sought government support for a program to help young aborigines develop self-esteem. The No Limits program encouraged young aboriginal children to pursue vocational opportunities in sport, health and education.
Keywords: Child health, Indigenous education standards

Title: Reconciliation 'a long way off'
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 15 November 1994
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 23
Word length:
News source: Publication
First spokesperson:

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Second spokesperson:

Synopsis: A report from the first Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation found that more money and more effort was needed to reconcile black and white Australia. Brief mention that health, education and housing levels in remote Aboriginal communities were of Third World standard.

Keywords: Indigenous health standards, Living conditions

Title: Blacks singled out
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 1 December 1994
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 16
Word length:
News source: Medical, Publication
First spokesperson: Ian Ring, Aboriginal health specialist
Second spokesperson:

Synopsis: The Australian Housing Research Council report said that many problems in Aboriginal communities could be traced back to living arrangements and housekeeping. It recommended that Aboriginal people attend courses in basic house and yard maintenance.

Keywords: Indigenous health standards, Living conditions

Title: Blacks get low health care, says specialist
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 3 December 1994
Writer(s): Smith, Amanda
News genre: News
Page number: 15
Word length:
News source: Lawyer/Legal representative, Medical, Politician, Publication
First spokesperson: Ian Ring, Queensland Health
Second spokesperson: Ken Hayward, Qld Health Minister
Synopsis: A state health department Aboriginal health specialist claimed that Australia had a health system with "one level of services for whites and a different and lower level for blacks".

Keywords: Indigenous health standards

Title: Call to protect a child's rights
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 6 December 1994
Writer(s): Schloss, Glenn
News genre: News
Page number: 17
Word length:
News source: Publication
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: A report to the Federal Government argued that Australia needed a

specialist ombudsman to protect children's rights. The report also recommended community consultation on violence against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, who were 28 times as likely to die from homicide as any other Australian.

Keywords: Violence, Women's health

Title: Call for reduced powers
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 13 December 1994
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 17
Word length: 130
News source: Lawyer/Legal representative
First spokesperson: Geoff Atkinson, acting state solicitor for the Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Legal Services.

Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The acting state solicitor for the Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Legal Services secretariat, Geoff Atkinson, said that state Aborigines wanted severe reduction in police powers to strip-search and fingerprint juveniles, citing deep concern that strip-search procedures were used in less than appropriate circumstances.

Keywords: Police, Race & racism

Title: Aborigines' health worst of all: study
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 20 December 1994
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 15
Word length:
News source: Publication

First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: A study by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare found that Aborigines had the worst health of any group in Australia, with disabilities affecting up to a quarter of the population of some communities.

Keywords: Disease, Indigenous health standards

Title: Third-world health tag
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 22 December 1994
Writer(s):
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 7
Word length:
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Ken Hayward, Qld Health Minister
Second spokesperson:

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Synopsis: Health Minister Ken Hayward said that the health of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders was unacceptably low and death rates were too high. Mr Hayward was speaking at the launch of the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health policy.

Keywords: Indigenous health standards

Title: Chronic illness in Qld surprise
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 22 December 1994
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 5
Word length:
News source: Academic, Publication
First spokesperson: Dr Colin Mathers, author, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare report

Second spokesperson:

Synopsis: A report published by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare found that older people in Queensland had a much higher rate of chronic and minor illness. Brief mention of a high incidence of health problems among the large Aboriginal population.

Keywords: Indigenous health standards

Title: Canberra blamed over black health
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 26 December 1994
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 6
Word length:
News source: Politician, Publication
First spokesperson: Wayne Goss, Qld Premier
Second spokesperson: Robert Tickner, Federal Aboriginal Affairs Minister

Synopsis: Premier Wayne Goss accused the Federal Government of failing to deliver funding necessary to boost Aboriginal health standards.

Keywords: Health funding, Indigenous health standards

Title: Racial violence fear Bishop tells of tensions
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 26 December 1994
Writer(s): Lehmann, John
News genre: News
Page number: 1
Word length: 420
News source: Church/welfare body
First spokesperson: Peter Hollingsworth, Anglican Archbishop of Brisbane
Second spokesperson: Sam Watson, Black leader.

Synopsis: The Anglican Archbishop of Brisbane, Peter Hollingsworth, said Queenslanders must show tolerance to prevent Aboriginal racial tension flaring into violence.

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Keywords: Violence

Title: Race strife: Tolerance part of the answer
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 27 December 1994
Writer(s):
News genre: Editorial
Page number: 8
Word length:
News source: Church/welfare body, Lawyer/Legal representative
First spokesperson: Sam Watson, Brisbane manager, Aboriginal Legal Service
Second spokesperson: Archbishop Peter Hollingworth
Synopsis: Discusses a reported increase in acts of violence by Aborigines. Mentions that health services available to most Aborigines were second rate.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards, Violence

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Title: More funds or less waste?
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 4 January 1995
Writer(s): Ryan, C.
News genre: Letter to the editor
Page number:
Word length:
News source: Non-Aboriginal lay person
First spokesperson: Philip Lovely
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Discusses inefficiencies in service delivery to the Aboriginal population.
Keywords: ATSIC, Health funding

Title: 'Water crisis' on Islands
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 9 January 1995
Writer(s):
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 2
Word length:
News source: Police/Court, Politician
First spokesperson: Chris Gallus, Opposition Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs spokeswoman
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Claims that a severe shortage of drinking water in the outer islands of the Torres Strait was posing a new health hazard for people in the area.
Keywords: Living conditions

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Title: Black health agenda for new doctors
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 9 January 1995
Writer(s): Turner, Debbie
News genre: News
Page number: 7
Word length:
News source: Medical
First spokesperson: Stephen Pavia, president, Queensland Public Hospital Doctors and Students organisation
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Young doctors in Queensland's public hospitals would undergo training in Aboriginal health issues.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Medical services - mainstream

Title: Disease rise
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 10 January 1995
Writer(s):
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 5
Word length:
News source: Publication
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Claims that Aboriginal communities were the worst affected by the spread of syphilis in the early 1990s.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards, State department of health

Title: Black lives cut by red tape: Report
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 13 January 1995
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 6
Word length:
News source: Academic, Publication
First spokesperson: Dr David Legge, co-author, report on life-expectancy of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Claims that bureaucracy and administrative procedures contributed to the low life-expectancy of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders.
Keywords: Federal department of health, Federal politics, Health funding, Indigenous health standards, State department of health, State politics

Title: Diabetes crisis just a symptom
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 16 January 1995
Writer(s): Franklin, M.

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News genre: News
Page number: 6
Word length:
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Ken Hayward, QLD Health Minister
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: A Government report found that Aborigines were 18 times as likely as non-Aborigines to die of diabetes.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Disease, Health funding, State department of health, Women's health

Title: Health staff leave
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 1 February 1995
Writer(s): Hammond, P
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 5
Word length:
News source: Bureaucrat
First spokesperson: Unnamed spokeswoman, Peninsula and Torres Strait Regional Health Authority
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Claims that five Aboriginal health workers, three registered nurses and a director of nursing left a health service at Lockhart River settlement due to 'stress and tensions'
Keywords: Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: Black health services 'need funding boost'
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 8 February 1995
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 13
Word length:
News source: ATSI
First spokesperson: Charles Perkins, ATSI Commissioner
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Claims Aboriginal groups would support a Commonwealth takeover of Aboriginal health services if the move came with a significant funding boost.
Keywords: ATSI, Federal politics, Health funding, Living conditions

Title: NT Aboriginal female death rates increase
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 9 February 1995
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 13
Word length:
News source: Publication

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First spokesperson: Aileen Plant, researcher at the National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health at the ANU

Second spokesperson:

Synopsis: The death rate among NT Aboriginal women from largely preventable diseases increased significantly from 1979 to 1991.

Keywords: Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, Women's health

Title: More funds for black health, but with ties

Publication: Courier-Mail

Publication date: Thursday, 9 February 1995

Writer(s):

News genre: News

Page number: 13

Word length:

News source: ATSIC, Politician

First spokesperson: Carmen Lawrence, Federal Health Minister

Second spokesperson: Chris Gallus, Opposition Aboriginal Affairs spokeswoman

Synopsis: Claims that Aboriginal health would receive more funding in the budget, with control of funding to be given to the federal department of health.

Keywords: ATSIC, Federal department of health, Federal politics, Health funding

Title: Call for change to Aboriginal Health

Publication: Courier-Mail

Publication date: Friday, 10 February 1995

Writer(s):

News genre: News

Page number: 7

Word length:

News source: Bureaucrat, Politician, Publication

First spokesperson: Stephen Duckett, senior public health servant

Second spokesperson: Ken Haywood, QLD Health Minister

Synopsis: A senior public health servant called for the Federal Government to take more responsibility in Aboriginal health. Also mentions the opening of a Public Health Centre - a joint effort between Griffith University, Queensland University of Technology and the University of Queensland.

Keywords: Federal department of health, Federal politics, Indigenous health standards, Medical services - mainstream, State department of health

Title: \$3b to house Aborigines

Publication: Courier-Mail

Publication date: Saturday, 11 February 1995

Writer(s): Miranda, Charles

News genre: News

Page number: 11

Word length:

News source: Politician, Publication

First spokesperson: Robert Tickner, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs

Second spokesperson: Brian Howe, deputy Prime Minister

Synopsis: A study by the Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research found that more than \$3 billion was needed to address the critical shortages of

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Keywords: housing and infrastructure for indigenous people.
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Title: Conscience money fails
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 11 February 1995
Writer(s): Kavanagh
News genre: Regular column
Page number: 34
Word length:
News source: Other
First spokesperson: Kavanagh
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Discusses expenditure on Aboriginal welfare and the lack of improvements in health and lifestyle.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards, Living conditions

Title: ATSIIC denies health care decision
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 16 February 1995
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 16
Word length:
News source: ATSIIC
First spokesperson: Carmen Lawrence, Health Minister
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: ATSIIC Commissioner, Charles Perkins, denied any agreement to shift control of Aboriginal health care to the Federal Government.
Keywords: ATSIIC, Federal department of health, Federal politics, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: Tickner warning on Aboriginal funding
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 20 February 1995
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 7
Word length: 298
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Robert Tickner, Federal Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Aboriginal Affairs Minister Robert Tickner warned that the Federal Government was running out of time to improve conditions for Aborigines. Mentions Aboriginal health issues.
Keywords: Education funding, Federal politics, Health funding, Indigenous education standards, Indigenous health standards

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Title: Australia's shame
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 21 February 1995
Writer(s): Priest, Marcus
News genre: News
Page number: 1
Word length:
News source: Academic, Lawyer/Legal representative
First spokesperson: Sam Watson, president, Brisbane Aboriginal Legal Service
Second spokesperson: Ray Evans, historian, University of Queensland
Synopsis: A National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander survey found that Aboriginal people were likely to live below the poverty line, be poorly educated and have health problems.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Indigenous education standards, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, Violence

Title: Findings highlight industry, sobriety
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 22 February 1995
Writer(s):
News genre:
Page number: 6
Word length:
News source: ATSIC, Politician, Publication
First spokesperson: Robert Tickner, Aboriginal Affairs Minister
Second spokesperson: Charles Perkins, deputy chairman, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission
Synopsis: A study found that Aboriginal people are twice as likely to be non-drinkers as other Australians, have positive attitudes towards police and often work for unemployment benefits.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Indigenous health standards, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Medical services - mainstream, Police

Title: Bonner: 70% of funds miss the needy
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 22 February 1995
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 6
Word length:
News source: Aboriginal leader, Politician, Publication
First spokesperson: Neville Bonner
Second spokesperson: Senator Bob Katter
Synopsis: Former Queensland Senator Neville Bonner said that only 30 per cent of funding for Aboriginal people was reaching the needy.
Keywords: ATSIC, Child health, Living conditions

Title: No surprise: But a dark, dark shame
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 22 February 1995
Writer(s):
News genre: Editorial
Page number: 8
Word length:
News source: Opinion
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Discussion of the social condition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.
Keywords: ATSI, Living conditions

Title: PM promise of support
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 25 February 1995
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 2
Word length:
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Paul Keating, Prime Minister
Second spokesperson: Chris Gallus, shadow minister for Aboriginal Affairs
Synopsis: Prime Minister Paul Keating told a meeting at Hopevale Aboriginal community that a cheque in the Budget would not solve the Aboriginal health problems in north Queensland.
Keywords: Health funding, Living conditions

Title: Govt black health record poor: Howard
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 1 March 1995
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 20
Word length:
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: John Howard, leader of the Opposition
Second spokesperson: Carmen Lawrence, Health Minister
Synopsis: John Howard, leader of the Opposition, criticised the Federal Government's Aboriginal health record.
Keywords: Federal department of health, Federal politics, Health funding, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, State department of health

Title: Turtle offal warning
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 3 March 1995
Writer(s): Smith, B
News genre: News
Page number: 2
Word length:

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News source: Bureaucrat
First spokesperson: Dr Harvey Whiteford, Acting Chief Health Officer
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Indigenous people were warned not to eat certain parts of their traditional foods because of the possible risk from high metal levels.
Keywords: State department of health

Title: Doctors 'fail cancer fight'
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 7 March 1995
Writer(s): QNP
News genre: News
Page number: 5
Word length:
News source: Publication
First spokesperson: Spokeswoman for Carmen Lawrence, Federal Minister for Health
Second spokesperson: Trish Worth, member, House of Representatives community affairs committee
Synopsis: A parliamentary inquiry found that cancer, the biggest killer of Australians, was given scant attention by medical schools and doctors were failing in their duties. Mentions lack of access to specialist care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women.
Keywords: Disease, Women's health

Title: Shack settlement 'a zoo'
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 9 March 1995
Writer(s): O'Malley, Brendan
News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length:
News source: Aboriginal leader, Other, Politician
First spokesperson: Phil Santo, spokesman, Mossman Gorge Aboriginal community
Second spokesperson: John Meaney, chairman, Displaced Persons' Committee
Synopsis: Overview of living conditions in Aboriginal community at Mossman Gorge.
Keywords: Living conditions

Title: Aboriginal health our shame: PM tells world
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 13 March 1995
Writer(s): Ferguson, John
News genre: News
Page number:
Word length:
News source: Conference/Meeting/Speech, Politician
First spokesperson: Paul Keating, PM
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: PM Keating admitted to a world conference on poverty that Australia had failed to protect the health of Aborigines.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards, International

Courier-Mail

Title: Aussies now far healthier - report
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 16 March 1995
Writer(s): Miranda, Charles
News genre: News
Page number: 5
Word length:
News source: Publication
First spokesperson: Edouard d'Espaignet, report author
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: A survey found that Australians were feeling much healthier than they did five years ago. Mentions that the report found that, contrary to popular belief, alcohol was not a major problem among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs

Title: Blacks can put govts on 'trial'
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 30 March 1995
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 14
Word length:
News source: Human Rights Commission, Politician, Publication
First spokesperson: Mick Dodson, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner
Second spokesperson: Robert Tickner, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
Synopsis: A report to the Federal Government warned that Australian governments could be placed on trial in the United Nations over their failure to address Aboriginal health conditions.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards

Title: Woman forced to kill de facto, court told
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 31 March 1995
Writer(s): Priest, M
News genre: News
Page number: 16
Word length:
News source: Police/Court
First spokesperson: John Jerrard QC, defence counsel
Second spokesperson: Frances Murphy, Aboriginal Islander Community Health Service
Synopsis: Details evidence presented in the trial of a woman charged with murdering her husband.
Keywords: Courts, Violence

Title: Drugs linked to ills
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 31 March 1995
Writer(s):

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News genre: News
Page number: 6
Word length:
News source:
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Antibiotics were linked to the spread of drug-resistant ear infections in Aboriginal children in remote areas.
Keywords: Child health, Indigenous health standards, State department of health

Title: Healthful
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 6 April 1995
Writer(s): Laidlaw, R
News genre: Editorial
Page number: 8
Word length:
News source: Politician
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Discusses the proposal to shift responsibility for Aboriginal health from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission into the mainstream national system.
Keywords: ATSIC, Federal department of health, Health funding

Title: Minister 'to take over' black health
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 6 April 1995
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 15
Word length:
News source: ATSIC, Politician
First spokesperson: Paul Keating, Prime Minister
Second spokesperson: Carmen Lawrence, Federal Minister for Health
Synopsis: Prime Minister Paul Keating signalled that Health Minister Carmen Lawrence would be given responsibility for Aboriginal health issues, despite objections from Australia's leading indigenous body.
Keywords: ATSIC, Federal department of health, Health funding

