

***EDITORIALS IN AUSTRALIAN NEWSPAPERS
RELATED TO HOMOSEXUALITY***

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Preface

The following annotated list of editorials in Australian newspapers related to homosexuality was compiled by Graham Carbery for the Australian Lesbian and Gay Archives in June 1992.

The original list had 388 entries, taken from 59 publications, spanning the period from 1949 to the end of 1991.

This revised list has 395 entries from 61 publications. It includes an additional seven entries from ALGA's pre-1970 clippings list: two are from 1913, and others are from 1940, 1946, 1949 and 1954 (two entries).

The bulk of the entries are from metropolitan dailies and regional and suburban newspapers. For the periodicals up to 1980, we are indebted to published research by Robert French and Wayne Murdoch (see references below). ALGA also benefited from access to press clippings services (from 1982 courtesy of *OutRage* magazine) and donations from many individual collectors.

The list excludes editorials from gay and lesbian publications, since the purpose of the project was to provide a research tool for people investigating the representation of, and changing attitudes towards, homosexuality in the non-gay print media in Australia.

At the time of publication, the editorials collection comprised about one percent of the Archives' total collection of newspaper clippings - then about 40,000 clippings, occupying 9 metres of shelving. However the editorials collection is considered a particularly significant indicator of both public attitudes towards homosexuality and the print media's role in forming them.

All entries are held at the Archives, except those denoted with an asterisk (*), which are available through state libraries.

We recognise that this collection is unlikely to be comprehensive, and we welcome information about relevant omissions.

ALGA would be glad to assist anyone wanting to extend the project. Any extension should take in the period 1992 up to about 1996, after which the online indexes of newspaper clippings capture this information more effectively than manual collecting methods.

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Date	Source	Page no. if known	Title	Nature of editorial comment
8/03/1913	Truth (Melbourne)	2	A putrescent excrescence : the curse of the effeminate : Australian cities in peril : remedial legislation needed [illustrated with line drawings]	criticising (without naming) certain cafes, 'proper' hotels, a house in East Melbourne, and a whole government department run by a 'sexual pervert' which is a haven for others of the type. The existence of private clubs is mentioned and London's Cleveland Street scandal of the 1880s is invoked. Claims that effeminates recruit and their numbers are increasing.
14/06/1913	Truth (Melbourne)	4	Male flappers	decrying the existence of fashionably-dressed young men who 'flap' around Collins Street, Melbourne
24/08/1940	Truth (Melbourne)	12	Give nancy pansies the air [includes cartoon]	criticising the 'girlish affectation' of male radio broadcasters on the BBC and ABC.
2/02/1946	Truth (Melbourne)	7	Bring our laws up to date	open letter to the Victorian Attorney-General advocating various legal reforms including for sex offenders
14/03/1949	News (Adelaide)		Stop this menace*	about the perceived increase in the number of "sex perverts" in Adelaide.
23/03/1949	Sydney Morning Herald	2	Prevention of sex offences	in support of a recent report in England that concluded prison is seldom a cure for sex crimes.
10/05/1949	News (Adelaide)		Tackling a menace*	supporting the setting up of an inquiry on sex offenders in South Australia.
26/08/1954	Sydney Morning Herald	2	Police methods under suspicion again	criticising the use of "improper force" by police in the arrest and questioning of suspects, and attributing this to "lax police administration".
17/11/1954	Sydney Morning Herald	2	Banning reports in "sex cases"	Editorial criticises the Cahill Government in NSW for its proposal to give judges the power to prohibit the reporting of "some or all" evidence in sex cases.
28/03/1955	Sydney Morning Herald		Treatment for sex crimes*	supporting the confinement and rehabilitation of sex offenders.
2/03/1958	Truth (Sydney)		No tolerance for these pariahs*	critical of a government report into sexual offence and calling for prisons for "sex perverts", citing 688 convictions in NSW in 1957
29/05/1970	Canberra Times		A case for change*	calling for the decriminalisation of homosexual acts between consenting adults in private - the case for reform is 'unanswerable'. Attorney-General Hughes showing 'caution, sympathy and good sense'.
15/12/1971	Advertiser (Adelaide)		Criminal law reform*	on the announcement by the South Australian Attorney-General to include a review of the laws relating to homosexual acts in its review of the criminal law.
2/06/1972	Advertiser (Adelaide)		Dr Duncan mystery*	about the suspicious circumstances surrounding the drowning of Dr Duncan and the involvement of police in his death.
13/06/1972	Advertiser (Adelaide)		The Duncan inquest*	on evidence coming out of the inquest into the death of Dr Duncan.
1/07/1972	Advertiser (Adelaide)		Legalise homosexuality*	supporting the decriminalisation of consenting homosexual acts in private between consenting adults.
28/07/1972	News (Adelaide)		Calling in the yard*	on the government's decision to have Scotland Yard detectives conduct an independent investigation of the circumstances surrounding the death of Dr Duncan and police involvement.
13/10/1972	Advertiser (Adelaide)		Homosexuals and the law*	on how the criminal law affects homosexuals in South Australia.
25/10/1972	Advertiser (Adelaide)		The Duncan case*	on the implications of the inquest into the death of Dr Duncan.
20/10/1973	Australian (Sydney)		Homosexual law reform*	on moves towards law reform.
20/10/1973	Canberra Times		The law and homosexuals	on the passing of the Gorton/Cass motion in the House of Representatives declaring that homosexual acts between consenting adults in private should no longer be illegal.
14/07/1976	Age (Melbourne)		Of crimes and punishments	on an article by Mr Barry Jones, MLA, in which he argued, among other things, that victimless crimes such as vagrancy, prostitution and homosexual acts between consenting adults, should not be classified as crimes at all.
20/07/1976	Age (Melbourne)		Time we grew up about sex	on the results of an Age Insight team report which revealed public concern at the State's intrusion into the private lives and sexual preferences of its citizens.
9/08/1976	West Australian (Perth)		Law reform*	on moves towards law reform.
17/12/1976	Herald (Newcastle, NSW)		Victimless crimes*	on changing attitudes to so-called "victimless crimes", including homosexuality.
22/02/1977	Age (Melbourne)		Sex law ought not have bias	supporting the principal of homosexual law reform.
1/03/1977	Sydney Morning Herald		Victimless crime?	questioning the use of the term "victimless crime" to describe offences such as drunkenness, vagrancy, homosexuality, prostitution, suicide and drug use and the New South Wales Government's stated aim of reforming the law in these areas.
11/03/1977	Examiner (Launceston, Tas)		Defining crimes	supporting a parliamentary inquiry into victimless crime including homosexuality.

