

# Tobacco in Australia

## Facts & Issues

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### Relevant news and research

#### 8.2 History of tobacco use among Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islanders

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