Title: Islander poverty outrage
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 13 April 1995
Writer(s): Callinan, Rory
News genre: News
Page number: 1
Word length:
News source: ATSIC, Human Rights Commission, Police/Court, Politician
First spokesperson: Mick Dodson, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner

Second spokesperson: Brian Swift, Police Service spokesman
Synopsis: The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner, Mick Dodson, attacked the State Government after the release of the Mornington Island Report in Brisbane.
Keywords: Health funding, Living conditions, State department of health

Title: Blacks support health move
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 13 April 1995
Writer(s): Sweetman, Kim
News genre: News
Page number: 14
Word length:
News source: Aboriginal Land Council, ATSIC
First spokesperson: Noel Pearson, executive director, Cape York Land Council
Second spokesperson: Barbara Flick, Australian Medical Association Aboriginal health policy advisor
Synopsis: Two prominent Aboriginal leaders backed Government plans to shift responsibility for indigenous health away from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission.
Keywords: ATSIC, Federal department of health, Health funding, Indigenous politics

Title: Island is no paradise
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 13 April 1995
Writer(s): Callinan, Rory
News genre: News
Page number: 14
Word length:
News source: Aboriginal leader, Publication
First spokesperson: Ian James, Aboriginal elder, Mornington Island
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Description of living conditions on Mornington Island.
Keywords: Health funding, Living conditions, State politics

Title: Bleak existence laid bare
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 13 April 1995
Writer(s): Callinan, Rory
News genre: News
Page number: 14
Word length:
News source: Publication
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: A report which examined the response to 'intolerable' problems on Mornington Island in the Gulf of Carpentaria criticised the Goss Government.
Keywords: ATSIC, Living conditions, Medical services - mainstream

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Title: The human cost
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 13 April 1995
Writer(s): Callinan, Rory
News genre: News
Page number: 1
Word length:
News source: Aboriginal lay person, Publication
First spokesperson: Estelle Nero, Mornington Island Aboriginal community member
Second spokesperson: Adrian Nero, Mornington Island Aboriginal community member
Synopsis: A report by the Race Discrimination Commissioner and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner singled out the lack of midwifery facilities on Mornington Island, and said the employment of a registered midwife - as recommended in a 1993 report - 'may have saved another tragic infant death'.
Keywords: Child health, Health funding, Women's health

Title: 'Famine' warning on top end kids
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 17 April 1995
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 5
Word length:
News source: Publication
First spokesperson: Dr Alan Ruben, Royal Darwin Hospital community paediatrician
Second spokesperson: Dr Alan Walker, head of paediatrics
Synopsis: Two paediatricians warned that malnutrition among the Northern Territory's Aboriginal children was at Third World famine-like levels.
Keywords: Child health, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions

Title: Famine key 'in budget'
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 18 April 1995
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 18
Word length:
News source: Medical
First spokesperson: Dr David Weedon, acting national president, Australian Medical Association
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The Australian Medical Association said that findings of famine-like levels of malnutrition among Northern Territory Aboriginal children indicated that the Federal Government must use its Budget to address the problem.
Keywords: Health funding

Title: Black health records 'poor'
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 24 April 1995
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 5
Word length:
News source: Publication
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: A National Institute of Health and Welfare report showed that the difference in health between indigenous and non-Aboriginal Australians had worsened.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards

Title: Healing cultural rift
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 26 April 1995
Writer(s):
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 1
Word length:
News source: Conference/Meeting/Speech, Medical
First spokesperson: Michael Sinnott, spokesman, Queensland Public Hospital Doctors and Students Association
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The Queensland Public Hospital Doctors and Students Association and the State Public Service Federaltion were holding the first trade union training day on Aboriginal health in a move to close the cultural rift between hospitals and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
Keywords: Hospitals, Indigenous health standards

Title: Nurses strike over safety
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 27 April 1995
Writer(s): Southorn, Ed.
News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length:
News source: Other
First spokesperson: Gay Hawksworth, Queensland Nurses Union
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Nurses at 15 Aboriginal and Islander health clinics on Cape York were going out on strike indefinitely.
Keywords: Health funding

Title: Racism in Qld hospitals: MP
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 27 April 1995
Writer(s):

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News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length:
News source: Conference/Meeting/Speech, Politician
First spokesperson: Garrie Gibson, MHR for Moreton
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: MHR for Moreton, Garrie Gibson, said that racism was still evident in Queensland's hospital system.
Keywords: Hospitals, Indigenous health standards, Race & racism

Title: Remote nurses strike
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 27 April 1995
Writer(s):
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 3
Word length:
News source: Medical
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The Queensland Nurses Union said that nurses at 15 Aboriginal and Islander health clinics on Cape York would strike indefinitely over long-term dissatisfaction with the treatment given to nurses.
Keywords: Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Medical services - mainstream

Title: Talks for nurses
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 28 April 1995
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length:
News source: Medical
First spokesperson: Gay Hawkesworth, secretary, Queensland Nurses Union
Second spokesperson: Andrea Larkin, health authority director
Synopsis: The Australian Industrial Relations Commission called an urgent meeting to resolve a dispute involving Cape York and Torres Strait nurses.
Keywords: Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Medical services - mainstream

Title: Threats spark nurses strike
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 28 April 1995
Writer(s): Callinan, Rory & Lamperd, Ruth
News genre: News
Page number: 8
Word length:
News source: Aboriginal lay person, Medical, Other, Politician
First spokesperson: Gay Hawksworth, state secretary, Queensland Nurses Union

Second spokesperson: Peter Creek, Lochart River Aboriginal elder
Synopsis: A nurses strike in a remote Cape York Aboriginal community was sparked by claims that a baby's medical chart was read out without the parents' permission. The child's mother was angry that a nurse read the chart out to the Lockhart River Aboriginal Council and believed it could lead to the child being taken away.
Keywords: Medical services - mainstream, Violence

Title: Breakdowns in service blamed on party hacks
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 3 May 1995
Writer(s): Thurlow, Cheryl & Franklin, Matthew
News genre: News
Page number: 10
Word length:
News source: Bureaucrat, Politician
First spokesperson: Les Malezer, former Aboriginal and Islander Affairs division head
Second spokesperson: Michael Duffer, former senior departmental adviser, Aboriginal and Torres Islander Affairs Department
Synopsis: A former senior public servant said that Queensland's Aboriginal and Islander Affairs Department was run by Labor 'party hacks' with little knowledge of indigenous issues.
Keywords: State politics

Title: Goss should listen
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 5 May 1995
Writer(s): Duffy, Michael
News genre: Invited column
Page number: 11
Word length:
News source: Bureaucrat
First spokesperson: Michael Duffy, formerly with the Queensland Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Discusses the provision of health services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in Queensland.
Keywords: Health funding, Living conditions

Title: Goss should listen
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 6 May 1995
Writer(s): Duffy, M
News genre: Editorial
Page number: 11
Word length:
News source: Opinion
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Discussion of delays in the provision of health services to Aborigines by

Keywords: Queensland Health.
Health funding, State department of health, State politics

Title: New medical service to target Aborigines
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 10 May 1995
Writer(s): Koch, Tony
News genre: News
Page number: 34
Word length:
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Carmen Lawrence, Minister for Health
Second spokesperson: Ralph Willis, Treasurer
Synopsis: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people would be given a say on new health services which target them.
Keywords: Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: Blacks' ill health 'ignored'
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 10 May 1995
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 34
Word length:
News source: ATSIC
First spokesperson: Ray Robinson, ATSIC cultural portfolio chairman
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission said that the Federal Budget failed to tackle the cause of Aborigines' appalling health problems.
Keywords: Health funding, Indigenous health standards

Title: ATSIC to give \$1 bil in grants
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 10 May 1995
Writer(s): Koch, Tony
News genre: News
Page number:
Word length:
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Robert Tickner, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The Government set aside more than \$1 billion for the running of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission and for the purchase of land in line with the Mabo native title decision. Mentions the transfer of \$96.1 million in Aboriginal health funding from ATSIC to the Department of Human Services and Health.
Keywords: Federal department of health, Health funding

Title: Blacks' ill-health 'ignored'
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 10 May 1995
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 28
Word length:
News source: ATSIC
First spokesperson: Ray Robinson, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commissioner
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission said that the Federal Budget failed to tackle the cause of Aborigines' appalling health problems.
Keywords: ATSIC, Health funding, Living conditions

Title: Bid to curb suicides
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 10 May 1995
Writer(s): Koch, Tony
News genre: News
Page number: 29
Word length:
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Carmen Lawrence, Federal Health Minister
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The Budget included an allocation of \$13 million to curb rising youth suicide rates. Federal Health Minister Carmen Lawrence said the Government would work with key players to implement initiatives aimed at reducing the alarming statistics.
Keywords: Health funding, Suicide

Title: Serpent 'lurks in lagoon'
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 11 May 1995
Writer(s): Priest, Marcus
News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length:
News source: Aboriginal Land Council, Aboriginal lay person
First spokesperson: Steven Wright, NSW Aboriginal Land Council
Second spokesperson: Marge Hieronymous, secretary, local water-skiing club
Synopsis: A New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council spokesman said that people who swam in a lagoon on the New South Wales - Queensland border faced grave personal danger from the Rainbow Serpent. Mentions poor health and sanitary conditions in the local Aboriginal community
Keywords: Living conditions

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Title: Aborigines 'pay price of colonialism'
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 12 May 1995
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 5
Word length:
News source: Aboriginal leader, Conference/Meeting/Speech
First spokesperson: Pat O'Shane, Aboriginal magistrate
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: An Aboriginal magistrate claimed that white racist colonialism had not been stamped out and Australia's Aborigines were still paying the price with their mental and physical health. Aborigines were still being denied respect as human beings, mental and physical good health, self-determination and education and employment opportunities
Keywords: Indigenous health standards, Race & racism

Title: Health tops bill with a pledge on waiting lists
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 24 May 1995
Writer(s): Franklin, Matthew
News genre: News
Page number: 15
Word length:
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Keith De Lacy, Qld Treasurer
Second spokesperson: Anne Warner, Qld Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs Minister
Synopsis: The Treasurer Keith De Lacy unveiled a \$2.7 billion health budget centred on previously announced plans to slash hospital waiting lists, boost resources for mental health, accelerate a long-term hospital rebuilding programme and attract specialist doctors to public hospitals. Mentions that water and sewerage infrastructure at remote Aboriginal communities would be improved as part of a \$28 million three-year program.
Keywords: Living conditions

Title: Shame factor goes
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 30 May 1995
Writer(s): QNP
News genre: News
Page number: 32
Word length:
News source: Academic
First spokesperson: Professor James Lawson, School of Health Services, University of New South Wales
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Claims that Aboriginal people in remote areas were no longer ashamed to show visitors their communities after a pilot health program lifted living standards.

Keywords: Living conditions

Title: Doctors to help black
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 31 May 1995
Writer(s): Aldred, D
News genre: News
Page number: 8
Word length:
News source: Medical, Politician
First spokesperson: David Weedon, federal president, Australian Medical Association
Second spokesperson: Spokesman for Carmen Lawrence, Federal Minister for Health
Synopsis: A group of dedicated doctors would take time off work to offer their services to needy Aboriginal communities.
Keywords: Disease, Indigenous health standards

Title: Risks 'higher' for black men
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 13 June 1995
Writer(s): Priest, Marcus
News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length:
News source: Medical, Publication
First spokesperson: Dr Jane McKendrick, author, Men and Mental Health
Second spokesperson: Ted Watson, mental health project coordinator, Brisbane Aboriginal and Islander Community Health Service
Synopsis: A study found that Aboriginal men were more than twice as likely as white males to suffer from depression.
Keywords: Disease

Title: Pay men bid to check for syphilis
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 14 June 1995
Writer(s): Callinan, Rory
News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length:
News source: Aboriginal leader, Medical, Politician
First spokesperson: Dr Stephen Graves, director of microbiology, Geelong Hospital & former microbiology staff specialist, Townsville General Hospital
Second spokesperson: Jim Elder, Qld Health Minister
Synopsis: A leading microbiologist said that men in north Queensland Aboriginal communities should be paid to have sex-disease tests to combat a syphilis epidemic.
Keywords: Disease

Title: Syphilis epidemic stirs angry reaction
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 15 June 1995
Writer(s): Callinan, Rory
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 2
Word length:
News source: Medical
First spokesperson: Stuart Durward, Northern Regional Health Authority
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The Northern Regional Health Authority reacted angrily to attacks on it over a syphilis epidemic in several north Queensland Aboriginal communities.
Keywords: Disease

Title: Action on youth health
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 16 June 1995
Writer(s): Miranda, Charles
News genre: News
Page number: 12
Word length:
News source: Conference/Meeting/Speech, Politician
First spokesperson: Carmen Lawrence, Federal Minister for Health
Second spokesperson: Mike Reed, NT Health Minister
Synopsis: The country's health ministers agreed to develop programs specifically to deal with youth suicide, child abuse and homelessness. Brief mention of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.
Keywords: Health funding

Title: Worst of both worlds
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 26 June 1995
Writer(s):
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 3
Word length:
News source: Publication
First spokesperson: Colin Mathers, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: A health survey found that Aborigines were plagued by the worst ailments of both worlds. They suffered from Third World health problems as well as the degenerative diseases of more affluent societies, such as coronary heart diseases.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards

Title: Black death rate highest in the world
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 5 July 1995
Writer(s): Lamperd, Ruth

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News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length:
News source: Publication
First spokesperson: Dr Ian Ring, spokesman, Public Health Association
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Dr Ian Ring, a Queensland Aboriginal health expert, claimed that American Indians and New Zealand Maoris could expect to live at least 10 years longer than Australian Aborigines.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards, Living conditions

Title: Places the politicians won't go
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 8 July 1995
Writer(s): Koch, Tony
News genre: News
Page number: 1
Word length:
News source: Bureaucrat, Medical, Politician, Publication
First spokesperson: Edgar Williams, Cairns-based health worker & State election candidate
Second spokesperson: Stephen Graves, microbiologist
Synopsis: Health officials feared epidemics could spread through Queensland Aboriginal communities already decimated by staggering rates of syphilis, alcoholism, heart and respiratory disease.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards, Living conditions

Title: Nightmare of grog, blood, desperation - and death
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 8 July 1995
Writer(s): Koch, Tony
News genre: Feature
Page number: 4
Word length:
News source: Academic
First spokesperson: Tony Koch, chief report, Courier-Mail
Second spokesperson: Associate Professor Grace Smallwood, Aboriginal health expert
Synopsis: Discusses claim that Aboriginal health was the worst of any indigenous population in the Western world.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Health funding, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions

Title: Grandmother to all
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 8 July 1995
Writer(s): Koch, Tony
News genre: News
Page number: 5
Word length:
News source: Aboriginal lay person, Aboriginal leader
First spokesperson: Ivey Ropeyarn, Lockhart River Aboriginal community

Second spokesperson: Susie Pascoe, Lockhart River Aboriginal community
Synopsis: Profile of community members who cared for children when things get rough on the home front.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Living conditions

Title: Birthplace birthrights
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 10 July 1995
Writer(s): Koch, Tony
News genre: News
Page number: 7
Word length:
News source: Aboriginal lay person, Aboriginal leader
First spokesperson: Sissy Murray, Aboriginal councillor, Cherbourg
Second spokesperson: Lydia Roma, Cherbourg Aboriginal community member
Synopsis: Aborigines on communities throughout Queensland were suspicious of Health Department rules that they must give birth in major hospitals. The rules were seen as a threat to the land-claim rights of their children.
Keywords: Child health, Indigenous health standards, Women's health

Title: A message in the bottle
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 10 July 1995
Writer(s): Kavanagh, L
News genre: Feature
Page number: 13
Word length:
News source: Opinion
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Discusses the impact of alcohol on the appalling health standards of many indigenous people in isolated communities in far north Queensland.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Indigenous health standards

Title: Our shame revealed
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 10 July 1995
Writer(s): Laidlaw, R
News genre: Editorial
Page number: 12
Word length:
News source: Aboriginal leader, Film/TV/Other media report
First spokesperson: Charles Perkins, Aboriginal activist
Second spokesperson: Tony Koch, chief reporter
Synopsis: Discusses the disgraceful conditions in which many black Australians lived, claiming they were a blight upon all Australians, a health risk and a social danger.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards, Living conditions