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30/03/1977	<i>Whitehorse & Eastern Suburbs Standard</i> (Melbourne)		Among those present	on the bill introduced into the Victorian Parliament to decriminalise male homosexual acts between consenting adults in private, and discussing likely community reaction to it.
3/08/1977	<i>Daily Bulletin</i> (Townsville, Qld)		No publicity*	on why the editor refused to publish an article by a Townsville gay group. Part of the justification was that "...homosexuality should be seen for what it is - offensive to god, debasing of humanity and an agent of human decay, as history testifies."
10/09/1977	<i>West Australian</i> (Perth)		Homosexuality	supporting a private members bill introduced into the Western Australian Parliament to decriminalise male homosexual acts between consenting adults in private.
6/10/1977	<i>New Life</i> (Melbourne)		Time for convictions with compassion	opposing the decriminalisation of male homosexual sexual acts, and calling for earnest prayer and vigorous action.
20/10/1977	<i>New Life</i> (Melbourne)		No place for equivocation*	opposing any moves to relax the laws relating to homosexual acts.
2/12/1977	<i>Sydney Morning Herald</i>		Human relations	on the final report of the Royal Commission on Human Relationships.
2/10/1978	<i>Examiner</i> (Launceston, Tas)		Victimless crimes	supporting the conclusions contained in the report of the Parliamentary Select Committee on Victimless Crimes.
4/10/1978	<i>Sydney Morning Herald</i>		The moral issue*	on the intervention of Cardinal Freeman in the New South Wales election campaign.
18/10/1978	<i>Sydney Morning Herald</i>		The risks of silence	justifying the Sydney Morning Herald's policy of printing the names and addresses of people charged with criminal offences. The editorial was in response to a letter from Gay Solidarity Group protesting at the publication of names and addresses of gay men and lesbians arrested when police confronted gay and lesbian marchers near Taylor Square.
16/02/1979	<i>Australian</i> (Sydney)		The man who gave Labor a new style	on the resignation of Mr Don Dunstan, Premier of South Australia, and his impact on Australian politics.
6/03/1979	<i>Age</i> (Melbourne)		Liberals look to law reform	on the passing of resolutions by the Liberal State Council urging the Government to reform the law in relation to certain heterosexual sexual offences but refusing to act on an earlier promise on homosexual law reform.
19/04/1979	<i>Sydney Morning Herald</i>		Summary offences	on the decision of the New South Wales Government to repeal the Summary Offences Act.
25/08/1979	<i>Age</i> (Melbourne)		Abuses of privilege	on personal attacks, including an allegation of homosexuality, made under privilege in the New South Wales Parliament.
4/09/1979	<i>Age</i> (Melbourne)		Homosexuality reform overdue	urging the Victorian Government to reform Victoria's anti-homosexual laws.
2/10/1979	<i>Mercury</i> (Hobart)		No easy answers*	on a proposal to decriminalise consenting homosexual acts between consenting adults in private.
17/10/1979	<i>Southern Cross</i> (Melbourne)		Change cannot be forced	supporting homosexual law reform but calling on homosexuals to press for change slowly.
31/10/1979	<i>News Weekly</i> (Melbourne)		Value-free sex education: the consequences	critical of sex education programs being run in schools and expressing concern at the dangers of homosexual teachers being involved in teaching such programs.
19/11/1979	<i>Herald</i> (Melbourne)		How very English!	on the revelation that Sir Anthony Blunt, Keeper of the Queen's Pictures, was a spy and homosexual.
3/12/1979	<i>Examiner</i> (Launceston, Tas)		Homosexual bill	supporting the views of the Premier of Tasmania, Mr Lowe, on the decriminalisation of male homosexual sexual conduct, but opposing an attempt to lower the age of consent for homosexuals below 21.
20/02/1980	<i>News</i> (Adelaide)		The oldest profession	on the recommendation by a parliamentary committee to decriminalise prostitution.
25/06/1980	<i>Southern Cross</i> (Melbourne)		"People in glass houses..."	in response to unsubstantiated allegations about the sexual orientation of a female St. Kilda councillor.
08/9/80	<i>Age</i> (Melbourne)		Victoria's new sex laws	on the proposed overhaul of Victoria's sexual offences laws including the decriminalisation of homosexuality.
14/09/1980	<i>Sunday Telegraph</i> (Sydney)		Orphans of our neglect*	on child prostitution in Sydney.
17/11/1980	<i>Age</i> (Melbourne)		Sane approach to sex laws	on the State Parliamentary Liberal Party's approval of proposed reforms to the laws covering sexual offences.
11/12/1980	<i>Catholic Advocate</i> (Melbourne)		Sex legislation should not be rushed	urging the Victorian Government to reconsider its decision to decriminalise homosexual sexual offences.
16/12/1980	<i>Age</i> (Melbourne)		But what is "immoral sex"?	critical of an amendment to the Crimes (Sexual Offences) Act which creates a new offence: soliciting for immoral sexual purposes.
27/01/1981	<i>Sydney Morning Herald</i>		Age of consent	on the New South Wales Anti-Discrimination Board's recommendation that the age of consent to sexual activity be reduced to 14.

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17/10/1981	<i>Herald</i> (Newcastle, NSW)		Homosexuals and the law	on the dilemma facing the 40th Newcastle Anglican Synod in debating a recommendation by a diocesan sub-committee, that homosexual acts between consenting adults be decriminalised and that homosexuals should not be barred from the ministry.
22/10/1981	<i>Age</i> (Melbourne)		Thompson in the minefield	on problems within the Liberal Party from traditionalists who are strongly opposed to any form of social reform.
27/11/1981	<i>Herald</i> (Newcastle, NSW)		Homosexual law reform	supporting a decision by Mr George Petersen, MLA, to agree to raise the age of consent from 16 to 18 in his private members bill which seeks to decriminalise homosexual acts between consenting partners.
25/05/1982	<i>Australian</i> (Sydney)		Basic right to be heard	on the visit to Australia by U.S. christian fundamentalist, the Reverend Jerry Falwell, and his right to present his conservative views on social attitudes, including homosexuality.
12/07/1982	<i>Herald</i> (Newcastle, NSW)		Homosexual law	critical of the New South Wales Government for not acting on the key recommendation in the New South Wales Anti-Discrimination Board's report on discrimination against homosexuals, i.e. the decriminalisation of homosexual acts between consenting adults in private.
20/07/1982	<i>Herald</i> (Melbourne)		Bond, where are you?	on the resignation of the Queen's personal bodyguard, Commander Michael Trestrail, after it was revealed he was involved in a long standing relationship with a male prostitute.
21/09/1982	<i>Australian</i> (Sydney)		Conscience vote needed	on the likely introduction of a private members bill in the Western Australian Parliament to decriminalise homosexual acts between consenting adults in private.
25/09/1982	<i>Advertiser</i> (Adelaide)		Sexual ambiguity	on community attitudes to transsexuals, and in particular, the decision by a magistrate at Mount Gambier in sentencing a transsexual to a jail term that the sentence be served in the women's section of Mount Gambier Gaol.
21/10/1982	<i>Sydney Morning Herald</i>		Discrimination	on the decision by the New South Wales Government to amend the Anti-Discrimination Act to add homosexuality to the existing categories of wrongful discrimination.
26/11/1982	<i>Australian</i> (Sydney)		Gay, domestic bliss	on the announcement that homosexual couples in San Francisco can now apply for "marriage licences".
16/12/1982	<i>New Life</i> (Melbourne)		Times are changing - but god's word is unchanged	calling for the maintenance of traditional values in the face of calls for social change.
00//2/83	<i>Australian Spartacist</i> (Sydney)		Wran's cops on anti-gay rampage.	demanding that charges against a number of men arrested in January when members of the Vice Squad raided a gay club, Club 80, be dropped.
21/03/1983	<i>Express</i> (Armidale, NSW)		NSW in a morals decline	critical of the New South Wales Government for allowing New South Wales "to plunge into the depths of permissiveness and immorality" by passing legislation on issues such as prostitution and homosexuality.
6/05/1983	<i>Gold Coast Bulletin</i> (Southport, Qld)		A worrying discovery*	about the discovery that a Gold Coast man is infected with HIV.
28/05/1983	<i>Courier Mail</i> (Brisbane)		AIDS action*	about the need to take action to limit the spread on the AIDS virus.
10/06/1983	<i>Australian</i> (Sydney)		AIDS - the fear grows*	expressing concern at the spread of the AIDS virus in Australia.
28/06/1983	<i>Advertiser</i> (Adelaide)		Precautions on AIDS	supporting a decision by the South Australian Minister of Health to declare AIDS a notifiable disease in South Australia.
28/06/1983	<i>Australian</i> (Sydney)		No need for hysteria	on the spread of AIDS in Australia.
28/06/1983	<i>Courier Mail</i> (Brisbane)		AIDS action*	about the need to take action to limit the spread of the AIDS virus.
30/06/1983	<i>Mercury</i> (Hobart)		The AIDS scare*	expressing concern at the spread of the AIDS virus in Australia.
4/07/1983	<i>Sydney Morning Herald</i>		The controversy over AIDS	on some reporting on AIDS in some sections of the media which has been regarded as being sensational and occasionally hysterical.
6/07/1983	<i>News Weekly</i> (Melbourne)		Time to call a spade a spade	which argues that homosexuals deserve what they get if they engage in "unnatural sexual practices".
16/08/1983	<i>Sydney Morning Herald</i>		The troubles of homosexuals	on a survey conducted on Sydney's young homosexual community.
5/01/1984	<i>Northern Star</i> (Lismore, NSW)		Sponsoring the homosexual view	critical of the Northern Rivers College of Advanced Education for allowing an hour long radio program on homosexuality on Lismore radio station 2NCR-FM.
9/01/1984	<i>Northern Star</i> (Lismore, NSW)		A thief or a standover attempt?	which suggests a link between a previous editorial criticising a radio program on homosexuality on Lismore radio and a break in at the home of the editor the day after the editorial was published.

