## How is Tobacco Control Reported in New Zealand Newspapers?

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## 18 NZ newspapers

- 1st Nov 2011 31st Oct 2012
- Examined articles (n=537) including:
  - News (60%)
  - Editorials & opinion pieces (15%)
  - Letters to editor (23%)
- Keywords: smoking, tobacco, cigarettes
- Coded for:
  - Descriptors
  - Content theme
  - Tobacco initiative impact and opinion

## **Article themes:**

• Smokefree/2025	27%
• Smokefree areas	11%
• Pricing	11%
• Tobacco industry	9%
<ul> <li>Plain packaging</li> </ul>	9%
• Cessation	6%

• < 5% health effects, youth, point of sale, economic issues, prevalence, advertising, addiction, SHS, health warnings, education, "endgame", product issues