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Title: Our shame: dying poor, and young
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 10 July 1995
Writer(s): Young, J
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 1
Word length:
News source: Medical, Politician
First spokesperson: Edgar Williams, Aboriginal health worker & State Parliamentary candidate
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Aborigines were seriously under-represented in just one welfare area - the age pension - because few lived long enough to claim it.
Keywords: Child health, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, Women's health

Title: Nation's shame won't go away
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 10 July 1995
Writer(s): Koch, Tony
News genre: News
Page number: 7
Word length:
News source: Conference/Meeting/Speech, Local government, Politician
First spokesperson: Stephen Bredhauer, State Labor Member for Cook
Second spokesperson: Associate Gracelyn Smallwood, Aboriginal health expert
Synopsis: Australian Aborigines were grossly under-represented in only one welfare area - the age pension - because few lived long enough to claim it.
Keywords: Health funding, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions

Title: Black drink problem falls on deaf ears
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 11 July 1995
Writer(s): Hammond, Philip & Priest, Marcus
News genre: News
Page number: 5
Word length:
News source: Bureaucrat, Conference/Meeting/Speech
First spokesperson: Keith Evans, director, Queensland Health's alcohol and drug branch
Second spokesperson: Graeme Wise, director, Body Shop Australia
Synopsis: A Queensland Health director claimed that many keen health workers seemed to have 'industrial deafness' over Aboriginal drinking problems.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Living conditions

Title: Alcohol ban lifts blood pressure
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 13 July 1995
Writer(s): Ochee, A
News genre: News
Page number: 2
Word length:

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News source: Aboriginal leader, Bureaucrat, Non-Aboriginal lay person
First spokesperson: Frank Martino, owner, Tennant Creek Hotel
Second spokesperson: Kent Peak, deputy general manager, Julalikari Council Aboriginal Corporation
Synopsis: A hotelier claimed that Tennant Creek in the Northern Territory was set to explode with racial tension after liquor restrictions were placed on all residents.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Race & racism

Title: Alcohol ban key to black survival
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 13 July 1995
Writer(s): Smallwood, Gracelyn
News genre: Invited column
Page number: 19
Word length:
News source: Academic
First spokesperson: Professor Gracelyn Smallwood
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Discusses a decision by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission to allow hoteliers and Aboriginal organisations to discriminate by banning the sale of alcohol to Aborigines.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Indigenous health standards, Violence

Title: Coalition wants more for nurses
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 14 July 1995
Writer(s): Southorn, E
News genre: News
Page number: 11
Word length:
News source: Other, Politician, Publication
First spokesperson: Mike Horan, Qld opposition health spokesman
Second spokesperson: Jim Elder, Qld opposition health spokesman
Synopsis: The Queensland Opposition called for a better deal for remote-area nurses after the release of a report that found most were victims of workplace violence.
Keywords: Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Medical services - mainstream, Violence

Title: Bring in UN, urges black leader
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 19 July 1995
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 16
Word length:
News source: Aboriginal leader, Conference/Meeting/Speech
First spokesperson: Mick Dodson, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander social justice commissioner

Second spokesperson:

Synopsis: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander social justice commissioner Mick Dodson said that indigenous people should urge the United Nations to condemn Australia for failing to fulfil promises on human rights, health and race discrimination issues.

Keywords: International, Living conditions, Race & racism

Title: Grants flow after QUT workshops on health

Publication: Courier-Mail

Publication date: Tuesday, 25 July 1995

Writer(s): Carbon, D

News genre: News

Page number: 29

Word length:

News source: Academic, Medical

First spokesperson: Dr Elizabeth Parker, QUT school of public health

Second spokesperson: Beryl Meiklejohn, Aboriginal health worker

Synopsis: Aboriginal health workers were winning grants for health prevention projects after learning new skills at workshops run by the Queensland University of Technology.

Keywords: Health funding, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: Black health move attacked

Publication: Courier-Mail

Publication date: Wednesday, 26 July 1995

Writer(s): Priest, Marcus

News genre: News

Page number: 12

Word length:

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

First spokesperson: Lois O'Donoghue, chair, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission

Second spokesperson:

Synopsis: The chairman of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Commission attacked the Federal Government for its handling of Aboriginal health.

Keywords: ATSI, Federal politics, Health funding, Indigenous health standards

Title: Blacks to benefit from \$60M boost

Publication: Courier-Mail

Publication date: Monday, 31 July 1995

Writer(s):

News genre: News

Page number: 7

Word length:

News source: ATSI

First spokesperson: Charles Perkins, acting head, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission

Second spokesperson:

Synopsis: Aboriginal communities would benefit from health, housing and local building projects valued at \$60 million.

Keywords: Aboriginal deaths in custody, ATSI, Health funding, Living conditions

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Title: Islanders forced to live in Third World limbo
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 1 August 1995
Writer(s): Callinan, Rory
News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length:
News source: Aboriginal lay person, Aboriginal leader, ATSIC
First spokesperson: Toddy Thompson, Palm Island community member
Second spokesperson: Alfred Lacey, chairman, Palm Island Aboriginal Council
Synopsis: Discusses the impact of a severe housing shortage on Palm Island.
Keywords: Living conditions

Title: Black health group backed
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 10 August 1995
Writer(s): Southorn, Ed
News genre: News
Page number: 11
Word length:
News source: Medical, Politician
First spokesperson: Steve Bredhauer, Member for Cook
Second spokesperson: Barbara Flick, executive director, Cape York Health Council
Synopsis: A far north Queensland Labor MLA spoke out in support of an Aboriginal health group which accused the Federal Government of cutting its funding.
Keywords: Health funding, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: Grog ban hailed
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 19 August 1995
Writer(s):
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 4
Word length:
News source: Aboriginal lay person
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Aboriginal women in Tennant Creek claimed a victory for Australia's first town-wide liquor sales bans during the first "grog free" day of a trial aimed at combatting the town's alcohol problems.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs

Title: Aboriginal children 'still being taken'
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 19 August 1995
Writer(s): Maher, Sid
News genre: News
Page number: 11
Word length:

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News source: Aboriginal leader, Politician
First spokesperson: Brian Butler, chairman, Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care
Second spokesperson: Robert Tickner, Aboriginal Affairs Minister
Synopsis: A Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission inquiry into the practice of forced removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children would also focus on care of Aboriginal children.
Keywords: Child health, Stolen generations

Title: Aboriginal home service accused of victimisation
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 24 August 1995
Writer(s): Priest, Marcus
News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length:
News source: Aboriginal lay person, Aboriginal leader, Politician
First spokesperson: Norm Brown, president, Black Community Housing Service
Second spokesperson: Terry Mackenroth, Qld Housing Minister
Synopsis: Elderly Aboriginal pensioners living in run-down units in West End claimed they were being victimised by their Aboriginal landlord.
Keywords: Living conditions

Title: Leprosy afflicts teens
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 30 August 1995
Writer(s): Hammond, Philip
News genre: News
Page number: 4
Word length:
News source: Medical, Publication
First spokesperson: Dr Hugo Ree, Senior Queensland Health medical officer
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: A new study showed that Aboriginal teenagers had developed leprosy at a greater rate than other population groups in recent years.
Keywords: Disease

Title: Cut in road deaths lifts safety profile
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 7 September 1995
Writer(s): Miranda, Charles
News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length:
News source: Academic, Publication
First spokesperson: Dr James Harrison, director, National Injury Surveillance Unit
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: A study by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare found that Australia's death rate from injuries was at a record low, mainly due to a drop in the number of road deaths. Mentions that the injury mortality for

Aboriginal Australians was estimated to be three times higher than for the rest of the community.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards

Title: Birth Rights
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 8 September 1995
Writer(s): Koch, Tony
News genre: Feature
Page number: 18
Word length: 600
News source: Medical
First spokesperson: Marjorie Baldwin Jones, Cairns-based Indigenous nursing sister
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Profile of Marjorie Baldwin Jones, a Cairns-based indigenous nursing sister, who was urging the government to establish birthing centres on Aboriginal communities to protect the birth rights, and cultural values of the people.
Keywords: Child health, Women's health

Title: Black suicide worry
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 16 September 1995
Writer(s): Madigan, Michael
News genre: News
Page number: 12
Word length:
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Naomi Wilson, National Party, Mulgrave
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Claims that the suicide rate in the Yarrabah Aboriginal community in far north Queensland could be the highest in the world.
Keywords: Suicide

Title: Health centres 'put off' blacks
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 19 September 1995
Writer(s): Smith, B
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 7
Word length: 100
News source: Conference/Meeting
First spokesperson: Christine Blue, clinical nursing consultant, University General Practice
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Staff from the health centre at Inala told the Australian Tropical Health and Nutrition Conference that poor health among indigenous Australians was partly caused by their discomfort with mainstream health care. The program at University General Practice had been successful in attracting indigenous people through hiring an indigenous nurse, working with the Aboriginal Medical Service and offering staff cultural awareness training.

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

Title: World body funds aboriginal US trip
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 20 September 1995
Writer(s): Koch, Tony
News genre: News
Page number: 9
Word length: 300
News source: Aboriginal leader, Conference/Meeting
First spokesperson: Les Baird, Member, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island State Tripartite Forum

Second spokesperson:

Synopsis: The World Health Organisation was paying for a four-strong Aboriginal delegation to travel to the United States to lecture on indigenous health and raise money to fight substance abuse. The forum found it hard to obtain funding from the Aboriginal Co-ordinating Council, which only has a budget of \$2m.

Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Health funding

Title: Vaccines for blacks
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 21 September 1995
Writer(s): Crisp, B
News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length: 200
News source: Medical
First spokesperson: Phyllis Kirvesniemi, registered nurse, Mt Isa-based vaccination program
Second spokesperson:

Synopsis: The deaths of three young Aboriginal men from bacterial pneumonia prompted Australia's first mass vaccination program against pneumococcal disease in north-west Queensland. Despite the availability of the vaccine since 1977, there had been no mass vaccination.

Keywords: Disease, Hospitals, Indigenous health standards

Title: Beattie orders death inquiry
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 23 September 1995
Writer(s): Butler, Genevieve
News genre: News
Page number: 8
Word length: 300
News source: Aboriginal lay person, Medical, Politician
First spokesperson: Spokeswoman for Peter Beattie, Health Minister
Second spokesperson: Alex Gulash, Director, Mental Health, Aboriginal and Islander Community Health Service

Synopsis: Health Minister Peter Beattie ordered an inquiry into the death of a mentally ill Aboriginal teenager who was hit by a truck outside a hospital

Mr Beattie was visiting. The teenager's family, the Aboriginal Health Service and the Stones Corner Adult Mental Health Service had pleaded for two days before his death that he be sent back to Brisbane.

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

Title: Action urged over poverty
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 25 September 1995
Writer(s): McRea, Toni
News genre: News
Page number: 6
Word length: 500
News source: Conference/Meeting
First spokesperson: Alison Mc Lelland, Director, social action and research division, Brotherhood of St Laurence, Melbourne
Second spokesperson: Kate Funder, Australian Institute of Family Studies
Synopsis: The Family Court national conference heard that urgent and substantial change in community and government attitudes was needed to curb increasing poverty in Australia.
Brief mention that Aboriginal Australians had the highest rate of poverty as a result of the compounding impact of socio-economic status, alienation, racism, unemployment, poor health and appalling living conditions.
Keywords: Living conditions

Title: \$10.5M Boost for what could be paradise
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 26 September 1995
Writer(s): Koch, Tony
News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length: 600
News source: Aboriginal lay person, Politician
First spokesperson: Terry Mackenroth, Provider of Infrastructure for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Overview of life on Palm Island and the potential impact of additional spending on the community for 32 houses and a new water-supply dam.
Keywords: Living conditions

Title: Beattie warns of 'ghetto' growth
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 26 September 1995
Writer(s): Franklin, Matthew
News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length: 500
News source: Conference/Meeting
First spokesperson: Peter Beattie, Health Minister

Second spokesperson:

Synopsis: Peter Beattie warned that 'ghetto-isation' of Australia was widening the gap in health standards between the rich and poor.

Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Health funding, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions

Title: Report targets gay awareness

Publication: Courier-Mail

Publication date: Thursday, 28 September 1995

Writer(s): Sweetman, Kim

News genre: News

Page number: 8

Word length:

News source: Medical, Politician

First spokesperson: Richard Feachem, Chief World Bank health adviser

Second spokesperson: Carmen Lawrence, Federal Minister for Health

Synopsis: An international expert said that Australia could avoid the predicted "second wave" of AIDS infections but needed to do more to prevent its movement through the gay community. Chief World Bank health adviser Richard Feachem said efforts to stop the disease had to be concentrated on gay men and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

Keywords: Disease

Title: Staff delay hits new health unit

Publication: Courier-Mail

Publication date: Monday, 2 October 1995

Writer(s): Priest, Marcus

News genre: News

Page number: 7

Word length:

News source: Politician

First spokesperson: Carmen Lawrence, Minister for Health

Second spokesperson: Chris Gallus, opposition spokeswoman on Aboriginal Affairs

Synopsis: Health Minister Carmen Lawrence admitted that key decisions relating to Aboriginal health had been delayed by an inability to find qualified staff for the new Aboriginal Health Unit.

Keywords: Federal department of health

Title: Youth Suicide: The nation's taboo tragedy

Publication: Courier-Mail

Publication date: Saturday, 7 October 1995

Writer(s): Allen, Elizabeth

News genre: News

Page number: 14

Word length: 1000

News source: Medical, Other, Politician

First spokesperson: Dr Carmen Lawrence, Health Minister

Second spokesperson: Professor Glenn Bowers, director of Victoria's Centre for Adolescent Health

Synopsis: Briefly mentions the Youth Suicide Prevention Advisory Group, a pilot

project to target young people who had previously attempted suicide, had a mental illness, lived in rural and remote areas, or were from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders communities.