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16/01/1984	<i>Chronicle</i> (Toowoomba)		Homosexual teachers	on a decision taken at the Australian Teachers' Federation conference to give recognition to the needs of homosexual teachers.
23/01/1984	<i>Northern Star</i> (Lismore, NSW)		A question of discrimination	in response to a letter from the New South Wales Anti-Discrimination Board criticising an anti-homosexual editorial of the <i>Northern Star</i> .
4/02/1984	<i>Northern Star</i> (Lismore, NSW)		Quality of life and civic responsibility	critical of the Lismore City Council in ruling out of order a motion which condemned the Gaywaves program on Lismore radio station 2NCR-FM which an Alderman attempted to put to a meeting of the council.
8/02/1984	<i>Northern Star</i> (Lismore, NSW)		"Hostility" and the right to an opinion	on a report by two officers of the New South Wales Anti-Discrimination Board criticising the editor of the <i>Northern Star</i> .
30/04/1984	<i>Daily Mirror</i> (Sydney)		Mr Wran throws in a hot potatoe	on the likely introduction of a bill to decriminalise homosexual acts between consenting adults.
1/05/1984	<i>Sydney Morning Herald</i>		Homosexual law reform	on the arguments for and against homosexual law reform.
11/05/1984	<i>Herald</i> (Newcastle, NSW)		Homosexuality and the law	supporting Premier Wran's private members bill to decriminalise homosexual acts between consenting adults.
15/05/1984	<i>Sydney Morning Herald</i>		Death in a jail cell	on the appalling conditions in Long Bay Jail following the rape and suicide of a prisoner.
17/05/1984	<i>Australian</i> (Sydney)		Adam and Steve...	supporting the passage of Neville Wran's private members bill on homosexual law reform.
6/08/1984	<i>Herald</i> (Melbourne)		Play school at the ABC	on the ABC's policy to extend spouse entitlements to the partners of homosexual staff.
7/08/1984	<i>Advocate</i> (Melbourne)		New horizons in equality	on the ABC's policy to extend spouse entitlements to the partners of homosexual staff.
8/08/1984	<i>Australian</i> (Sydney)		Giving the ABCs priority	on the ABC's policy to extend spouse benefits to the partners of homosexual staff.
8/08/1984	<i>Sydney Morning Herald</i>		Gay rules at the ABC	on the ABC's policy to extend spouse benefits to the partners of homosexual staff.
9/08/1984	<i>Border Morning Mail</i> (Albury, NSW)		Aunty's slip showing	on the ABC's policy to extend spouse benefits to the partners of homosexual staff.
12/08/1984	<i>Sunday Observer</i> (Melbourne)		Aunty ABC goes funny over gays	on the ABC's policy to extend spouse benefits to the partners of homosexual staff.
25/08/1984	<i>Weekend Australian</i> (Sydney)		AIDS and the gay dilemma	on the dilemma of new-found sexual freedom of homosexuals and the spread of AIDS within the homosexual community.
31/08/1984	<i>Courier Mail</i> (Brisbane)		Reporting exploitation	critical of the organisers of the 10th National Conference of Lesbians & Homosexual Men held in Brisbane for including a workshop on pedophilia.
31/08/1984	<i>Daily Sun</i> (Brisbane)		Gay extremity	critical of the organisers of the 10th National Conference of Lesbians & Homosexual Men held in Brisbane for including a workshop on pedophilia.
1/09/1984	<i>Australian</i> (Sydney)		The ABC recovers a sense of direction	on a statement issued by the ABC on program strategy approving what the newspaper perceived as the ABC's return to "common sense" policies rather than "radical and trendy chic" issues such as homosexual rights.
1/09/1984	<i>Courier</i> (Townsville, Qld)		Gay discussion revolting	critical of the organisers of the 10th National Conference of Lesbians & Homosexual Men held in Brisbane for including a workshop on pedophilia.
2/09/1984	<i>Sunday Mail</i> (Brisbane)		Freedom undefiled	approving a decision by the Senate of the University of Queensland to ban discussion of pedophilia at the 10th National Conference of Lesbians & Homosexual Men to be held at the University of Queensland.
7/09/1984	<i>Herald</i> (Newcastle, NSW)		Homosexuals	critical of the Queensland Government's decision to sack State school teachers who admit they are homosexual.
16/11/1984	<i>Courier Mail</i> (Brisbane)		A case of priorities*	about the risks associated with homosexual men continuing to be blood donors.
16/11/1984	<i>Daily Sun</i> (Brisbane)		A scourge and shame	critical of homosexuals who donate blood.
17/11/1984	<i>Age</i> (Melbourne)		AIDS requires calm response	cautioning against knee-jerk reactions to the death of three babies in Queensland following blood transfusions with infected blood.
17/11/1984	<i>Australian</i> (Sydney)		The new plague	on the effects of AIDS on blood transfusion services in Australia and measures to stop its spread.
17/11/1984	<i>Courier Mail</i> (Brisbane)		AIDS and responsibility	calling on homosexual men to stop donating blood.
17/11/1984	<i>Northern Star</i> (Lismore, NSW)		The danger to all from AIDS*	expressing concern at the spread of the AIDS virus in Australia.
17/11/1984	<i>West Australian</i> (Perth)		AIDS menace*	expressing concern at the spread of the AIDS virus in Australia.
18/11/1984	<i>Sunday Sun</i> (Brisbane)		Wipe out scourge	urging national action to combat the spread of the AIDS virus.
18/11/1984	<i>Sunday Telegraph</i> (Sydney)		AIDS: Dramatic action is needed immediately	on proposed legislation to stop the spread of AIDS.
19/11/1984	<i>Daily Sun</i> (Brisbane)		No time for witch-hunts	urging a measured response to the spread of AIDS.
19/11/1984	<i>Sun</i> (Sydney)		Attack on AIDS*	calling for a concerted attack on AIDS in Australia.

