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STATEMENT

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STATEMENT ON TOBACCO SMOKING

1. INTRODUCTION

This document is a statement of the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine and relates to the effects on health of tobacco use in society. The Australasian College for Emergency Medicine recognises that tobacco smoking is the largest single preventable risk factor for death and disease in Australia and New Zealand.

2. POSITION

The Australasian College for Emergency Medicine:

- (a) Believes that actions should be taken to achieve lower smoking rates in all age groups.
- (b) Supports a total ban on tobacco promotion and sponsorship.
- (c) Endorses the use of accurate health warnings on all tobacco products and tobacco advertising.
- (d) Supports and encourages smokers to quit.
- (e) Supports the implementation of measures to provide protection to non-smokers from passive smoking.
- (f) Supports the prohibition of tobacco smoking in public places.
- (g) Supports the plain packaging of tobacco products.

3. DATES AND NOTES

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