Keywords: Suicide

Title: Islanders seek legal right to give away children
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 19 October 1995
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length:
News source: Aboriginal leader, Academic, ATSIC, Conference/Meeting/Speech, Human Rights Commission, Police/Court
First spokesperson: Steve Mam, vice-president, Torres Strait Islanders Corporation
Second spokesperson: Bill Lourah, president, Torres Strait Islanders Corporation
Synopsis: Torres Strait Islanders urged that the custom of giving away their children be enshrined in Australian law. Torres Strait Islanders Corporation vice-president Steve Mam told a child abuse forum that it was feared that, under Australian law, Islander children would be lost to the streets of mainland cities.
Keywords: Child health

Title: Staff delay hits new health unit
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 2 November 1995
Writer(s): Priest, Marcus
News genre: News
Page number: 12
Word length: 300
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Dr Carmen Lawrence, Federal Health Minister
Second spokesperson: Chirs Gallus, Opposition Aboriginal Affairs spokeswoman
Synopsis: The creation of the Aboriginal Health Corporation had been delayed after two people declined offers for the position of chief executive officer. The Corporation would co-ordinate training and education of health workers. Dr Lawrence rejected recent criticism that nothing had been done in the four months since Aboriginal health had been transferred. Opposition Aboriginal affairs spokeswoman Chris Gallus said Dr Lawrence was trying to do too much.
Keywords: Federal politics, Indigenous health standards, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: Vaccine plan to prevent disease spreading
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 3 November 1995
Writer(s): Franklin, Matthew
News genre: News
Page number: 12
Word length: 300

News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Peter Beattie, Health Minister
Second spokesperson: Terry Mackenroth, Aboriginal Communities Infrastructure
Synopsis: After an outbreak of Japanese encephalitis, Health Minister Peter Beattie told parliament that the government had to act fast to prevent the virus spreading to mainland Australia. An immunisation programme had commenced in the Torres Strait islands, as well as mosquito control.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, Medical services - mainstream

Title: The Beattie Plan: It must work
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 15 November 1995
Writer(s):
News genre: Editorial
Page number: 16
Word length:
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Peter Beattie, Queensland Minister for Health
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Discussion of Peter Beattie's health plan. Mentions the shocking state of Aboriginal health in Queensland.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards

Title: Extra \$45M for black health
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 15 November 1995
Writer(s): Franklin, Matthew
News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length: 300
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Peter Beattie, Health Minister.
Second spokesperson: Mike Horan, Opposition health spokesman
Synopsis: Health minister Peter Beattie ordered speedy delivery of \$45 million in new health spending on Aboriginal communities. Hospitals and clinics upgrades would be fast-tracked.
Keywords: Health funding, State politics

Title: Condoman sorts out the urban-sex jungle.
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 27 November 1995
Writer(s): Hammond, P
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 4
Word length: 200
News source: Medical
First spokesperson: Colin Ross, Senior Aboriginal AIDS co-ordinator for Queensland
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Claims that, although published several years previously, the Condoman,

Keywords: a culturally appropriate super hero, was still having an impact across the world.
Indigenous health standards, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: Hospital turned ill children away: Council
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 27 November 1995
Writer(s): Priest, Marcus
News genre: News
Page number: 9
Word length: 300
News source: Aboriginal lay person, Medical
First spokesperson: Ken Bone, uncle of child.
Second spokesperson: Paul Kelly, Queensland Health's Wide Bay region director
Synopsis: The Cherbourg council chairman, Ken Bone, claimed that a baby with pneumonia was twice turned away from Cherbourg Hospital with advice to the family to give the child aspirin. Mr Bone said that it was one of a number of incidents in which patients with serious complaint had been turned away.
Keywords: Child health, Hospitals, Medical services - mainstream

Title: Poor Islander health astounds minister
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 30 November 1995
Writer(s): Franklin, Matthew
News genre: News
Page number: 2
Word length:
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Peter Beattie, Qld Minister for Health
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Health Minister Peter Beattie said that health standards in the Torres Strait were unacceptable and would not be tolerated in non-Islander communities.
Keywords: Disease, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions

Title: No equipment at new centre
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 1 December 1995
Writer(s): Franklin, Matthew
News genre: News
Page number: 7
Word length: 400
News source: Medical, Politician
First spokesperson: Robbie Salee, Cape York Health Council deputy chairman
Second spokesperson: Peter Beattie, Queensland Health Minister
Synopsis: A new community health centre opened in far north Queensland, but contained little vital equipment. Cape York Health Council deputy chairman Robbie Salee said his community of Injinoo was grateful for the

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Keywords: new \$400,000 centre but angry about a lack of medical equipment.
Hospitals, State department of health

Title: Aborigines to control govt health programmes
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 1 December 1995
Writer(s): Sweetman, Kim
News genre: News
Page number: 10
Word length: 300
News source: ATSIC, Politician
First spokesperson: Dr Carmen Lawrence, Federal Health Minister
Second spokesperson: Lois O'Donoghue, ATSIC Commissioner
Synopsis: Following the move of aboriginal health from ATSIC to the Department of Health, Carmen Lawrence, federal health minister signed a formal agreement with Lois O'Donoghue, binding the government to ensure a holistic approach to Aboriginal health, such as providing adequate housing and infrastructure, education, employment and other social and cultural factors.
Keywords: ATSIC, Federal politics, Health funding

Title: Message on healthy eating
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 2 December 1995
Writer(s): Kavanagh, L
News genre: Regular column
Page number: 32
Word length: 500
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Peter Beattie, Queensland Health Minister.
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Health Minister Peter Beattie tried to improve health on Thursday Island after finding a simple solution to a complex problem. Remarking that the diabetes death rate in Torres Strait was 22 times that of the general community, he identified poor nutrition as a major problem in communities. Briefly mentions the excessive amount of alcohol consumed by Thursday Islanders.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, State politics

Title: Mass vaccination to halt virus
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 4 December 1995
Writer(s): Franklin, Matthew
News genre: News
Page number: 5
Word length:
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Steve Bredhauer, MLA (ALP, Cook)
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: State Government health officers began a mass vaccination to protect

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Keywords: Torres Strait Islanders from Japanese encephalitis.
Disease, State department of health

Title: Community doomed by drink: Women
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 15 December 1995
Writer(s): Priest, Marcus
News genre: News
Page number: 1
Word length: 500
News source: Aboriginal leader, Police/Court, Politician
First spokesperson: Wadjularbinna, Spokeswoman for Maguwa
Second spokesperson: Margaret Woodgate, Spokeswoman for Community Services Minister
Synopsis: A group of Doomadgee women pleaded with the Queensland Government to stop the destruction of their community through alcoholism and violence. Spokeswoman Wadjularbinna claimed that, although there had been a suicide after a youth had been binge drinking, the community had not taken action because they didn't want to go against their relatives and clan members in the community council. Wadjularbinna called on the Government to take action against the Council, accusing them of genocide by omission.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Suicide

Title: Threat of race riots if health ignored
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 16 December 1995
Writer(s): Metcalf, Fran
News genre: News
Page number: 16
Word length: 300
News source: Medical, Politician
First spokesperson: Violet Spicer, Acting chair of the Aboriginal Border Health Issues Committee.
Second spokesperson: Peter Beattie, Queensland Health Minister
Synopsis: Violet Spicer, acting chair of the Aboriginal Border Health Issues Committee, claimed that Aborigines' frustration with the lack of health services was close to boiling point in the communities of Boggabilla and Toomelah. Discusses Justice Marcus Einfeld's visit to the area in 1988, and the lack of infrastructure, and Ms Spicer's revelation that little had been done since the Einfeld report.
Keywords: Living conditions, State politics

Title: First steps in hospital makeover
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 21 December 1995
Writer(s): O'Malley, B
News genre: News
Page number: 12
Word length: 300
News source: Politician

First spokesperson: Peter Beattie, Queensland Health Minister
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Health Minister, Peter Beattie, announced that \$70 million had been awarded for the redevelopment of the Cairns Hospital. The Minister also announced \$300,000 funding for an ophthalmology outreach project, developed in conjunction with the Fred Hollows Foundation, medical and community groups, to improve the health of Cape York and Torres Strait communities. Mr Beattie said that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders had a high risk of developing eye disease because of their high incidence of diabetes and hypertension.
Keywords: Health funding, Hospitals, Indigenous health standards, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

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

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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 deal with alcohol abuse in indigenous communities.
Keywords: 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: 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: ATSIC, 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

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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: 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: 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 Foundaton
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 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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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

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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: 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: 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

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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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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

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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: 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

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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: 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: 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: 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

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

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: 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

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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 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: 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.

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Keywords: ATSI, Education funding, Health funding, Indigenous health standards, Indigenous politics, Living conditions

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: 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 addressing the problem

Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health

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: ATSIC 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 (ATSIC) 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: ATSIC 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

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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 than 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: 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: 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

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: 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

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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

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Title: Diabetes 'toll' on economy

Publication: Courier-Mail

Publication date: Friday, 3 January 2003

Writer(s):

News genre: News

Page number: 4

Word length: 171

News source: Academic

First spokesperson:

Second spokesperson:

Synopsis: Australian researchers had begun the world's first national study of the health burden and cost of diabetes and obesity. The study would provide critically needed information on the socio-economic impact of diabetes in both the general and indigenous communities

Keywords: Disease, Indigenous health standards

Title: Seeing the big picture

Publication: Courier-Mail

Publication date: Monday, 27 January 2003

Writer(s): Potter, David

News genre: Feature

Page number: 11

Word length: 726

News source: Academic

First spokesperson: Kevin Campbell, Telethon Institute chairman

Second spokesperson:

Synopsis: Details the work of Fiona Stanley, the 2003 Australian of the year, and her establishment of the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research. The institution research areas included asthma and allergies, children's leukaemia, Aboriginal child health, birth defects, and child and adolescent mental health.

Keywords: Child health, Health funding

Title: Whiff of menace

Publication: Courier-Mail

Publication date: Monday, 27 January 2003

Writer(s): Gregory, Jason

News genre: News

Page number: 11

Word length: 1370

News source: Local government, Police/Court

First spokesperson:

Second spokesperson:

Synopsis: The inhalation of paint – a practice known as “chroming”, had spread to

Brisbane's suburbs. The spread was an example of a state-wide shift which had seen paint-sniffing and other substance abuse spreading far beyond the isolation of indigenous communities.

Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health

Title: Honour 'starting to sink in'

Publication: Courier-Mail

Publication date: Monday, 27 January 2003

Writer(s):

News genre: News

Page number: 5

Word length: 186

News source: Academic

First spokesperson:

Second spokesperson:

Synopsis: The new Australian of the Year, Professor Fiona Stanley, spent Australia Day traversing much of the continent. Professor Stanley founded the Telethon Institute for child health research and was recognised for her services to public health.

Keywords: Child health

Title: Labor's baby formula on the table

Publication: Courier-Mail

Publication date: Tuesday, 28 January 2003

Writer(s): Kaszubska, Gosia

News genre: News

Page number: 2

Word length: 526

News source: Politician

First spokesperson: Simon Crean, Opposition Leader

Second spokesperson: Larry Anthony, Children and Youth Affairs Minister

Synopsis: Simon Crean launched Labor's policy discussion paper on the early years of childhood. Mentions need for a national commitment to Indigenous children.

Keywords: Child health, Federal politics

Title: Aboriginal drunks report criticised

Publication: Courier-Mail

Publication date: Friday, 31 January 2003

Writer(s): Scholz, Nathan

News genre: News

Page number: 7

Word length: 457

News source: Local government, Politician

First spokesperson: Judy Spence, Aboriginal Policy Minister Queensland

Second spokesperson: Tony Mooney, Twonsville Mayor

Synopsis: Two northern Queensland mayors and indigenous leaders criticised a state government report on public aboriginal drunkenness as a "failure". The report came after arrests of Aborigines for public disorder offences and assault had soared to record levels.

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Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Police, Violence

Title: Reeling in a healthy life
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 3 March 2003
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 7
Word length: 133
News source: Conference/Meeting/Speech, Medical
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: A rural health conference in Hobart heard that a fishing project to get socially isolated elderly people involved in group activities revealed fishing was good for your health. The group hoped to extend the program to other isolated people such as women elders from the Aboriginal Community.
Keywords: Living conditions

Title: Metho drinking outbreak follows curb on alcohol
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 5 March 2003
Writer(s): Hart, Cath
News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length: 473
News source: Medical, Police/Court
First spokesperson: Sergeant Stephen Angus, Aurukun police officer
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: One man was admitted to hospital and two others became ill after drinking methylated spirits in Cape York's Aurukun community. Authorities said the new alcohol laws in Aurukun were leading to alternative forms of substance abuse.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Indigenous health standards

Title: ATSIC is not a native title for 'scapegoat'
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 28 March 2003
Writer(s): Clark, Geoff
News genre: Invited column
Page number: 19
Word length: 630
News source: Aboriginal leader
First spokesperson: Geoff Clark, the chairman of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Geoff Clark, the chairman of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission, argued that ATSIC should not be abolished, but what should be banished was the blaming of ATSIC for the failures of indigenous policy.
Keywords: ATSIC, Indigenous politics

Title: Is that a serpent in your trousers?
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 29 March 2003
Writer(s): Koch, Tony
News genre: News
Page number: 25
Word length: 829
News source: Medical
First spokesperson: Unnamed Apunipima sexual diseases spokesman
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Claims that, while the health of indigenous Australians living in remote communities was a matter of serious concern, health funding was never enough to go around. Questions the use of Federal Government funding for "culturally appropriate" condom use.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards

Title: Condom campaign
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 2 April 2003
Writer(s): Gillett, Matt
News genre: Letter to the editor
Page number: 16
Word length: 150
News source: Medical
First spokesperson: Matt Gillett from the Queensland AIDS council
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Argues that the Apunipima Cape York Health Council initiative to design condom packs for specific Cape York communities should be supported rather than ridiculed.
Keywords: Disease, Federal politics, Health funding, Living conditions

Title: Queensland tops list of child abuse cases
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 2 April 2003
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 2
Word length: 203
News source: Politician, Publication
First spokesperson: Judy Spence, Families Minister.
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: An Australian Institute of Health and Welfare child protection report revealed that Queensland children made up nearly a third of all proven child abuse cases in Australia, with indigenous children under care and protection orders at nearly six times the rate of other Australian children.
Keywords: Child health, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions

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Title: No cash, no care
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 5 April 2003
Writer(s): Koch, Tony
News genre: News
Page number: 33
Word length: 1497
News source: Bureaucrat, Medical, Publication
First spokesperson: Dr Clive Hadfield
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Specialist physicians at the troubled Cairns Base Hospital feared the centralisation of Queensland health services would effectively ensure the stagnation of the Cairns health administration, and lead to lower health services available to rural and regional Queenslanders.
Keywords: Health funding, Hospitals, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Medical services - mainstream, State department of health

Title: Time to take back the streets
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 15 April 2003
Writer(s): King, Madonna
News genre: News
Page number: 17
Word length: 950
News source: Local government, Politician
First spokesperson: Tony Mooney, Townsville mayor
Second spokesperson: Tony McGrady, Member for Mount Isa
Synopsis: Discusses the issue of public drunkenness. Claims that it was "almost exclusively indigenous".
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Living conditions, Violence

Title: Human degradation persists in boom city
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 17 April 2003
Writer(s): Maguire, David
News genre: Feature
Page number: 15
Word length: 531
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Judy Spence, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy Minister
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Discussion of Indigenous homelessness in Cairns.
Keywords: Hospitals, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, Women's health

Title: Bush folk lose pace in battle on cancer
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 30 April 2003
Writer(s): Jones, Chris
News genre: News
Page number: 7

Word length: 467
News source: Academic, Publication
First spokesperson: Chris Stevenson, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare study co-ordinator
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: A government study into survival rates for cancer victims confirmed that proper access to health services was vital in winning the fight against most cancers.
Keywords: Disease, Hospitals, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Medical services - mainstream

Title: ATSIIC rescues debt-ridden indigenous housing co-op
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 3 May 2003
Writer(s): Yallamas, Lisa
News genre: News
Page number: 18
Word length: 271
News source: ATSIIC, Local government
First spokesperson: Ian Tonkin, Paroo Shire Mayor
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: ATSIIC would spend \$200,000 to bail out a western Queensland indigenous housing company. It would repair 45 houses to meet health and safety requirements and pay debts to the Paroo Shire Council.
Keywords: Allegations of Indigenous corruption, ATSIIC, Indigenous politics, Living conditions

Title: Epidemic of obesity weighs on the nation
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 5 May 2003
Writer(s): Watt, Amanda
News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length: 427
News source: Academic, Politician, Publication
First spokesperson: Paul Zimmet, Director of the international Diabetes Institute
Second spokesperson: Wendy Edmond, Queensland Health Minister.
Synopsis: The international diabetes institute found that that sixty per cent of Australians were carrying excess weight. The Queensland government responded to the report with \$1 million allocated to employ nutritionists across the state, and \$1 million to be spent on indigenous health issues such as childhood obesity.
Keywords: Child health, Disease, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, Women's health

Title: Army cuts shortage of houses
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 7 May 2003
Writer(s): Madigan, Michael
News genre: News

Page number: 11
Word length: 420
News source: ATSIIC, Bureaucrat, Politician
First spokesperson: Judy Spence, Minister responsible for Aboriginal and Islander Policy
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The Australian army was helping Queensland Aboriginal communities address appalling levels of housing and infrastructure. Soldiers would build and renovate houses, improve drainage and sewage infrastructure and fluoridate water.
Keywords: Child health, Disease, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: What the lobby groups want
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 10 May 2003
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 14
Word length: 486
News source: Unknown
First spokesperson: Australian Medical Association
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The Australian Medical Association called for, amongst other things, a boost to indigenous health programs in the 2003 federal budget.
Keywords: Federal politics, Health funding

Title: Battle over booze divides the Cape
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 16 June 2003
Writer(s): Gregory, Jason
News genre: News
Page number: 9
Word length: 1065
News source: Aboriginal leader, Business, Local government, Politician
First spokesperson: Gary Kleidon, chief executive, Aurukun Shire
Second spokesperson: Peter Opio, executive director, Aboriginal Co-ordinating Council
Synopsis: Gary Kleidon, of the Aurukun Shire, said that it was easy to close the pub, but solving alcohol-related crime, violence, unemployment and hopelessness in Aboriginal communities would take more hard work.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Disease, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, Violence, Women's health

Title: Inhalant craze becomes scourge
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 7 July 2003
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 6
Word length: 130

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News source: Academic, Conference/Meeting/Speech, Medical
First spokesperson: Adam Graycar, director, Australian Institute of Criminology
Second spokesperson: Tom Ogowang, inhalants project officer, DrugArm
Synopsis: Discusses of the prevalence of inhalant abuse, particularly among teenagers and indigenous communities.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Indigenous health standards

Title: Going the distance for women's health
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 10 July 2003
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 10
Word length: 221
News source: Medical
First spokesperson: Catherine Jones, child health nurse
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: A health program servicing remote locations around Queensland was providing female doctors and nurses in rural and remote communities.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Women's health

Title: Chaos as Cape doctor quits in frustration
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 16 July 2003
Writer(s): Koch, Tony
News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length: 548
News source: Medical, Politician
First spokesperson: Dr Lara Wieland, Royal Flying Doctor Service
Second spokesperson: Wendy Edmond, Qld Minister for Health
Synopsis: Claims that health care in remote Cape York was in turmoil with the resignation of a key doctor and senior nursing staff about to quit. Dr Wieland blamed the health department bureaucracy for making her life intolerable and virtually forcing her to quit.
Keywords: Hospitals, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: Doctor's concerns
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 17 July 2003
Writer(s): Wieland, Lara
News genre: Letter to the editor
Page number: 16
Word length: 153
News source: Medical
First spokesperson: Lara Wieland
Second spokesperson:

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Synopsis: Response to a previous article ("Chaos as Cape doctor quits in frustration", 16/7/2003), about the resignation of Dr Lara Wieland from Kowanyama Community.