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19/11/1984	<i>Sydney Morning Herald</i>		Calming the AIDS panic*	calling for a rational approach to the AIDS epidemic.
20/11/1984	<i>Herald</i> (Melbourne)		No paternalism, please	calling for more information from the medical profession on the means of transmission of AIDS.
20/11/1984	<i>Telegraph</i> (Brisbane)		"A" for effort	approving the response to the outbreak of AIDS by legislators and health authorities.
21/11/1984	<i>West Australian</i> (Perth)		AIDS reaction	on the fear of a backlash against homosexuals in Queensland because of the AIDS related deaths of 3 babies in Queensland.
23/11/1984	<i>Northern Star</i> (Lismore, NSW)		The fears of ordinary people*	about public concern that the blood supply may be contaminated with the AIDS virus.
26/11/1984	<i>Advertiser</i> (Adelaide)		A caring society	on the reasoned response to the AIDS virus in South Australia compared with the reaction in Queensland.
4/12/1984	<i>Daily Sun</i> (Brisbane)		Courts need more power	supporting calls for stronger criminal penalties for persons convicted of deliberately giving AIDS infected blood.
5/12/1984	<i>Southern Cross</i> (Melbourne)		Poofter bashing is no answer	critical of conservative groups who have used AIDS as a means of condemning homosexuals.
6/12/1984	<i>Courier Mail</i> (Brisbane)		Undue fear over AIDS	which suggests that much of the fear associated with the spread of AIDS is due to latent anti-homosexual feelings.
14/12/1984	<i>Daily Sun</i> (Brisbane)		Porn probe wrong step	opposing a public inquiry into allegations of child pornography rings operating in Queensland.
15/01/1985	<i>Northern Star</i> (Lismore, NSW)		Homosexuals and the schoolroom*	calling for the banning of homosexuals, and the discussion of homosexuality, in schools.
1/02/1985	<i>Australian</i> (Sydney)		AIDS: Fighting a modern plague	which advises how society can combat the AIDS virus and specifically how homosexuals ought to conduct themselves.
1/02/1985	<i>Herald</i> (Melbourne)		AIDS: it's all of us	on concern that AIDS is threatening the heterosexual community, not just homosexuals.
2/02/1985	<i>Sydney Morning Herald</i>		Why Penington was right	supporting the release of figures by Professor Penington, Chairperson of the National AIDS Taskforce, that estimated 20,000 to 50,000 Sydney people may be infected with the AIDS virus.
4/02/1985	<i>Daily Advertiser</i> (Wagga Wagga, NSW)		Homosexuals and the schoolroom	echoing the views of another New South Wales regional newspaper, The Northern Star (Lismore), that discussion of homosexuality in schools is designed to seduce young people into a homosexual lifestyle.
6/02/1985	<i>News Weekly</i> (Melbourne)		Dr Blewett on AIDS	supporting Dr Blewett's call for Australian's "homosexual and heterosexual alike - to shun sexual promiscuity".
11/02/1985	<i>West Australian</i> (Perth)		In the blood	justifying Western Australia's tough new regulations governing blood donations.
20/02/1985	<i>News Weekly</i> (Melbourne)		Lessons from Leviticus	arguing that homosexuals are the cause of the spread of AIDS and that our society can learn from the experience of lepers and the primitive code of conduct laid down in the Old Testament.
1/03/1985	<i>Daily Telegraph</i> (Brisbane)		Perverted poison	about allegations that young Filipino men are being brought into Australia and forced into prostitution.
23/03/1985	<i>Advertiser</i> (Adelaide)		No man is an island	on the need for rational debate on the implications of AIDS for homosexuals and the general community.
29/03/1985	<i>Advertiser</i> (Adelaide)		Teaching and prejudice	supporting the rights of homosexuals to teach, and also supporting the discussion of homosexuality in the classroom.
1/05/1985	<i>Northern Star</i> (Lismore, NSW)		Voting according to conscience.	questioning the priority of homosexual law reform in New South Wales.
5/05/1985	<i>Sunday Sun</i> (Brisbane)		Modern menace	expressing concern about the widespread implications of the spread of the AIDS virus.
9/05/1985	<i>Sun</i> (Brisbane)		Tragic family	implying there are "innocent" and "guilty" victims of AIDS.
24/05/1985	<i>Sun</i> (Brisbane)		Moral duty over AIDS	on the need for promiscuous heterosexuals and homosexuals to curb their lifestyles.
12/06/1985	<i>Herald</i> (Newcastle, NSW)		High cost of the AIDS epidemic	on the need for adequate funding to combat the spread of AIDS
14/06/1985	<i>Telegraph</i> (Sydney)		The young offender	on the transfer of Andrew Tregurtha, convicted of the murder of a homosexual, to an adult prison and pointing out the need for a special institution to house young offenders convicted of serious crime.
29/06/1985	<i>Advertiser</i> (Adelaide)		Make love, not lesbians?	in response to a statement by Australian Democrats' leader in South Australia, Mr Lance Milne, that lesbianism may be increasing because of the "appalling performance of the average Australian male in the art of making love".
29/06/1985	<i>Telegraph</i> (Sydney)		Learning love	rejecting claims by Australian Democrats' leader in South Australia, Me Lance Milne, that lesbianism is increasing partly because of the "appalling performance of the average Australian male in the art of making love".
5/07/1985	<i>Mercury</i> (Hobart)		Better treatment needed on AIDS	on the need for adequate funding to combat the spread of AIDS.

