

Tobacco smoking

On Tuesday 4 December 2007 it was **RESOLVED** that “The NSW Council of Churches endorse the Protecting Children from Tobacco advocacy campaign and approve the use of the Council’s name in the programme’s publicity.”



The advocacy campaign was mounted by Action on Smoking and Health (ASH - <http://www.ashaust.org.au/>) and the aims of the campaign were as follows:

1. All tobacco products out of sight in all retail outlets.

See [How tobacco displays look now - and how they could be put out of sight!](#)

See [Summary](#) factsheet. See Coles Myer's welcome move in Tasmania - [ASH release 7/4/05](#)

Send an [action email now](#) to major supermarkets.

2. No staff under 18 to be allowed to be involved with selling tobacco.

See [Why children should not sell tobacco](#)

3. A fully implemented registration scheme for tobacco sellers (retailers and wholesalers), the fees funding seller education and proper compliance monitoring.

Some states (SA, Tas) have such a scheme.

See [The case for licensing tobacco sellers](#)

See [Licensing of Tobacco Retailers and Wholesalers: Desirability and Best Practice Arrangements](#) - 2002 report to Commonwealth Health Dept.

4. Cars carrying children to be made smokefree. SA and Tasmania have agreed to do this - other states are lagging.

See factsheet on [Kids in smoky cars](#)

These aims are endorsed by a growing list of children's, health, welfare, church, community and research organisations, including the NSW Council of Churches.

See [current list of endorsements](#).

Progress updates on this campaign will be posted to the Council’s website under “[Articles](#).”

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