Keywords: Health funding, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: ATSIC calls for better teeth care
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 26 July 2003
Writer(s): Gregory, Jason
News genre: News
Page number: 12
Word length: 225
News source: Aboriginal leader, Bureaucrat, Medical
First spokesperson: Eddie Woodely, ATSIC Peninsula Regional Council chairman
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Indigenous organisations criticised the State Government's dental care program in the Cape York area, describing it as ad hoc and inadequate.
Keywords: Disease, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: RSPCA targets starving dogs
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 30 July 2003
Writer(s): Gregor, Jason
News genre: News
Page number: 18
Word length: 418
News source: Aboriginal leader, Other, Politician
First spokesperson: Mark Townend, RSPCA chief executive
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The RSPCA was targeting several key Queensland indigenous communities after identifying long-term and severe animal cruelty issues. Community councils were also concerned disease-ridden animals could contaminate towns' water supply with urine and faeces.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards, Indigenous politics, Living conditions

Title: New impetus for change on the Cape
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 31 July 2003
Writer(s):
News genre: Editorial
Page number: 12
Word length: 560
News source: Opinion
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Discussion of John Howard's approach to alcohol-induced violence in Aboriginal communities and his forthcoming visit to Aurukun with indigenous affairs minister Philip Ruddock.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Disease, Federal politics, Hospitals,

Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, Women's health

Title: High noon at Aurukun
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 2 August 2003
Writer(s): Koch, Tony
News genre: News
Page number: 32
Word length: 1473
News source: Aboriginal leader, Local government
First spokesperson: Martha Koowarta, respected elder, Aurukun community
Second spokesperson: Stan Sheppard, principal, Aurukun community
Synopsis: Discusses Prime Minister John Howard's first visit to a remote Queensland Aboriginal community. Mentions that he would find that the community had changed after an alcohol management plan restricted sales from the canteen.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Indigenous health standards, Violence, Women's health

Title: Take a good hard look, and act
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 2 August 2003
Writer(s): Koch, Tony
News genre: Editorial
Page number: 23
Word length: 811
News source: Opinion
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Discusses Prime Minister John Howard's first visit to a Cape York Aboriginal Community, claiming if provided further evidence of his stated intention to address the appalling living conditions of indigenous Australians on remote communities whose lives were wrecked by alcohol-induced violence and hopelessness.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, Violence, Women's health

Title: A lady to make Howard sit up and listen
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 4 August 2003
Writer(s): Koch, Tony
News genre: News
Page number: 2
Word length: 713
News source: Aboriginal leader
First spokesperson: Gladys Tybingoompa, former manager, Aurukun state school
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Gladys Tybingoompa, the Wik lady who no black leader, white politician or lawyer dared to cross, would meet with Prime Minister John Howard when he visited to Aurukun as part of the Federal Government's campaign

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Keywords: against violence and alcoholism in remote communities.
Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Living conditions, Violence, Women's health

Title: Howard sees a new attitude in Cape leaders
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 5 August 2003
Writer(s): Atkins, Dennis
News genre: News
Page number: 4
Word length: 662
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: John Howard
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Claims that Prime Minister John Howard believed changed attitudes among indigenous leaders would make a trip to Cape York more likely to be productive than it would have been five years previously.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Federal politics, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Violence, Women's health

Title: Police not given details of sex abuse in communities
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 6 August 2003
Writer(s): Koch, Tony
News genre: News
Page number: 2
Word length: 632
News source: Medical, Politician
First spokesperson: Dr Lara Wieland
Second spokesperson: Dr Janet Knox, northern zonal officer for sexual health, Queensland Health
Synopsis: Claims that children on remote Aboriginal communities suffered continuing serious sexual abuse because doctors' reports of incidents given to the Queensland Families Department were not passed on to police for investigation.
Keywords: Child health, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Police, State department of health, Violence, Women's health

Title: Howard heeds cry for help
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 7 August 2003
Writer(s): Koch, Tony
News genre: News
Page number: 1
Word length: 461
News source: ATSIIC, Politician
First spokesperson: John Howard
Second spokesperson: Tanya Major, regional councillor, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Commission
Synopsis: John Howard committed to freeing women and children in Aboriginal communities from the "terrible scourge of violence" which dominated their lives.

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

Title: PM hears people's cry from the heart
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 7 August 2003
Writer(s): Koch, Tony
News genre: News
Page number: 8
Word length: 464
News source: ATSIC, Politician
First spokesperson: John Howard
Second spokesperson: Tanya Major, ATSIC regional councillor
Synopsis: Women and children in Aboriginal communities were promised Federal Government support to free them from the "terrible scourge of violence" which dominated their lives.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Federal department of health, Hospitals, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Suicide, Violence

Title: Letter clouds claims against child services
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 7 August 2003
Writer(s): Wenham, Margaret
News genre: News
Page number: 8
Word length: 543
News source: Medical, Politician
First spokesperson: Judy Spence, Qld Families Minister
Second spokesperson: Dr Lara Wieland, medical officer, Royal Flying Doctor Service
Synopsis: Claims that Dr Lara Wieland, who blew the whistle on family services failings in Aboriginal communities, wrote to Families Minister Judy Spence five months prior to presenting Prime Minister John Howard with a letter detailing health problems on Cape York, including claims Families Department staff were not passing on child abuse notifications to police.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Police, Violence, Women's health

Title: Dealing daily with Cape York Tragedy
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 7 August 2003
Writer(s): Rimmer, Ann
News genre: Letter to the editor
Page number: 14
Word length: 206
News source: Non-Aboriginal lay person
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Discussion of issues in Cape York communities.

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

Title: Action in Aurukun would make quiet a yarn
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 9 August 2003
Writer(s): Atkins, Dennis
News genre: Feature
Page number: 33
Word length: 1140
News source: Aboriginal leader, Politician
First spokesperson: John Howard, Prime Minister
Second spokesperson: Noel Pearson, Cape York lawyer and land rights champion
Synopsis: Prime Minister John Howard and Indigenous Affairs Minister Philip Ruddock visited Aurukun, one of a handful of Cape York towns trying to break the cycle of drunkenness and violence by curbing access to alcohol.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Federal politics, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Violence, Women's health

Title: Hurry up and do nothing
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 9 August 2003
Writer(s): Koch, Tony
News genre: News
Page number: 33
Word length: 1070
News source: Medical, Politician
First spokesperson: John Howard, Prime Minister
Second spokesperson: Leneen Forde, Qld Governor
Synopsis: Prime Minister John Howard visited two aboriginal communities to hear about alcoholism and domestic violence first-hand so he could respond at a meeting of premiers and federal ministers.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Federal politics, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, State politics, Violence, Women's health

Title: Role is not to question why
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 9 August 2003
Writer(s): Koch, Tony
News genre: News
Page number: 27
Word length: 937
News source: Medical, Opinion
First spokesperson: Dr Lara Wieland
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Claims that Prime Minister John Howard's visit to remote Aboriginal communities on Cape York was an important statement to the nation that the horrific problems affecting the lives of these people were being treated seriously.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Federal politics, Living conditions, Medical

services - Indigenous community controlled, State politics, Violence, Women's health

Title: Spence says action swift on bush abuse
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 9 August 2003
Writer(s): Wenham, Margaret
News genre: News
Page number: 13
Word length: 677
News source: Medical, Politician
First spokesperson: Judy Spence, Families Minister
Second spokesperson: Dr Lara Wieland
Synopsis: Families Minister Judy Spence claimed that priority-one child abuse allegation in remote indigenous communities were acted on within 24 hours. Ms Spence was responding to claims that more than 30 serious child abuse cases from the Aurukun and Kowanyama communities report by doctors were not passed on to police by Families department personnel.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, State department of health, Violence, Women's health

Title: ATSIC in \$24m bid to halt violence
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 22 August 2003
Writer(s): Phillips, Mark
News genre: News
Page number: 2
Word length: 242
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Philip Ruddock, Indigenous Affairs Minister
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Squads of indigenous people would conduct night patrols of their communities as part of a \$24 million Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission strategy to end family violence.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, ATSIC, Child health, Health funding, Living conditions, Violence, Women's health

Title: Inquiry to quiz Cape Doctors
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 23 August 2003
Writer(s): Koch, Tony
News genre: News
Page number: 8
Word length: 480
News source: Aboriginal leader, Medical, Politician
First spokesperson: Judy Spence, Families Minister
Second spokesperson: Dr Lara Wieland
Synopsis: Officers from the Crime and Misconduct Commission inquiry into the treatment of foster children in Queensland would travel to the state's north to interview health professionals working in indigenous

Keywords: communities.
Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, Medical services -
Indigenous community controlled

Title: Salt water pools wash away infections

Publication: Courier-Mail

Publication date: Monday, 25 August 2003

Writer(s):

News genre: News

Page number: 5

Word length: 116

News source: Publication

First spokesperson:

Second spokesperson:

Synopsis: A study published in the British Medical Journal found that salt water swimming pools dramatically cut skin and ear infections among 162 children in two communities in remote parts of Western Australia. Building swimming pools could be the key to reducing health and social problems in remote aboriginal communities.

Keywords: Child health, Disease, Hospitals, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: Team to target Cape child abuse

Publication: Courier-Mail

Publication date: Tuesday, 26 August 2003

Writer(s): Wenham, Margaret

News genre: News

Page number: 8

Word length: 159

News source: Politician

First spokesperson: Judy Spence, Families Minister

Second spokesperson:

Synopsis: A suspected child abuse and neglect team was set up to try to address child abuse in Cape York Communities.

Keywords: Child health, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: Beattie warns PM on health

Publication: Courier-Mail

Publication date: Friday, 29 August 2003

Writer(s): Jones, Chris & Parnell, Sean

News genre: News

Page number: 11

Word length: 453

News source: Politician

First spokesperson: Premier Peter Beattie.

Second spokesperson: Prime Minister John Howard

Synopsis: Queensland appeared set to accept the Commonwealth's health funding offer after Prime Minister John Howard refused to offer more money. The Prime Minister also said he would push for a commitment from the states and territories to address violence, alcoholism and child abuse in

Keywords: indigenous communities.
Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Federal politics, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, State politics, Violence, Women's health

Title: Talks in limbo as Premier walk out
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 30 August 2003
Writer(s): Atkins, Dennis
News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length: 482
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Peter Beattie, Qld Premier
Second spokesperson: John Howard, Prime Minister
Synopsis: Premier Peter Beattie accused the Federal Government of adding 61,000 Queenslanders to public hospital waiting lists, after a bitter stand-off over health funding led state leaders to walk out of talks. Brief mention that the leaders did not discuss a range of issues, including abuse of indigenous children.
Keywords: Child health, Federal politics, Health funding, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, State politics

Title: Asthma death rates decline since 1990s
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 10 October 2003
Writer(s): Edmestone, Leanne
News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length: 547
News source: Publication
First spokesperson: Dr Guy Marks, Australian Centre for Asthma Monitoring director
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: A comprehensive asthma study revealed asthma death rates in Australia were declining. However, doctors still didn't know what triggered the condition or why the nation had one of the highest prevalence rates in the world. The report shows that indigenous people were more likely to be affected by asthma than non-indigenous people.
Keywords: Disease, Living conditions

Title: Health system horror stories come to light
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 31 October 2003
Writer(s): Parnell, Sean
News genre: News
Page number: 9
Word length: 448
News source: Publication
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:

Synopsis: The Health Rights Commission annual report tabled in State Parliament detailed the 4472 complaints that the commission received in 2002-2003. The report noted that one of the major issues was mental health care for indigenous consumers with suicidal ideations.

Keywords: Hospitals, Indigenous health standards, State department of health

Title: ATSIC wants action to end disadvantage
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 13 November 2003
Writer(s): Jones, Chris
News genre:
Page number: 4
Word length: 484
News source: Aboriginal leader, Politician, Publication
First spokesperson: Lionel Quartermain, Acting ATSIC chairman
Second spokesperson: Amanda Vanstone, Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister
Synopsis: Acting ATSIC chairman Lionel Quatermaine commented on the Federal Government's 'Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage' report, saying indigenous disadvantage was "a stain on the soul of Australia." The report showed indigenous people were generally less healthy and wealthy than other Australians and more likely to commit assault and murder.

Keywords: Federal politics, Indigenous health standards, Indigenous politics, Living conditions, State politics

Title: Cure for sick system
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 19 November 2003
Writer(s): Menadue, John
News genre: Invited column
Page number: 27
Word length: 1288
News source: Bureaucrat
First spokesperson: John Menadue, Chairman, New South Wales Health Council
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Argues that the states and the Commonwealth needed to work together to solve the problems in the healthcare system. Claims that gaps and duplication in clinical services might disadvantage certain groups, particularly Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Keywords: Federal department of health, Federal politics, Health funding, State department of health, State politics

Title: Weight of world can be deadly
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 21 November 2003
Writer(s): Scott, John
News genre: Invited column
Page number: 10
Word length: 292
News source: Medical
First spokesperson: Dr John Scott, State Manager, Public Health Services Queensland

Second spokesperson:

Synopsis: Argues that Australia was facing a world epidemic of overweight and obesity, with a resultant significant impact on chronic disease and health services.

Keywords: Child health, Health funding, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, State department of health, State politics

Title: Patients gain more time with doctor, fewer drugs

Publication: Courier-Mail

Publication date: Wednesday, 3 December 2003

Writer(s): Edminstone, Leanne

News genre: News

Page number: 11

Word length: 432

News source: Medical, Politician

First spokesperson: Associate Professor Helena Britt, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Second spokesperson:

Synopsis: The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare released a report showing that patients were spending longer with their doctor but receiving fewer prescriptions. The report also showed that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders were visiting GPs, more than local community health centres.

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

Title: More men meet to right wrongs

Publication: Courier-Mail

Publication date: Saturday, 6 December 2003

Writer(s): Madigan, Michael

News genre: News

Page number: 11

Word length: 230

News source: Academic, Medical

First spokesperson: John Macdonald, Professor of Primary Health Care, University of Western Sydney

Second spokesperson: David Patterson, co-ordinator, Yarrabah men's group

Synopsis: Claims that Aborigines were joining men's groups in record numbers as they fought the alcohol and crime which had robbed them of their leadership role.

Keywords: Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, Suicide

Title: Queensland tops fat list

Publication: Courier-Mail

Publication date: Wednesday, 10 December 2003

Writer(s):

News genre: News summary/minor piece

Page number: 8

Word length: 123

News source: Publication

First spokesperson:

Second spokesperson:

Synopsis: An Australian Institute of Health and Welfare report found that 18.5 per cent of adult Queenslanders were overweight or obese. The report also showed that Aborigines are twice as likely to be obese as other Australians.

Keywords: Disease, Living conditions

Title: A sobering assessment of Gulf life
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 13 December 2003
Writer(s): Koch, Tony
News genre: News
Page number: 27
Word length: 898
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Judy Spence, Indigenous Affairs Minister
Second spokesperson: Tony McGrady, Qld Police Minister
Synopsis: Claims that Indigenous Affairs Minister Judy Spence was astounded by the Mornington Islander community's angry reaction to control liquor consumption controls which had worked well in other indigenous communities. The residents threw out the elected Community Justice Group and installed their own to immediately overturn the restrictions.

Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Indigenous politics, Living conditions, State politics, Violence

Title: Council moves to cut petrol sniffing
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 13 December 2003
Writer(s): Moore, Tanya
News genre: News
Page number: 6
Word length: 492
News source: Local government, Medical
First spokesperson: Gary Kleidon, CEO, Aurukun Shire Council
Second spokesperson: Andrew Biven, project officer, Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council
Synopsis: Aurukun Shire Council was aiming to become the first in the state to replace petrol with Avgas to tackle petrol sniffing. The Council applied for Comgas, a Federal Government initiative which subsidised Avgas aviation fuel in indigenous communities to combat sniffing.

Keywords: Child health, Federal department of health, Health funding, Living conditions

Title: Aboriginal Children suffering the most
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 20 December 2003
Writer(s): Lloyd, Graham
News genre: News
Page number: 6
Word length: 480
News source: Aboriginal leader, Academic, Politician, Publication
First spokesperson: Judy Spence, Minister for Families
Second spokesperson: Peter Beattie, Qld Premier

Synopsis: A report into foster care in Queensland revealed that Indigenous children fared worse than anybody else. In 2003 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children comprised 5.7 per cent of the state's child population but made up 23 per cent of all children subject to final orders from the Families Department.

Keywords: Child health, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, State department of health, Violence

2006

Title: Not so lucky
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 4 January 2006
Writer(s): Gruen, Nicholas
News genre: Arts review
Page number: 15
Word length: 806
News source: Academic, Medical, Publication
First spokesperson: Fiona Stanley, co-author, The Children of the Lucky Country
Second spokesperson: Professor Sue Richardson, National Institute for Labour Studies, Adelaide
Synopsis: Review of The Children of the Lucky Country, which argues that, while there had been improvements in children's health and safety, we were still failing children. Mentions that fetal alcohol syndrom was 100 times more prevalent among Aborigines than other Australians.

Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Disease

Title: Funding still short for child safety
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 9 January 2006
Writer(s): Chilcott-Moore, Tanya
News genre: News
Page number: 2
Word length: 497
News source: Bureaucrat, Church/welfare body, Medical, Politician, Publication
First spokesperson: Mike Reynolds, Qld Child Safety Minister
Second spokesperson: Alex Scott, general secretary, Queensland Public Sector Union
Synopsis: A report found that Queensland's child protection system remained under-resourced two years after the State Government pledged to overhaul the failing system. Mentions that over-representation of Indigenous children in foster care had worsened under the new Department of Child Safety.

Keywords: Child health

Title: Indigenous community to control own health
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 2 February 2006
Writer(s): Chilcott-Moore, Tanya
News genre: News
Page number: 2
Word length: 416
News source: Aboriginal leader, Bureaucrat

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First spokesperson: Vince Mundraby, Mayor, Yarrabah
Second spokesperson: David Baird, chief executive, Gurriny Yealamucka
Synopsis: Queensland Health would hand over its responsibility for primary health care to an indigenous community in an historic agreement in the state's north.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Indigenous health standards, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled, Suicide

Title: Attitudes to Aboriginal home ownership turned on their head
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 24 February 2006
Writer(s): Wardill, Steven
News genre: News
Page number: 6
Word length: 429
News source: Aboriginal leader, Politician
First spokesperson: Mal Brough, federal Indigenous Affairs Minister
Second spokesperson: Charles Yunupingu, chairman, Galiwin'ku Community Council
Synopsis: New Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough, during his first visit to an Aboriginal community, promised home ownership would be a government priority.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, Violence

Title: Police call for back-up as fight spills into street
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 8 March 2006
Writer(s): Viellaris, Renee, Madigan, Michael & Finnilla, Richard
News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length: 391
News source: Aboriginal lay person, Police/Court, Politician
First spokesperson: Yana O'Brien, resident, Lockhart River
Second spokesperson: Acting Superintendent Ian Swan, Cairns police district
Synopsis: Police reinforcements were called to mop up in Lockhart River after a month-old football game sparked a violent street brawl.
Keywords: Violence

Title: Homes for mobile
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 5 April 2006
Writer(s):
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 5
Word length:
News source: Publication
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Research had found that Aboriginal homes should be built to accommodate large numbers of people and a revolving door of extended family members.

Keywords: Living conditions

Title: Mobility holds key to indigenous housing
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 6 April 2006
Writer(s): Howden, Saffron
News genre: News
Page number: 12
Word length: 338
News source: Academic, Publication
First spokesperson: Paul Memmott, co-author, Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute study
Second spokesperson: Stephen Long, co-author, Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute study
Synopsis: Research had found that Aboriginal homes should be built to accommodate large numbers of people and a revolving door of extended family members.
Keywords: Living conditions

Title: Drink issue for all - Report claims alcohol abuse no worse in indigenous communities
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 12 April 2006
Writer(s): Wenham, Margaret
News genre: News
Page number: 8
Word length: 488
News source: Publication
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The Australian Bureau of Statistics 2004-05 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Survey found that rates of alcohol abuse in indigenous communities were no worse than in the rest of Australia.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Disease, Indigenous health standards

Title: Elder fought tirelessly for Aboriginal justice
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 21 April 2006
Writer(s): Mancuso, Roberta
News genre: Feature
Page number: 100
Word length: 613
News source: Aboriginal leader, Academic, Politician
First spokesperson: Gladys Tybingoompa, Wik plaintiff
Second spokesperson: Gracelyn Smallwood, Aboriginal academic
Synopsis: Obituary for Gladys Tybingoomba, an indigenous advocate who achieved national prominence as one of the five successful plaintiffs to the Wik native title claim in her homeland. Mentions lower life expectancy of Aboriginals.
Keywords: Disease, Indigenous health standards

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Title: Welfare groups say battlers miss out
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 10 May 2006
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 7
Word length: 285
News source: Aboriginal leader, Church/welfare body
First spokesperson: Lin Hatfield Dodds, president, ACOSS
Second spokesperson: Francis Sullivan, chief executive, Catholic Health Australia
Synopsis: The Australian Council of Social Service claimed that low-income Australians missed out in the Budget. Mentions comment by Barbara Livesey, chief executive of Reconciliation Australia that the Government had missed an opportunity to make a change in indigenous health.
Keywords: Health funding, Indigenous health standards

Title: Cash injection targets cutting edge research
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 10 May 2006
Writer(s): Madigan, Michael
News genre: Feature
Page number: 54
Word length: 1021
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Peter Costello, federal Treasurer
Second spokesperson: Tony Abbott, federal Health Minister
Synopsis: Overview of health funding announced in the Budget, including brief mention of \$55.2 million over four years to tackle petrol sniffing in Aboriginal communities.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Health funding

Title: Health
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 10 May 2006
Writer(s): Burke, Nicolette
News genre: News
Page number: 54
Word length: 353
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Mal Brough, federal Indigenous Affairs Minister
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The Budget provided \$55 million over four years to tackle petrol sniffing in the central desert region, home to 6000 Indigenous Australians, 10 per cent of whom were chronic petrol sniffers.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Health funding

Title: Nation must work together to end shame
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 18 May 2006
Writer(s):

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News genre: Editorial
Page number: 24
Word length: 555
News source: Aboriginal leader, Academic, Police/Court, Publication
First spokesperson: Nanette Rogers, Crown prosecutor, Alice Springs
Second spokesperson: Chris Sarra, head, Queensland's Indigenous Leadership Institute
Synopsis: Calls for improvements in Aboriginal society, with particular reference to domestic violence, child abuse and education.
Keywords: Child health, Women's health

Title: Abuse cases soar on Cape
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 19 May 2006
Writer(s): Wenham, Margaret
News genre: News
Page number: 20
Word length: 413
News source: Film/TV/Other media report, Police/Court, Politician
First spokesperson: John Japp, chief executive officer, Kowanyama
Second spokesperson: Mike Reynolds, Qld Child Safety Minister
Synopsis: Claims that the number of alcohol-related assaults and injuries in the Cape York indigenous community of Kowanyama had declined markedly since the introduction of alcohol restrictions but the number of children placed under care and protection orders had skyrocketed.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Violence

Title: Practical help for children
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 19 May 2006
Writer(s): Lang, S J & Watson, Sam
News genre: Letter to the editor
Page number: 22
Word length: 1694
News source: Non-Aboriginal lay person
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Discussion of domestic violence and sexual abuse in Aboriginal communities.
Keywords: Child health, Violence, Women's health

Title: Brough: Jail the answer, not treaties
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 20 May 2006
Writer(s): Madigan, Michael
News genre: News
Page number: 8
Word length: 171
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Mal Brough, federal Aboriginal Affairs Minister
Second spokesperson: Peter Costello, federal Treasurer

Synopsis: Claims that Aboriginal Affairs Minister Mal Brough wanted to ignore the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody and start putting violent men behind bars.

Keywords: Child health, Violence, Women's health

Title: Culture of violence
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 20 May 2006
Writer(s): Madigan, Michael
News genre: Feature
Page number: 49
Word length: 1393
News source: Medical, Police/Court, Politician
First spokesperson: Mal Brough, federal Indigenous Affairs Minister
Second spokesperson: Nanette Rogers, prosecutor, Alice Springs
Synopsis: Profile of Mal Brough and his attitude to the abuse of women and children in Aboriginal communities.
Keywords: Aboriginal deaths in custody, Alcohol & drugs, ATSI, Child health, Violence, Women's health

Title: Resettlement for Aborigines
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 22 May 2006
Writer(s): Howard, Brent & Date, Gavin
News genre: Letter to the editor
Page number: 16
Word length: 1688
News source: Non-Aboriginal lay person
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Response to reports about violence in Aboriginal communities.
Keywords: Violence

Title: Aborigines 'sold short'
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 24 May 2006
Writer(s): Franklin, Matthew
News genre: News
Page number: 2
Word length: 380
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Nicola Roxon, federal Opposition justice spokeswoman
Second spokesperson: Peter Costello, acting Prime Minister
Synopsis: The Federal Opposition accused the Government of posturing over domestic violence in indigenous Australia after revealing only one of 65 new family relationship centres would be built in Aboriginal communities.
Keywords: Child health, Violence, Women's health

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Title: Lives depend on listening
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 27 May 2006
Writer(s): Woods, Pat
News genre: Letter to the editor
Page number: 28
Word length: 2090
News source: Non-Aboriginal lay person
First spokesperson: Pat Woods
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Response to previous letter to the editor about child abuse and violence in indigenous communities.
Keywords: Child health, Stolen generations, Violence, Women's health

Title: Families forced to call tin sheds home
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 30 May 2006
Writer(s): Wenham, Margaret
News genre: News
Page number: 10
Word length: 483
News source: Aboriginal lay person, Aboriginal leader, Bureaucrat, Conference/Meeting/Speech, Local government, Politician
First spokesperson: Vince Mundraby, Mayor, Yarrabah
Second spokesperson: Uschi Schreiber, director-general, Queensland Health
Synopsis: Claims that the far north Queensland Aboriginal community of Yarrabah needed 150 new homes immediately to help fix its problems.
Keywords: Living conditions

Title: Indigenous straight talk only course
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 31 May 2006
Writer(s):
News genre: Editorial
Page number: 28
Word length: 479
News source: Business, Conference/Meeting/Speech, Police/Court
First spokesperson: Nanette Rogers, Crown prosecutor, Alice Springs
Second spokesperson: John Hartigan, chief executive, News Ltd
Synopsis: Voices support for a plan for private ownership of housing at Yarrabah and argues for the media to openly discuss problems in Aboriginal communities.
Keywords: Child health, Living conditions, Violence, Women's health

Title: Back to basics
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 3 June 2006
Writer(s): Wenham, Margaret
News genre: Feature
Page number: 51

Word length: 1422
News source: Aboriginal lay person, Aboriginal leader, Politician
First spokesperson: Michael Canendo, resident, Yarrabah
Second spokesperson: Vince Mundraby, mayor, Yarrabah
Synopsis: Discusses housing crisis in Yarrabah.
Keywords: Living conditions

Title: Indigenous health call nips Abbott
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 22 June 2006
Writer(s): Franklin, Matthew
News genre: News
Page number: 26
Word length: 297
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Tony Abbott, federal Health Minister
Second spokesperson: Andrew Bartlett, Democrats indigenous affairs spokesman
Synopsis: Health Minister Tony Abbott attracted a torrent of criticism by calling for a new type of paternalism to improve life in the nation's indigenous communities.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: A monstrosity in our midst
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 26 June 2006
Writer(s): O'Connor, Mike
News genre: Feature
Page number: 20
Word length: 839
News source: Film/TV/Other media report, Opinion, Politician
First spokesperson: Mal Brough, federal Indigenous Affairs Minister
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Claims that state and federal governments had failed to deal with Aboriginal health and welfare.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Living conditions, Violence

Title: Nation to target indigenous abuse
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 27 June 2006
Writer(s): Heywood, Lachlan
News genre: News
Page number: 2
Word length: 510
News source: Lawyer/Legal representative, Politician
First spokesperson: Mal Brough, federal Indigenous Affairs Minister
Second spokesperson: Judy Spence, Qld Police and Corrective Services Minister
Synopsis: Queensland backed a new national framework for dealing with spiralling indigenous abuse and violence.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Violence, Women's health

Title: Sugar fix
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 4 July 2006
Writer(s): Healy, Madeline
News genre: Feature
Page number: 48
Word length: 1772
News source: Medical
First spokesperson: Maria Packard, Diabetes Australia Queensland
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Discusses diabetes. Mentions that the prevalence of diabetes in some Aboriginal communities could be as high as 30 per cent and that Aborigines were more likely to die from diabetes than non-indigenous Australians.
Keywords: Disease, Indigenous health standards

Title: Mourn less work more, Abbott tells Aborigines
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 6 July 2006
Writer(s): Starick, Paul
News genre: News
Page number: 7
Word length: 236
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Tony Abbott, federal Health Minister
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Health Minister Tony Abbott told Aborigines in South Australia's remote northwest to stop spending three months in mourning for relatives so they could develop a culture of work.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards, Living conditions

Title: Vital voice not heard
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 8 July 2006
Writer(s): King, Madonna
News genre: Feature
Page number: 40
Word length: 790
News source: Police/Court, Politician, Publication
First spokesperson: Dr Nanette Rogers, crown prosecutor
Second spokesperson: Tony Abbott, federal Health Minister
Synopsis: Discusses the need for Aboriginal leaders. Argues that the voice of Aboriginal Australia was missing in the discussion of Aboriginal problems.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Indigenous health standards, Violence, Women's health

Title: Open your hearts
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 20 July 2006
Writer(s): Fynes-Clinton, Jane
News genre: Feature

Page number: 33
Word length: 840
News source: Police/Court, Politician, Publication
First spokesperson: Tony Skoien, District Court judge
Second spokesperson: Paul Keating, former prime minister
Synopsis: Discusses racism in Queensland, the state of Aboriginal health and the difference in health spending on Aborigines and other Australians.
Keywords: Health funding, Indigenous health standards

Title: Brakes put on Aboriginal mortality rate
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 7 August 2006
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 10
Word length: 139
News source: Publication
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Dire death rates for Aborigines suffering chronic diseases had shown a first sign of slowing down but mortality rates for non-indigenous people had improved much faster, widening the gap between Aborigines and the rest of the nation.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards

Title: Failing the vulnerable
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 12 August 2006
Writer(s): Allen, Elizabeth
News genre: Feature
Page number: 60
Word length: 3270
News source: Lawyer/Legal representative, Medical, Politician
First spokesperson: John Tate, counsel assisting the coroner
Second spokesperson: Rosa Lee Long, One Nation Member for Tablelands
Synopsis: Four separate Queensland suicides, including one of an Aboriginal man, were being investigated to see how failures in the mental health system contributed to their deaths.
Keywords: Suicide

Title: Searching for answers
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 19 August 2006
Writer(s): Allen, Elizabeth
News genre: Feature
Page number: 58
Word length: 1027
News source: Medical
First spokesperson: Richard Roberts, chairman, Community Action for the Prevention of Suicide

Second spokesperson: David Alcorn, mental health spokesman, Australian Medical Association Queensland
Synopsis: Discusses suicide rates in Queensland. Mentions the suicide of Charles Barlow at the Yarrabah Aboriginal Community.
Keywords: Suicide

Title: An unspeakable crime
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 2 September 2006
Writer(s): Bennett, Sally
News genre: Feature
Page number: 60
Word length: 1943
News source: Academic, Church/welfare body, Non-Aboriginal lay person, Police/Court, Politician
First spokesperson: Dionne Dalton
Second spokesperson: Dr Jenny Mouzos, criminologist, Australian Institute of Criminology
Synopsis: Discusses domestic violence in Queensland, particularly the murder of partners or children. Includes comment from criminologist Dr Jenny Mouzos that domestic violence was a highly complex problem, especially for the Aboriginal community.
Keywords: Child health, Violence, Women's health

Title: Plight of a community laid bare
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 30 September 2006
Writer(s):
News genre: Editorial
Page number: 36
Word length: 554
News source: Publication, RCIADC
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Overview of life on Palm Island, including living conditions and health problems.
Keywords: Aboriginal deaths in custody, Alcohol & drugs, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions

Title: Campaign to head off gastro bug
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 2 October 2006
Writer(s): McLean, Tamara
News genre: News
Page number: 20
Word length: 329
News source: Medical, Publication
First spokesperson: Graeme Barnes, specialist, Murdoch Children's Research Institute, Melbourne
Second spokesperson: Ruth Bishop, specialist, Murdoch Children's Research Institute, Melbourne
Synopsis: Senior pediatricians called for a national program to vaccinate all babies

against the virus that caused severe gastroenteritis. Mentions that rates of rotavirus were almost three times higher among indigenous infants compared with other babies in the Northern Territory.