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21/07/1985	<i>Australian</i> (Sydney)		Reason for AIDS concern	about public reaction to the spread of the AIDS virus in Australia.
22/07/1985	<i>Australian</i> (Sydney)		Reason for AIDS concern*	on the implications of the spread of the AIDS virus in Australia.
23/07/1985	<i>Telegraph</i> (Sydney)		No time for panic	supporting the actions of the New South Wales Premier, Mr Neville Wran, in refusing to ban young people infected with the AIDS virus from public schools.
24/07/1985	<i>Herald</i> (Newcastle, NSW)		AIDS hysteria	on some of the irrational responses to the spread of the AIDS virus in Australia.
24/07/1985	<i>Telegraph</i> (Brisbane)		The AIDS fears*	expressing concern at the spread of the AIDS virus in Australia.
25/07/1985	<i>Age</i> (Melbourne)		Social lepers in the making	warning against irrational responses to AIDS.
25/07/1985	<i>Mercury</i> (Hobart)		AIDS witch hunt is not needed	warning against irrational responses to AIDS.
30/07/1985	<i>Mirror</i> (Sydney)		AIDS: the gaps in our knowledge	about perceived inadequacies in new guidelines about the notification of HIV infection of teachers and students in New South Wales schools.
1/08/1985	<i>News</i> (Adelaide)		Duncan: a welcome initiative	welcoming the re-opening of the case into the murder of Dr George Duncan.
1/08/1985	<i>Telegraph</i> (Brisbane)		Chilling fallout*	about the effects of the spread of the AIDS virus.
3/08/1985	<i>Advertiser</i> (Adelaide)		A State of unease	welcoming the re-opening of the case into the murder of Dr George Duncan.
8/08/1985	<i>Daily News</i> (Perth)		A menacing health problem*	expressing concern at the spread of the AIDS virus.
12/08/1985	<i>Advertiser</i> (Adelaide)		More sense over AIDS*	on the approach being adopted to combat the spread of the AIDS virus.
13/08/1985	<i>Telegraph</i> (Sydney)		Facing up to AIDS threat*	on government action to combat the spread of the AIDS virus in Australia.
14/08/1985	<i>Advertiser</i> (Adelaide)		A progress to justice?	supporting the announcement of a reward and immunity from prosecution for witnesses in the murder of Dr George Duncan.
15/08/1985	<i>Sydney Morning Herald</i>		Learning to live with AIDS*	about the long term effects of the AIDS epidemic.
18/08/1985	<i>Sunday Independent</i> (Perth)		untitled	supporting the introduction of a bill into the Western Australian Parliament making it an offence to knowingly transmit the AIDS virus.
26/08/1985	<i>Herald</i> (Newcastle, NSW)		AIDS: the facts and the panic	on a suggestion by Professor Penington that prostitutes be registered and compelled to have regular health checks as a way of restricting the spread of AIDS in the heterosexual community.
26/08/1985	<i>Sydney Morning Herald</i>		Wran's all-out war on AIDS*	about the New South Wales government's policy for combating the spread of the AIDS virus.
29/08/1985	<i>Sun</i> (Sydney)		Help or hinder*	about the New South Wales government's policy for combating the spread of the AIDS virus.
30/08/1985	<i>Mirror</i> (Sydney)		AIDS: beating the killer*	about proposed legislation to be introduced by the Wran government in an attempt to limit the spread of the AIDS virus.
30/08/1985	<i>Telegraph</i> (Sydney)		Law of the land*	on how the law can be used to limit the spread of the AIDS virus.
1/09/1985	<i>Sunday Telegraph</i> (Sydney)		AIDS law is good for all*	about proposed legislation to be introduced by the Wran government in an attempt to limit the spread of the AIDS virus.
2/09/1985	<i>Courier Mail</i> (Brisbane)		AIDS and the public's right*	about the need to protect the general public from the spread of the AIDS virus.
10/09/1985	<i>Australian</i> (Sydney)		The AIDS test and transmission	on the usefulness of people being tested for HIV.
10/09/1985	<i>Herald</i> (Newcastle, NSW)		Child victim of AIDS hysteria	on community reaction to a 3 year old child, Eve van Grafhorst, infected with HIV being allowed to attend a child-care centre.
18/09/1985	<i>Canberra Times</i>		A.I.D.S. and schools	on guidelines on AIDS published by the ACT Schools Authority.
21/09/1985	<i>Canberra Times</i>		Reform of rape law	of the review of sexual offences in ACT and the changes to the law of rape.
30/09/1985	<i>Sun</i> (Adelaide)		Dignity in crash death	praising the actions of a man seriously injured in a motor vehicle accident in Brisbane (he later died) in advising emergency workers that he was infected with HIV.
1/10/1985	<i>Herald</i> (Newcastle, NSW)		AIDS child gets justice	on community reaction to 3 year old HIV infected Eve van Grafhorst returning to Gosford City Council's child-care centre.
2/10/1985	<i>Telegraph</i> (Sydney)		Caring action	praising the actions of an HIV infected man seriously injured in a motor accident in Brisbane (he later died) in advising emergency workers that he was infected.
3/10/1985	<i>Telegraph</i> (Brisbane)		Fear is the foe	praising the actions of an HIV infected man seriously injured in a motor accident in Brisbane (HE later died) in advising emergency workers that he was infected.
4/10/1985	<i>Advertiser</i> (Adelaide)		The public face of AIDS	on public reaction to the death of Rock Hudson.
6/10/1985	<i>Sunday Telegraph</i> (Sydney)		A bold look at the seedy side	on a report from a New South Wales parliamentary committee into prostitution in New South Wales.
14/10/1985	<i>Canberra Times</i>		A policy poser	on a draft policy from the ACT Schools Authority on equal employment opportunity in ACT schools.

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15/10/1985	<i>Sydney Morning Herald</i>		Why Eve must stay at home	on the Gosford City Council's reversal of its earlier decision to allow HIV infected Eve van Grafhorst to attend a local child-care centre.
17/10/1985	<i>News</i> (Adelaide)		A Premier and a principle	on the controversy surrounding the alleged misconduct of the South Australian Ombudsman, Ms Mary Beasley, in obtaining cheap airfares for her friend and companion.
18/10/1985	<i>Advertiser</i> (Adelaide)		Regrettable resignation	on the controversy surrounding the resignation of the South Australian Ombudsman, Ms Mary Beasley, from the board of Qantas following allegations that she obtained cheap airfares for her friend and companion.
19/10/1985	<i>Advertiser</i> (Adelaide)		The truth at the top	on the responsibility of people in high public office to conduct themselves properly. One of the instances cited is the alleged misconduct of the South Australian Ombudsman, Ms Mary Beasley, in obtaining cheap airfares for her friend and companion.
19/10/1985	<i>Courier Mail</i> (Brisbane)		A question of relationships	on the controversy surrounding the alleged misconduct of the South Australian Ombudsman, Ms Mary Beasley, in obtaining cheap airfares for her friend and companion.
19/10/1985	<i>Sydney Morning Herald</i>		She ain't heavy, she's my sister	on the controversy surrounding the alleged misconduct of the South Australian Ombudsman, Ms Mary Beasley, in obtaining cheap airfares for her friend and companion.
19/10/1985	<i>Weekend Australian</i> (Sydney)		Ombudsman's deceit demands resignation	on the controversy surrounding the alleged misconduct of the South Australian Ombudsman, Ms Mary Beasley, in obtaining cheap airfares for her friend and companion.
21/10/1985	<i>Telegraph</i> (Sydney)		Flight of fancy: 1	critical of moves by Qantas to include homosexual couples in new rostering arrangements which allow married couples to fly together.
23/10/1985	<i>Advertiser</i> (Adelaide)		Time for action on Ombudsman	calling on the South Australian Government to decide the future of the Ombudsman, Ms Mary Beasley.
24/10/1985	<i>News</i> (Adelaide)		Covering up the truth	on the political circumstances which led to the decision by Ms Mary Beasley to resign as South Australian Ombudsman.
25/10/1985	<i>Age</i> (Melbourne)		Ms Beasley pays the penalty	on the resignation of Ms Mary Beasley as South Australian Ombudsman.
25/10/1985	<i>West Australian</i> (Perth)		She had to go	on the resignation of Ms Mary Beasley as South Australian Ombudsman.
26/10/1985	<i>Advertiser</i> (Adelaide)		A sad social indictment	on a survey which shows an increase in the number of teenagers engaging in prostitution in Adelaide.
26/10/1985	<i>Telegraph</i> (Sydney)		The tragedy of little Eve	on the discrimination being experienced by the family of an AIDS infected child, Eve van Grafhorst.
31/10/1985	<i>Australian</i> (Sydney)		A blow against AIDS	on the announcement by French medical researchers that they have found that an existing drug (Cyclosporin A) appears to stop the spread of the AIDS virus.
1/11/1985	<i>Herald</i> (Melbourne)		AIDS, alcohol and scapegoats	on the "farfetched" idea that the spread of AIDS is a CIA plot.
7/11/1985	<i>Telegraph</i> (Sydney)		Case for sympathy	on the discrimination being experienced by the family of an AIDS infected child, Eve van Grafhorst.
8/11/1985	<i>Mirror</i> (Sydney)		Premier's plea for little Eve	on the discrimination being experienced by the family of an AIDS infected child, Eve van Grafhorst.
9/11/1985	<i>Weekend Australian</i> (Sydney)		When discrimination is not discrimination	critical of recent decisions of the New South Wales Equal Opportunity Tribunal, one of which involved a complaint by a homosexual man.
11/11/1985	<i>Mercury</i> (Illawarra, NSW)		Tribunal steering into bias	critical of recent decisions of the New South Wales Equal Opportunity Tribunal, one of which involved a complaint by a homosexual man.
21/11/1985	<i>Courier Mail</i> (Brisbane)		Good intentions...bad legislation	on the Liquor Act Amendment Bill introduced into the Queensland Parliament, which in part says a liquor licence may be cancelled if "drug dealers, sexual perverts or deviants or child molesters" are served.
22/11/1985	<i>Sun</i> (Brisbane)		Publicans not police	on the Liquor Act Amendment Bill introduced into the Queensland Parliament, which in part says a liquor licence may be cancelled if "drug dealers, sexual perverts or deviants or child molesters" are served.
23/11/1985	<i>Courier Mail</i> (Brisbane)		Dedication to the family	on the Liquor Act Amendment Bill introduced into the Queensland Parliament, which in part says a liquor licence may be cancelled if "drug dealers, sexual perverts or deviants or child molesters" are served.
4/12/1985	<i>Sydney Morning Herald</i>		The high cost of harassment	about moves by the New South Wales Anti-Discrimination Board to tighten laws on discrimination in the workplace.
12/12/1985	<i>Herald</i> (Melbourne)		Down the wrong street	critical of the Neave Report into Prostitution in Victoria.

