

# Tobacco in Australia

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### Relevant news and research

#### 13.5 Impact of price increases on tobacco consumption in Australia

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