Keywords: Child health, Disease

Title: 'Diabetesity' epidemic hits youth
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 16 October 2006
Writer(s): Miles, Janelle
News genre: News
Page number: 13
Word length: 193
News source: Medical, Politician
First spokesperson: Dr Ashim Sinha, endocrinologist
Second spokesperson: Stephen Robertson, Qld Health Minister
Synopsis: Queensland children as young as 12 were being prescribed blood pressure and cholesterol-lowering drugs to prevent obesity-related heart attacks and strokes. Claims that obesity was particularly a problem in remote communities.

Keywords: Disease, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions

Title: Top End mercy mission - Doctors help with massive hearing problems
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 28 October 2006
Writer(s): Condren, Bernadette
News genre: News
Page number: 9
Word length: 424
News source: Medical
First spokesperson: Stephen Christian, manager, community health, Cape York
Second spokesperson: Dr Bernard Whitfield, ear, nose and throat specialist, Princess Alexandra and Logan hospitals
Synopsis: Ten Queensland Health staff, along with more than 300kg of equipment, flew to the top end of Cape York to set up a mobile surgical unit in Bamaga to address the area's massive hearing problems.

Keywords: Child health, Disease

Title: Time for the Premier to unglue his ears
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 28 October 2006
Writer(s): Condren, Bernadette
News genre: Feature
Page number: 83
Word length: 658
News source: Medical
First spokesperson: Gil Haney, executive director, Royal Children's Hospital
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Argues that hearing problems in Aboriginal children led to long-term social problems.

Keywords: Child health, Disease

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Title: Kids like sound of new MASH mission
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 28 October 2006
Writer(s): Condren, Bernadette
News genre: Feature
Page number: 82
Word length: 845
News source: Medical
First spokesperson: Gil Hainey, executive director, Royal Children's Hospital, Brisbane
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Description of trip to Bamaga by outreach team from Brisbane's Royal Children's Hospital.
Keywords: Child health, Disease

Title: Fisherman becomes one of the north's grim statistics
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 3 November 2006
Writer(s): Michael, Peter & Barrett, Rosanne
News genre: News
Page number: 37
Word length: 503
News source: Non-Aboriginal lay person, Other, Police/Court, Politician
First spokesperson: Dennis "Brazakka" Wallace, resident, Cairns
Second spokesperson: Judy Spence, Qld Police Minister
Synopsis: There were more reported cases of bashings, kidnappings and sex offences in the region from Cardwell to the tip of Cape York than anywhere else in Queensland.
Keywords: Violence

Title: Diabetic threat to entire races
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 13 November 2006
Writer(s): McLean, Tamara
News genre: News
Page number: 14
Word length: 408
News source: Conference/Meeting/Speech, Medical
First spokesperson: Professor Paul Zimmet, director, International Diabetes Institute, Monash University
Second spokesperson: Dr Ashim Sinha, director of diabetes and endocrinology, Cairns Hospital
Synopsis: A Melbourne-based expert warned that the diabetes epidemic could wipe out Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population in the 21st century.
Keywords: Disease, Indigenous health standards

Title: A hand up, not handouts, is the solution
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 1 December 2006
Writer(s): Storry, Kirsten
News genre: Invited column

Page number: 33
Word length: 617
News source: Aboriginal lay person, Academic, Bureaucrat, Conference/Meeting/Speech
First spokesperson: Kirsten Storry, policy analyst, Indigenous Affairs Research Program, Centre for Independent Studies
Second spokesperson: Ken Henry, Secretary, Treasury
Synopsis: Argues that education was essential for tackling indigenous disadvantage.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards

Title: Obese sloths sadly normal
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 11 December 2006
Writer(s): Gregory, Jason
News genre: News
Page number: 6
Word length: 451
News source: Medical, Politician, Publication
First spokesperson: Stephen Robertson, Qld Health Minister
Second spokesperson: Jeannette Young, chief health officer, Queensland Health
Synopsis: A landmark State Government report found that the typical Queenslander was overweight and avoided exercise, the dentist and vegetables but excessively consumed alcohol and junk food. Health Minister Stephen Robertson described the state of indigenous health, with life expectancy rates 23 to 25 years less than the rest of the population, as "extremely disturbing and shameful".
Keywords: Indigenous health standards

Title: Good policy is not enough
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 23 December 2006
Writer(s): Allen, Elizabeth
News genre: Feature
Page number: 78
Word length: 1396
News source: Medical, Non-Aboriginal lay person, Police/Court, Publication
First spokesperson: Tina Previtiera, coroner
Second spokesperson: Dr Errol Van Rensburg
Synopsis: Coroner Tina Previtiera found that much of the mental health policy, developed both at state and national level, had never been implemented by Queensland Health. Mentions the suicide of Aboriginal man, Charles Barlow, at the Yarrabah Aboriginal Community.
Keywords: Suicide

Title: Officer hurt in Palm flare-up
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 27 December 2006
Writer(s): Michael, Peter & Barrett, Rosanne
News genre: Feature
Page number: 5
Word length: 439

News source: Aboriginal leader, Police/Court, Politician
First spokesperson: Agnes Wooton, elder, Palm Island
Second spokesperson: Kerry Shine, Qld Attorney-General
Synopsis: A Palm Island policewoman was treated in hospital and a police vehicle damaged after youths pelted rocks at police in an outbreak of violence on the strife-torn island.
Keywords: Violence

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Title: Produce pricing hits hard
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 2 January 2007
Writer(s): Miles, Janelle
News genre: News
Page number: 12
Word length: 543
News source: Medical, Publication
First spokesperson: Karen Webb, public health expert
Second spokesperson: Stephen Leeder, public health expert
Synopsis: A study found that families living in Queensland's most isolated areas paid about \$114 a fortnight more to meet basic food needs than their Brisbane counterparts.
Keywords: Living conditions

Title: Indigenous asthmatics tune into their breathing
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 6 January 2007
Writer(s): Miles, Janelle
News genre: News
Page number: 56
Word length: 453
News source: Aboriginal lay person, Academic, Medical
First spokesperson: Robert Eley, research scientist, Centre for Rural and Remote Area Health, University of Southern Queensland
Second spokesperson: Ben Moodie, didgeridoo teacher
Synopsis: Queensland researchers launched a project to assess whether music therapy could assist indigenous asthmatics in managing the condition.
Keywords: Disease

Title: Upgrade or downgrade?
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 6 January 2007
Writer(s): Williams, Paul
News genre: Feature
Page number: 55
Word length: 1086
News source: Aboriginal leader, Academic, Politician, Publication
First spokesperson: Peter Beattie, Qld Premier
Second spokesperson: Sam Watson, Indigenous community leader

Synopsis: Overview of indigenous policy and indigenous health issues in Queensland.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Disease, Indigenous health standards, State department of health, Suicide

Title: Indigenous health in peril
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 6 January 2007
Writer(s): Brook, Lucy
News genre: Arts review
Page number: 36
Word length: 561
News source: Film/TV/Other media report
First spokesperson: Kaye Harrison, filmmaker
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Review of Crossing the Line, a documentary following the journey of two medical students who undertook an eight-week placement in the Mornington Island indigenous community.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Disease, Indigenous health standards, Suicide

Title: Palmed off and abused
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 8 January 2007
Writer(s): Hughes, Helen
News genre: Invited column
Page number: 18
Word length: 852
News source: Academic, Lawyer/Legal representative, Publication
First spokesperson: Emeritus Professor Helen Hughes, Senior Fellow, Centre for Independent Studies, Sydney
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Claims that concerns aroused by the Mulrunji case were a long-overdue reaction to failures of policing and jurisprudence towards Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders. Argues that Aboriginal exceptionalism - apartheid-like policies - was not confined to the law.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Living conditions, Police, Violence

Title: Grog ban a threat to rights
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 15 January 2007
Writer(s): Christiansen, Melanie & Barrett, Rosanne
News genre: News
Page number: 9
Word length: 356
News source: Human Rights Commission, Local government, Politician
First spokesperson: Tom Calma, Aboriginal and Islander social justice commissioner
Second spokesperson: Vince Mundraby, president, Aboriginal Local Government Association of Queensland
Synopsis: A human rights and equal opportunities commissioner warned the grog bans imposed on Queensland's indigenous communities could breach

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Keywords: racial discrimination laws.
Alcohol & drugs

Title: Town will rebuild - Repairing relations top priority
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 16 January 2007
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 10
Word length: 365
News source: Local government, Police/Court, Politician
First spokesperson: Warren Pitt, Qld Communities Minister
Second spokesperson: Neville Pootchemunka, Mayor, Aurukun
Synopsis: State ministers and indigenous leaders vowed to work together to repair fragile race relations in the troubled far north Queensland Aboriginal community of Aurukun.
Keywords: Police, Violence

Title: No end to the misery - Report highlights government failures on indigenous issues
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 7 February 2007
Writer(s): Barrett, Rosanne
News genre: News
Page number: 4
Word length: 365
News source: Aboriginal leader, Politician, Publication
First spokesperson: Peter Beattie, Qld Premier
Second spokesperson: Sam Watson, Aboriginal activist
Synopsis: Indigenous leaders condemned the State Government for its continued failure to address indigenous health and community issues.
Keywords: Child health, Indigenous health standards

Title: The baseline disadvantage
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 10 February 2007
Writer(s): Viellaris, Renee
News genre: Feature
Page number: 62
Word length: 1185
News source: Aboriginal Land Council, Aboriginal lay person, Aboriginal leader, Academic, Lawyer/Legal representative, Politician, Publication
First spokesperson: Warren Mundine, national president, ALP
Second spokesperson: Victor Hart, manager, Oodgeroo Unit, Queensland University of Technology
Synopsis: Profile of Aboriginal disadvantage.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Disease, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, Violence

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Title: Third World conditions brought to light
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 10 February 2007
Writer(s): Michael, Peter
News genre: News
Page number: 5
Word length: 240
News source: Aboriginal lay person, Publication
First spokesperson: Bob Beard, resident, Mona Mona
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Profile of Mona Mona Aboriginal community.
Keywords: Living conditions

Title: State to draw up indigenous pact
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 13 February 2007
Writer(s): Barrett, Rosanne
News genre: News
Page number: 2
Word length: 342
News source: Local government, Politician, Publication
First spokesperson: Peter Beattie, Qld Premier
Second spokesperson: Jesse Sagaukaz, Mayor, Bamaga
Synopsis: A contract between indigenous mayors and the State Government targeting specific health, education and crime outcomes would be drawn up in an attempt to improve conditions in remote communities.
Keywords: Aboriginal deaths in custody, Alcohol & drugs, Indigenous health standards, Suicide, Violence

Title: Boys' retreats end after abuse claims
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 16 February 2007
Writer(s): Wenham, Margaret
News genre: News
Page number: 7
Word length: 712
News source: Business, Politician
First spokesperson: Tim Jaffer, chief executive, Cape York Partnerships
Second spokesperson: Warren Pitt, Qld Communities Minister
Synopsis: A rehabilitation program for young indigenous offenders championed by high-profile activist Noel Pearson was dumped by the Queensland Government following allegations of serious child abuse.
Keywords: Child health

Title: Skin deep
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 17 March 2007
Writer(s): Walker, Jamie
News genre: Feature
Page number: 17

Word length: 4343
News source: Aboriginal lay person, Medical, Non-Aboriginal lay person
First spokesperson: Hal Walsh, resident, Palm Island
Second spokesperson: Robert Blackley, resident, Palm Island
Synopsis: Overview of life on Palm Island.
Keywords: Aboriginal deaths in custody, Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Living conditions, Suicide, Violence

Title: Aboriginal health gap wide open
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 2 April 2007
Writer(s): Barrett, Rosanne
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 8
Word length: 143
News source: Church/welfare body, Publication
First spokesperson: Andrew Hewett, executive, Oxfam Australia
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Oxfam Australia executive, Andrew Hewett, said that Australia's last place among wealthy nations, in indigenous health outcomes, was a national and international scandal.
Keywords: Health funding, Indigenous health standards

Title: WHO condemns Aboriginal health
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 30 April 2007
Writer(s): McLean, Tamara
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 13
Word length: 157
News source: Academic, Conference/Meeting/Speech, Publication
First spokesperson: Lisa Jackson Pulver, co-author, WHO report
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: A World Health Organisation report found the health of Aborigines lagged a century behind other Australians.
Keywords: Disease, Indigenous health standards

Title: Injustice lives on
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 26 May 2007
Writer(s):
News genre: Editorial
Page number: 36
Word length: 167
News source: Opinion
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Claims that Aboriginal living standards remained far below those of other Australians, 40 years after the constitutional change gave the Federal Government power to make laws for Aboriginal Australians and to

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Keywords: include Aborigines in the Census.
Indigenous health standards, Living conditions

Title: Our state of disgrace
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 31 May 2007
Writer(s): Hughes, Helen
News genre: Invited column
Page number: 31
Word length: 766
News source: Academic
First spokesperson: Emeritus Professor Helen Hughes, senior fellow, Centre for Independent Studies
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Claims that, 40 years after a landmark vote, Queensland's performance on indigenous issues was the worst in the country.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Disease, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions, Suicide, Violence, Women's health

Title: Mabo decision commemorated
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 16 June 2007
Writer(s): Wenham, Margaret
News genre: News
Page number: 18
Word length: 296
News source: Academic, Conference/Meeting/Speech
First spokesperson: Professor Larissa Behrendt, leading Aboriginal academic
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: A leading Aboriginal academic claimed that a government-fostered misconception that too much money was spent on indigenous people meant "ill-conceived and ineffective" government policies often went unchallenged.
Keywords: Health funding, Living conditions, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: Community alcohol ban no quick-fix
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 22 June 2007
Writer(s): Wenham, Margaret & Odgers, Rosemary
News genre: News
Page number: 4
Word length: 872
News source: Academic, Politician
First spokesperson: Peter Beattie, Qld Premier
Second spokesperson: Warren Pitt, Qld Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships
Synopsis: Queensland Premier Peter Beattie dismissed Canberra's indigenous community alcohol ban as a pre-election gimmick.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Violence, Women's health

Title: Thin end of the wedge
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 23 June 2007
Writer(s): King, Madonna
News genre: Invited column
Page number: 29
Word length: 803
News source: Academic
First spokesperson: Professor Judy Atkinson, Southern Cross University
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Discusses Prime Minister John Howard's response to problems in indigenous communities.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Intervention, Violence

Title: No easy solution to appalling situation
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 23 June 2007
Writer(s): Fogg, Edith, Griffin, Tom & May, G J
News genre: Letter to the editor
Page number: 26
Word length: 1702
News source: Non-Aboriginal lay person
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Responses to the Federal Government's NT Intervention.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Disease, Intervention, Women's health