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12/12/1985	<i>Sydney Morning Herald</i>		Ms Niland's list of rights	on a statement made by Ms Carmel Niland, president of the New South Wales Anti-Discrimination Board that the most worrying threat to human rights in Australia this year has been the community's reaction to AIDS.
13/12/1985	<i>Age</i> (Melbourne)		A realistic view of prostitution	supporting the recommendations of an inquiry into prostitution in Victoria conducted by Professor Marcia Neave.
14/12/1985	<i>Telegraph</i> (Sydney)		Facts of life	about the recommendations of the Neave Report on prostitution in Victoria.
18/12/1985	<i>Courier Mail</i> (Brisbane)		The State and child abuse	commending the Queensland Government for deciding to provide more staff to protect children from emotional, physical and sexual abuse.
21/12/1985	<i>Telegraph</i> (Sydney)		Understanding AIDS	supporting guidelines laid down by the Federal Public Service Board.
2/01/1986	<i>Herald</i> (Melbourne)		AIDS: sharing the fight	on the need to increase community education on the causes of AIDS.
14/01/1986	<i>Sun</i> (Sydney)		Action on the streets	on allegations of police involvement in prostitution in New South Wales.
14/01/1986	<i>Telegraph</i> (Brisbane)		Expose the evil	calling on the Queensland Attorney-General, Mr Harper, to table a report on child pornography in parliament.
20/01/1986	<i>Advertiser</i> (Adelaide)		Homosexuality and teachers	on the result of a plebiscite which rejected a move by the South Australian Institute of Teachers to endorse the right of all teachers to "influence the curricula in ways that will enhance understanding and acceptance of lesbian women and homosexual men".
20/01/1986	<i>Advertiser</i> (Geelong, Vic)		The AIDS crisis	on the impact of AIDS following the death of a person in Geelong from the disease.
1/02/1986	<i>Age</i> (Melbourne)		A Saturday reflection	lamenting the changing meaning of words, including "gay".
3/02/1986	<i>Courier Mail</i> (Brisbane)		Is legislation the way to go?	questioning the Federal Government's decision to introduce affirmative action legislation, starting with higher education institutions.
14/02/1986	<i>Herald</i> (Melbourne)		A step in the wrong direction	critical of the views of a vice president of the Victorian AIDS Council, Mr Adam Carr, in opposing calls for people in high risk groups to be tested for HIV.
8/03/1986	<i>Herald</i> (Newcastle, NSW)		The condom controversy	on a decision by the New South Wales Health Minister, Mr Unsworth, to stop a statewide radio and cinema advertising campaign intended to promote the use of condoms.
27/03/1986	<i>Advertiser</i> (Adelaide)		Prostitution and the law	supporting the decriminalisation of prostitution.
18/04/1986	<i>Courier Mail</i> (Brisbane)		Unfair, illogical	on the operation of the Sex Discrimination Act 1984.
18/04/1986	<i>Sydney Morning Herald</i>		Too faint a light on prostitution	on the findings of the New South Wales parliamentary select committee on prostitution.
18/04/1986	<i>Telegraph</i> (Sydney)		If you can't beat them, legalise them.	on the findings of the New South Wales parliamentary select committee on prostitution.
14/05/1986	<i>Courier</i> (Ballarat, Vic)		Child abuse action needed	criticising the lack of action by the Victorian Government following the release of a report into sexual abuse of children.
29/05/1986	<i>Herald</i> (Melbourne)		Derryn Hinch and the law	on the conviction and appeal of Derryn Hinch for contempt of court for publicising a case involving a man charged with sex offences with young males.
09/x06/86	<i>Advertiser</i> (Geelong, Vic)		Priorities astray	on the decision of the family of a 3 year old AIDS victim, Eve van Grafhorst, to leave Australia because of the discrimination the family has experienced.
27/08/1986	<i>Sydney Morning Herald</i>		Squabble over the AIDS dollar	on disputes among the various bodies providing care for AIDS sufferers about funding arrangements.
2/09/1986	<i>News</i> (Darwin, NT)		AIDS and secrecy	critical of Northern Territory health authorities for not keeping Territorians adequately informed of the increasing number of AIDS cases in the Northern Territory.
17/09/1986	<i>Bulletin</i> (Townsville)		Chastity only AIDS safeguard	on the impact of AIDS on society and advising people to avoid promiscuous sex.
9/10/1986	<i>Northern Star</i> (Lismore, NSW)		Social issues are not comic material	supporting the ban on the distribution of a comic book "kids Can Say No" to schools in the Lismore area by the New South Wales Acting Director General of Education, Dr Sharpe.
29/10/1986	<i>Australian</i> (Sydney)		War against AIDS	on the magnitude of the spread of AIDS throughout the world following the release of figures on the spread of the disease in countries in Africa.
3/11/1986	<i>Herald</i> (Melbourne)		A warning	supporting a call by Ms Ita Buttrose, head of the National Advisory Committee on AIDS, that AIDS information should be included in school sex education courses.
4/11/1986	<i>Advertiser</i> (Adelaide)		An enemy in common	on a suggestion made at the Second National AIDS Conference in Sydney that heterosexual sexual activity is now the most common way of spreading AIDS.

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4/11/1986	<i>Age</i> (Melbourne)		Education and AIDS	supporting a call by Ms Ita Buttrose, head of the National Advisory Committee on AIDS, that AIDS information should be included in school sex education courses.
5/11/1986	<i>Advertiser</i> (Geelong, Vic)		Facing reality	supporting a call by Ms Ita Buttrose, head of the National Advisory Committee on AIDS, that AIDS information should be included in school sex education courses.
6/11/1986	<i>Northern Star</i> (Lismore, NSW)		Ordinary people need protection	criticising a decision by the New South Wales Government to allow drug-users to buy syringes cheaply at chemists.
12/11/1986	<i>Telegraph</i> (Sydney)		Peculiarity of perceptions on crime	on a study conducted by the Institute of Criminology on people's attitude to crime - homosexuality is specifically mentioned.
14/11/1986	<i>Herald</i> (Newcastle, NSW)		Speeding our evolution	critical of the Commonwealth Sex Discrimination Act and how it has been interpreted.
16/11/1986	<i>Sun Herald</i> (Sydney)		Knowledge answer to killer AIDS	calling on the Commonwealth and New South Wales Government's to provide funding to enable education programs to be developed in New South Wales schools on the causes of AIDS.
18/11/1986	<i>Sydney Morning Herald</i>		The politics of innuendo	critical of suggestions by Labor members of the House of Representatives that a senior Liberal politician is homosexual.
18/11/1986	<i>Telegraph</i> (Sydney)		End this sleazy garbage	critical of suggestions by Labor members of the House of Representatives that a senior Liberal politician is homosexual.
20/11/1986	<i>West Australian</i> (Perth)		Dirty politics	critical of suggestions by Labor members of the House of Representatives that a senior Liberal politician is homosexual.
22/11/1986	<i>Sydney Morning Herald</i>		AIDS and Aborigines	on the resignation of Professor Penington from the National Advisory Committee on AIDS over a dispute about how to approach controlling the spread of AIDS among Aborigines.
30/11/1986	<i>Sunday Telegraph</i> (Sydney)		Insuring the future	supporting calls for discussion on AIDS to be included in the school curricula.
1/12/1986	<i>Age</i> (Melbourne)		Not suited to teaching children	critical of the decision of the Equal Opportunity Board which ordered the Victorian Education Department to reinstate Ms Alison Thorne to teaching duties.
3/12/1986	<i>Courier Mail</i> (Brisbane)		AIDS is now a general threat	supporting a general community education program on AIDS following a comment from the Deputy Director of the Queensland Health Department that AIDS is now a health threat to the heterosexual community.
17/12/1986	<i>Mirror</i> (Sydney)		Needle packs for druggies	supporting a decision by the New South Wales Government to allow drug users to buy syringes cheaply from chemists.
17/12/1986	<i>Telegraph</i> (Sydney)		Unpalatable, annoying - but necessary	supporting a decision by the New South Wales Government to allow drug users to buy syringes cheaply from chemists.
18/12/1986	<i>Courier Mail</i> (Brisbane)		A misplaced moral stance	critical of a decision by the Queensland Government to ban the use of condom vending machines.
18/12/1986	<i>Sun</i> (Brisbane)		A question of survival	critical of a decision by the Queensland Government to ban the use of condom vending machines.
23/12/1986	<i>Age</i> (Melbourne)		Moral stance no answer to AIDS	critical of a decision by the Queensland Government to ban the use of condom vending machines.
24/12/1986	<i>Herald</i> (Melbourne)		Don Dunstan: the rise and fall of a media superstar	surveying the public life of Don Dunstan following his resignation as chairman of the Victorian Tourism Commission.
30/12/1986	<i>Mercury</i> (Illawarra, NSW)		Park toilets not for homosexual antics	on complaints about people being offended by observing homosexual activity in toilets in McCabe Park.
31/12/1986	<i>Courier Mail</i> (Brisbane)		What a lot of nonsense	critical of the Commonwealth Sex Discrimination Act and how it is interpreted.
2/01/1987	<i>Herald</i> (Melbourne)		Teaching the lesson of AIDS	supporting the teaching of a course about sexually transmitted diseases developed by the State Health and Education departments in Victorian secondary schools.
3/01/1987	<i>Advertiser</i> (Geelong, Vic)		Warning on AIDS	on the latest figures of the number of reported AIDS cases and projections for the future.
9/01/1987	<i>Age</i> (Melbourne)		Ruxton in the wars again	criticising the Victorian president of the RSL, Mr Bruce Ruxton, over racist and anti-gay remarks made by him.
21/01/1987	<i>Sun</i> (Sydney)		The Sun says	urging the Federal Government to spend more money on research into the AIDS virus.
23/01/1987	<i>Courier Mail</i> (Brisbane)		AIDS battle must be won	urging comprehensive sex education in Queensland high schools as part of the strategy to contain the spread of AIDS.
23/01/1987	<i>Sydney Morning Herald</i>		Priorities in AIDS funding	on the Federal Government's approach to preventing the spread of AIDS in Australia.

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28/01/1987	<i>Mirror</i> (Sydney)		Ratepayers deserve a better deal	condemning the conduct of members of the Waverley City Council at a council meeting where, among other things, a bottle of sea water with a condom in it was spilt in the council chamber and someone shouted that it contained AIDS.
29/01/1987	<i>Sydney Morning Herald</i>		The third tier of government	condemning the conduct of members of the Waverley City Council at a council meeting where, among other things, a bottle of sea water with a condom in it was spilt in the council chamber and someone shouted that it contains AIDS.
12/02/1987	<i>Age</i> (Melbourne)		A case for compassion	urging the Social Security Minister, Mr Howe, to reconsider his decision to deny an application by the partner of a homosexual man dying from AIDS for a pension to allow him to provide constant care for him.
15/02/1987	<i>Sunday Times</i> (Perth)		Let's face the facts on AIDS	supporting an advertising campaign by the Western Australian Government designed to educate the community on the dangers of AIDS.
20/02/1987	<i>Sun</i> (Brisbane)		AIDS battle cash needed	calling on governments to spend more money on AIDS research.
2/03/1987	<i>Sun</i> (Brisbane)		AIDS threat seen at last	supporting the Queensland National Party's call on the Health Minister to review his opposition to condom vending machines and prostitution as ways of preventing the spread of AIDS.
3/03/1987	<i>Courier Mail</i> (Brisbane)		Facing up to a difficult issue	supporting the Queensland National Party's call on the Health Minister to review his opposition to condom vending machines and prostitution as ways of preventing the spread of AIDS.
3/03/1987	<i>Sun</i> (Brisbane)		We need to know more	calling for more information about claims that the tests currently used by Australian blood banks to screen for the AIDS antibody may not be adequate because it can take up to six months before it becomes detectable in victims.
4/03/1987	<i>Telegraph</i> (Brisbane)		War on disease	critical of the Queensland Health Minister's lack of recognition that prostitution in massage parlors is a source of the spread of AIDS.
7/03/1987	<i>Telegraph</i> (Sydney)		AIDS hysteria	praising the actions of a man who went to the assistance of an AIDS sufferer injured in a motor vehicle accident.
16/03/1987	<i>News</i> (Adelaide)		AIDS action	applauding the South Australian Health Department's AIDS public education program which urges people to use condoms.
18/03/1987	<i>Mercury</i> (Illawarra, NSW)		MacCabe Park: it's no solution	critical of the Wollongong City Council's refusal to demolish the public toilets in MacCabe Park which it claims is a "homosexual hangout".
19/03/1987	<i>Examiner</i> (Launceston, Tas)		Free needles	supporting calls to provide free needles to intravenous drug users to slow the spread of AIDS.
21/03/1987	<i>West Australian</i> (Perth)		AIDS fight	supporting a television advertising campaign about to be launched by the Western Australian Health Department warning people of the dangers of AIDS.
22/03/1987	<i>Sunday Mail</i> (Adelaide)		A special plea to all parents	supporting calls by Ms Ita Buttrose, chairperson of the National Advisory Committee on AIDS, on the need to educate children about AIDS.
23/03/1987	<i>Advertiser</i> (Adelaide)		Promoting condoms	supporting a Federal Government decision to sponsor condom advertising in an attempt to prevent the spread of AIDS.
24/03/1987	<i>Telegraph</i> (Sydney)		AIDS reality	critical of the Rev. Fred Nile's opposition to the national AIDS education campaign.
26/03/1987	<i>Advertiser</i> (Adelaide)		The morality of AIDS	appealing to the ethical standards of people at most risk of becoming infected with the AIDS virus to modify their conduct so as to minimise the spread of the disease.
30/03/1987	<i>Mirror</i> (Sydney)		AIDS, sex and the new morality	calling for a return to fidelity, faithfulness and to the sanctity of marriage as ways of limiting the spread of AIDS.
2/04/1987	<i>Advertiser</i> (Adelaide)		Plain speaking necessary	urging those responsible for communicating information about AIDS to the community to do so in plain language to ensure the message is understood.
3/04/1987	<i>Sun</i> (Sydney)		The Sun says	urging AIDS education in schools.
3/04/1987	<i>Sydney Morning Herald</i>		Some words on AIDS	supporting the National Advisory Committee on AIDS' television advertising campaign.
3/04/1987	<i>Telegraph</i> (Sydney)		AIDS: shocks essential to save lives	supporting the National Advisory Committee on AIDS' television advertising campaign.
5/04/1987	<i>Sunday Telegraph</i> (Sydney)		AIDS education	supporting the National Advisory Committee on AIDS' television advertising campaign.
5/04/1987	<i>Times on Sunday</i> (Sydney)		Today the AIDS menace hits home	supporting the National Advisory Council on AIDS' television advertising campaign.
6/04/1987	<i>Age</i> (Melbourne)		Hard line on AIDS is justified	supporting the National Advisory Committee on AIDS' television advertising campaign.