Title: Aboriginal children overboard?
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 25 June 2007
Writer(s): Hill, William, Caplick, J M & Thorogood, Andrew
News genre: Letter to the editor
Page number: 14
Word length: 1739
News source: Non-Aboriginal lay person
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Responses to the Federal Government's NT Intervention.
Keywords: ATSIC, Child health, Indigenous health standards, Intervention

Title: Involve communities to find solution
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 26 June 2007
Writer(s): Miles, Tony
News genre: Letter to the editor
Page number: 18
Word length: 1718
News source: Aboriginal lay person, Non-Aboriginal lay person
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:

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Synopsis: Responses to the Federal Government's NT Intervention.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Intervention

Title: First assault on sex abuse
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 28 June 2007
Writer(s): Rehn, Alison
News genre: News
Page number: 2
Word length: 398
News source: Aboriginal leader
First spokesperson: Dorothea Randall, community leader, Mutitjulu
Second spokesperson: Bob Randall, community leader, Mutitjulu
Synopsis: The army, Australian Federal Police and government bureaucrats were rolling out stage one of Prime Minister John Howard's plan to eradicate child sexual abuse from indigenous communities in the Northern Territory.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Intervention

Title: Federal initiative should be applauded
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 28 June 2007
Writer(s): Dalton, S, Rogers, Romony & Townley, Chris
News genre: Letter to the editor
Page number: 32
Word length: 1751
News source: Non-Aboriginal lay person
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Responses to the Federal Government's NT Intervention.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Intervention

Title: Is life easier in the glasshouse
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 29 June 2007
Writer(s): Yarrow, Robin, Kazoullis, Stev & Harris, Peter
News genre: Letter to the editor
Page number: 28
Word length: 1642
News source: Non-Aboriginal lay person
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Responses to the Federal Government's NT Intervention.
Keywords: Child health, Intervention, Women's health

Title: Questions on permits
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 30 June 2007
Writer(s): Chitts, Hamish, Kolb, Peter & Farrelly, Kevin

News genre: Letter to the editor
Page number: 26
Word length: 1586
News source: Non-Aboriginal lay person
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Responses to the Federal Government's NT Intervention.
Keywords: Child health, Intervention

Title: A black history
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 30 June 2007
Writer(s): Chilcott-Moore, Tanya
News genre: Feature
Page number: 50
Word length: 1505
News source: Aboriginal leader, Academic, Politician, Publication
First spokesperson: Professor Boni Robertson
Second spokesperson: Desley Boyle, Qld Child Safety Minister
Synopsis: Discusses the incidence of violence and sexual abuse of children in Aboriginal communities, in response to the Federal Government's Intervention in NT Aboriginal communities.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Indigenous health standards, Intervention, Living conditions, Violence, Women's health

Title: Howard stocks dip - Abuse crackdown fails to inspire voters
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 2 July 2007
Writer(s): Porteous, Clinton
News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length: 609
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Tony Abbott, Federal Health Minister
Second spokesperson: Kevin Rudd, Federal Labor leader
Synopsis: Claims that John Howard's crackdown on Aboriginal child abuse backfired, with most voters dismissing it as a political ploy.
Keywords: Child health, Intervention

Title: Let politics take a back seat
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 5 July 2007
Writer(s): Fynes-Clinton, Jane
News genre: Editorial
Page number: 28
Word length: 776
News source: Publication
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Claims that the little ones were being lost in the wash-up of the Federal

Government's dramatic intervention to protect the Northern Territory's indigenous children from sexual abuse.

Keywords: Child health, Intervention

Title: Power boost for PM
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 11 July 2007
Writer(s): Wakim, Joseph & Reist, Melinda Tankard
News genre: Feature
Page number: 27
Word length: 1343
News source: Opinion, Publication
First spokesperson: Joseph Wakim, founder, Australian Arabic Council
Second spokesperson: Melinda Tankard Reist, founding director, Women's Forum Australia
Synopsis: Responses to John Howard's indigenous child safety move.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Intervention, Violence, Women's health

Title: Derelict housing shame - Fund cuts leave indigenous families in squalor
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 14 July 2007
Writer(s): Chilcott, Tanya
News genre: News
Page number: 30
Word length: 396
News source: Local government, Politician
First spokesperson: Steve Best, environmental health officer, Mount Morgan Shire Council
Second spokesperson: Mal Brough, Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister
Synopsis: Claims that seven children and three adults were forced to live in a home with exposed and faulty electrical wiring, exposed asbestos and rotting walls and floorboards for 12 months, and that about 2000 homes across Queensland face a similar fate after the Federal Government cut off maintenance funding to regional indigenous housing corporations.
Keywords: Living conditions

Title: Community Cabinet experiences life and art
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 23 July 2007
Writer(s): Michael, Peter
News genre: News
Page number: 6
Word length: 296
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Peter Beattie, Qld Premier
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The Community Cabinet roadshow rolled into indigenous Queensland, with child welfare, alcohol abuse and rock art topping the agenda.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health

Title: NT to track alcohol sales with photo ID
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 7 August 2007
Writer(s):
News genre: News
Page number: 12
Word length: 169
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Dr Chris Burns, NT Health Minister
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Radical new measures introduced by the Northern Territory Government would require anyone buying takeaway alcohol in Katherine to show photo ID.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Intervention

Title: Anger over NT child Bill
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 8 August 2007
Writer(s): Gartrell, Adam
News genre: News
Page number: 5
Word length: 393
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Mal Brough, Federal Affairs Minister
Second spokesperson: John Ah Kit, former NT Labor MP
Synopsis: Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough was abused from the public gallery of Federal Parliament as he introduced controversial new laws for Aboriginal communities.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Intervention

Title: 'Laws of a police state' - Greens fight plan to protect indigenous
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 11 August 2007
Writer(s): Madigan, Michael
News genre: News
Page number: 22
Word length: 455
News source: Aboriginal Land Council, Aboriginal leader, Politician
First spokesperson: Bob Brown, leader, Australian Greens
Second spokesperson: John Moriarty, member, National Indigenous Council
Synopsis: The Australian Greens said that far-reaching powers designed to snare slave traders and international drug smugglers would be used to catch Aboriginal sex offenders in the Northern Territory.
Keywords: Child health, Intervention

Title: Indigenous intervention becomes law
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 18 August 2007
Writer(s): Crawshaw, David & Ravens, Tara
News genre: News

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Page number: 15
Word length: 242
News source: Politician, Publication
First spokesperson: Nigel Scullion, Federal Community Services Minister
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The Federal Government hailed the passage of its Northern Territory indigenous laws as a historic day for Aboriginal people.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Intervention

Title: 'Objects' need active role to close gap
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 22 August 2007
Writer(s): Hewett, Andrew
News genre: Invited column
Page number: 31
Word length: 649
News source: Church/welfare body
First spokesperson: Andrew Hewett, executive director, Oxfam Australia
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Argues that the crisis affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people was urgent - but had existed for a long time. It was, basically, a crisis of inequality, which could not be reversed with a quick fix.
Keywords: Child health, Intervention

Title: Attack on killer germs - Human trials planned for rheumatic fever vaccine
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 23 August 2007
Writer(s): Miles, Janelle
News genre: News
Page number: 7
Word length: 431
News source: Medical
First spokesperson: Michael Good, director, Queensland Institute of Medical Research
Second spokesperson: David Colquhoun, Brisbane cardiologist
Synopsis: Queensland researchers were preparing to begin human trials of a vaccine to prevent rheumatic fever - a major cause of childhood disease. Mentions that Australian Aborigines had the highest rate of rheumatic heart disease in the world.
Keywords: Disease, Indigenous health standards

Title: PM calls on communities to assimilate
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 29 August 2007
Writer(s): Madigan, Michael
News genre: News
Page number: 12
Word length: 405
News source: Aboriginal leader, Politician
First spokesperson: John Howard, Prime Minister
Second spokesperson: Serena Williams, member, Hermannsburg council

Synopsis: Mr Howard used his visit to the community of Hermannsburg to urge Aborigines to assimilate.
Keywords: Child health, Intervention

Title: Brough opens coffers to fix black ghettos - Housing blueprint the backbone of bid to help children in NT
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 1 September 2007
Writer(s): Madigan, Michael
News genre: News
Page number: 16
Word length: 447
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Mal Brough, Federal Aboriginal Affairs Minister
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: More than half a billion dollars would be poured into indigenous housing as the Federal Government attempted to end the era of "Besser block ghettos".
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Intervention, Living conditions

Title: Falling on deaf ears - Lack of health funds creating an Aboriginal catastrophe
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 10 September 2007
Writer(s): Miles, Janelle
News genre: News
Page number: 18
Word length: 462
News source: Conference/Meeting/Speech, Medical
First spokesperson: Chris Perry, Queensland committee chairman, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Australian Aborigines have the highest rates of childhood ear infection in the world, causing catastrophic learning and behavioural problems.
Keywords: Child health, Disease, Indigenous health standards

Title: Hearing being lost
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 11 September 2007
Writer(s): Pender, Philippa
News genre: Letter to the editor
Page number: 20
Word length: 1570
News source: Non-Aboriginal lay person
First spokesperson: Phillipa Pender
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Response to an earlier article on ear disease in Aboriginal children.
Keywords: Child health, Disease

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Title: Horror of suicide strikes state's indigenous children
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 13 September 2007
Writer(s): Barrett, Rosanne
News genre: News
Page number: 11
Word length: 243
News source: Bureaucrat, Publication
First spokesperson: Elizabeth Fraser, Commissioner for Children and Young People and Child Guardian
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Indigenous Queensland children continued to defy the state trend of reduced child deaths with an infant mortality twice the state average.
Keywords: Child health, Indigenous health standards, Suicide

Title: Indigenous health set to 'ruin' Howard
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Monday, 17 September 2007
Writer(s): Miles, Janelle
News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 5
Word length: 132
News source: Publication
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The respected medical journal The Lancet said that Prime Minister John Howard's legitimacy to govern appeared to be "fatally compromised" by his inability to improve Aboriginal health.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards

Title: Aboriginal health services say checks miss sick kids
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 18 September 2007
Writer(s): Gartrell, Adam
News genre: News
Page number: 16
Word length: 249
News source: Medical
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: A lobby group representing NT Aboriginal health services labelled the Federal Government's health checks of indigenous children in the Northern Territory inefficient, ineffective and potentially unethical.
Keywords: Child health, Intervention, Medical services - Indigenous community controlled

Title: Fast news
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Wednesday, 19 September 2007
Writer(s):

News genre: News summary/minor piece
Page number: 9
Word length: 345
News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Syd Stirling, acting NT Chief Minister
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The Northern Government welcomed additional spending by the Federal Government as part of its takeover of the territory's indigenous communities, calling it a "good first instalment".
Keywords: Intervention, Medical services - mainstream

Title: Indigenous action must be on-going
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 21 September 2007
Writer(s):
News genre: Editorial
Page number: 24
Word length: 556
News source: Opinion
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Argues that riots involving up to 200 people in the remote Aboriginal community of Aurukun indicated Premier Anna Bligh faced no easier a task in managing indigenous affairs than did her predecessor, Peter Beattie.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Indigenous health standards, Violence

Title: Author's warning on race relations
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 27 September 2007
Writer(s): Ravens, Tara
News genre: News
Page number: 25
Word length: 302
News source: Aboriginal leader, Conference/Meeting/Speech
First spokesperson: Pat Anderson, chairwoman, Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Aboriginal advocate Pat Anderson claimed that the Federal Government's intervention in the Northern Territory was jeopardising the already delicate relationship between black and white Australia.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Intervention

Title: Aboriginal health hit by high food cost
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 12 October 2007
Writer(s): Chilcott, Tanya
News genre: News
Page number: 20
Word length: 331

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News source: Church/welfare body, Medical, Publication
First spokesperson: Shayne Blackman, national administrator, Uniting Church Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress
Second spokesperson: Adrian Carson, chief executive, Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council
Synopsis: Argues that rampant health problems and poverty were being further entrenched in Aboriginal communities by unaffordable food prices.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards, Living conditions

Title: Praise all around for healthy take on indigenous care
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 20 October 2007
Writer(s): Chilcott, Tanya
News genre: News
Page number: 3
Word length: 233
News source: Medical
First spokesperson: Dr Noel Hayman, Inala Community Health Centre
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Profile of Dr Noel Hayman, who in one decade increased the number of indigenous patients at a Queensland Health clinic from 12 to 2500.
Keywords: Indigenous health standards, Medical services - mainstream

Title: Dealing on rise
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 27 October 2007
Writer(s): Michael, Peter
News genre: News
Page number: 59
Word length: 334
News source: Publication
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: A report found that some of the best and brightest indigenous adults were being lured into trafficking or dealing cannabis and speed because of extreme profits.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs

Title: Still in the grip of the grog
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 27 October 2007
Writer(s): Michael, Peter
News genre: Feature
Page number: 58
Word length: 1604
News source: Aboriginal leader, Local government, Police/Court, Publication
First spokesperson: Andy Henderson, Far North Assistant Commissioner
Second spokesperson: Janine Chevathun, member, Aurukun community justice group
Synopsis: Claims that state alcohol plans for remote indigenous communities caused new problems.

Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Violence

Title: Camps are like 'open sewers'
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Thursday, 29 November 2007
Writer(s): Michael, Peter
News genre: News
Page number: 5
Word length: 417
News source: Aboriginal lay person, Local government
First spokesperson: Kevin Byrne, Mayor, Cairns
Second spokesperson: "Bluey", squatter camp dweller
Synopsis: A north Queensland mayor claimed that Queensland's squatter camps were "filthy, squalid, sites of shame" needing urgent removal.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Living conditions, Violence

Title: Generosity at heart of artists' gift to research
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Friday, 7 December 2007
Writer(s): Wenham, Margaret
News genre: News
Page number: 31
Word length: 195
News source: Unknown
First spokesperson:
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Four well-known Aboriginal artists each donated a major work to be auctioned to provide funding for a Heart Research grant aimed at improving the heart health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.
Keywords: Disease, Health funding, Indigenous health standards

Title: Sentencing is seriously questioned
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Tuesday, 11 December 2007
Writer(s): McGinn, Peta
News genre: Letter to the editor
Page number: 22
Word length: 1793
News source: Non-Aboriginal lay person
First spokesperson: Peta McGinn
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: Response to report of a trial of nine males from the Aurukun Aboriginal community charged with raping a 10-year-old girl.
Keywords: Child health

Title: System failing the children
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 15 December 2007
Writer(s): Wenham, Margaret

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News genre: Feature
Page number: 73
Word length: 1153
News source: Academic, Other, Politician, Publication
First spokesperson: Richard Barrie, principal, Aurukun school
Second spokesperson: Professor Boni Robertson, Griffith University
Synopsis: Discusses the lack of advancement by indigenous people in Cape York, despite so many media reports, inquiries and hundreds of recommendations.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Disease, Indigenous health standards, Living conditions

Title: Doubts cast on claims of cover-up
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 15 December 2007
Writer(s): Wenham, Margaret & Michael, Peter
News genre: News
Page number: 10
Word length: 603
News source: Bureaucrat, Film/TV/Other media report, Police/Court, Politician
First spokesperson: Robert Needham, chair, Qld Crime and Misconduct Commission
Second spokesperson: Denis Fitzpatrick, deputy president, Queensland Police Union
Synopsis: The state's corruption watchdog moved quickly to discredit potentially explosive reports that Queensland Government ministers ordered child-safety workers not to report child-sex abuse cases to police for investigation.

Keywords: Child health
Title: Police vent fury over allegations
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 15 December 2007
Writer(s): O'Loan, James
News genre: News
Page number: 10
Word length: 231
News source: Police/Court
First spokesperson: Denis Fitzpatrick, acting president, Queensland Police Union
Second spokesperson:
Synopsis: The Queensland Police Union argued that child safety officers should be sacked and the Crime and Misconduct Commission held accountable for allegedly covering up ongoing child abuse in indigenous communities.
Keywords: Child health

Title: Cape trial for radical solution - Welfare payments under threat
Publication: Courier-Mail
Publication date: Saturday, 22 December 2007
Writer(s): Wardill, Steven
News genre: News
Page number: 5
Word length: 375

News source: Politician
First spokesperson: Anna Bligh, Qld Premier
Second spokesperson: Jenny Macklin, Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister
Synopsis: A historic trial would be conducted in four Queensland indigenous communities, forcing families to meet basic responsibilities or face losing control of their welfare.
Keywords: Alcohol & drugs, Child health, Living conditions, Violence