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6/04/1987	<i>Courier Mail</i> (Brisbane)		Educating and AIDS fears	supporting the National Advisory Committee on AIDS' television advertising campaign.
6/04/1987	<i>Mirror</i> (Sydney)		AIDS: we are all in danger	supporting the National Advisory Council on AIDS' television advertising campaign.
6/04/1987	<i>Telegraph</i> (Brisbane)		Nasty but needed	supporting the National Advisory Committee on AIDS' television advertising campaign.
6/04/1987	<i>Telegraph</i> (Sydney)		Education is crucial in bid to beat AIDS	supporting the National Advisory Committee on AIDS' television advertising campaign.
7/04/1987	<i>Australian</i> (Sydney)		AIDS: a needed shock	supporting the National Advisory Committee on AIDS' television advertising campaign.
7/04/1987	<i>Canberra Times</i>		A modern plague	supporting the National Advisory Committee on AIDS' television advertising campaign.
8/04/1987	<i>Australian Financial Review</i> (Sydney)		AIDS overkill	questioning the necessity of using explicit material in the National Advisory Council on AIDS' current television advertising campaign.
8/04/1987	<i>Herald</i> (Melbourne)		Witch-hunt?	critical of a recommendation contained in a Victorian Health Department discussion paper that the Government should have the power to detain HIV people who knowingly spread the disease.
15/04/1987	<i>Herald</i> (Newcastle, NSW)		Countering the AIDS message	supporting the National Advisory Committee on AIDS' television advertising campaign.
29/05/1987	<i>Northern Star</i> (Lismore, NSW)		Wrong values in AIDS education	critical of the National Advisory Committee on AIDS' television advertising campaign.
29/06/1987	<i>Examiner</i> (Launceston, Tas)		Prison AIDS	on a decision by the Tasmanian Government to test prisoners at Risdon Jail for the AIDS virus.
3/07/1987	<i>Sydney Morning Herald</i>		AIDS: what to tell and when	on a call from Ita Buttrose to make AIDS education compulsory in schools.
8/07/1987	<i>Sun</i> (Sydney)		Kids and AIDS	critical of the New South Wales Education Department's decision to ban the distribution of the Streetwise comic on AIDS to New South Wales schools.
14/07/1987	<i>Mirror</i> (Sydney)		Outrageous, frightening rubbish!	critical of a suggestion by the Violence Against Women and Children Law Reform Task Force that the New South Wales Crimes Act be changed to allow people between the ages of 12 and 16 to have intercourse provided there was no more than two years difference in their ages.
23/07/1987	<i>Sun</i> (Brisbane)		Animals prey on children	supporting proposed increases in penalties for child-sex offences.
24/07/1987	<i>Sun</i> (Brisbane)		Cabinet blind to AIDS threat	critical of the Queensland Government's ban on the use of condom vending machines in Queensland.
26/07/1987	<i>Sunday Mail</i> (Brisbane)		More than just morals	critical of the Queensland Government's ban on the use of condom vending machines in Queensland.
30/07/1987	<i>Courier Mail</i> (Brisbane)		A conflict of policy?	evidence by Queensland Police Commissioner, Sir Terrance Lewis, to the Fitzgerald Inquiry about the government's attitude to moral issues.
31/07/1987	<i>Examiner</i> (Launceston, Tas)		Half-way there	supporting the rejection by the Tasmanian Upper House of a bill which would have criminalised homosexual acts between consenting women.
31/07/1987	<i>Herald</i> (Newcastle, NSW)		Moral rubbish	on the problems faced by the Queensland and Tasmanian governments in trying to ban the sale of condoms through vending machines.
5/08/1987	<i>Courier Mail</i> (Brisbane)		Point of sale	critical of the Queensland Government's decision to ban the sale of condoms through vending machines.
21/08/1987	<i>Sun</i> (Brisbane)		Good advice worth taking	critical of the Queensland Government's decision to ban the sale of condoms through vending machines.
23/08/1987	<i>Sunday Sun</i> (Brisbane)		Premier is out of touch	critical of the Queensland Government's decision to ban the sale of condoms through vending machines.
24/08/1987	<i>Telegraph</i> (Brisbane)		The row remains	critical of the Queensland Government's decision to ban the sale of condoms through vending machines.
26/08/1987	<i>Herald</i> (Melbourne)		Medical waste: an open sore	highlighting the problem of disposing medical waste, in particular AIDS and hepatitis B waste, and calling on the government to enforce existing health regulations.
1/09/1987	<i>Herald</i> (Newcastle, NSW)		Condom illogic	critical of the Queensland Government's decision to ban the sale of condoms through vending machines.
2/09/1987	<i>Herald</i> (Melbourne)		Yes, we have no condoms	critical of the Queensland Government's decision to ban the sale of condoms through vending machines.
2/09/1987	<i>Sydney Morning Herald</i>		Sir Joh and condom culture	critical of the Queensland Government's decision to ban the sale of condoms through vending machines.
2/09/1987	<i>West Australian</i> (Perth)		Joh's morality	critical of the Queensland Government's decision to ban the sale of condoms through vending machines.
4/09/1987	<i>Courier Mail</i> (Brisbane)		The reasons for Sir Joh's ban	critical of the Queensland Government's decision to ban the sale of condoms through vending machines.
7/09/1987	<i>Canberra Times</i>		The cant of Sir Joh	critical of the Queensland Government's decision to ban the sale of condoms through vending machines.
20/10/1987	<i>Mercury</i> (Illawarra, NSW)		What goes on behind four walls	on the impact of the ABC television documentary <i>Out of Mind, Out of Sight</i> , which highlighted conditions in Australia's prisons and discussed the risk of catching AIDS via homosexual rape.

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7/11/1987	<i>Canberra Times</i>		The macho services	critical of the Opposition spokesman on defence, Mr Peter White's call on servicemen and servicewomen to inform on any colleagues they believe to be homosexual.
12/01/1988	<i>Mercury</i> (Hobart)		Trampling on our freedoms	critical of Hobart City Council's ban on political groups demonstrating in Salamanca Place which resulted in the arrest of a number of supporters of gay rights.
15/01/1988	<i>Advertiser</i> (Adelaide)		Sexual complications	supporting the decision of an Adelaide magistrate in refusing a New South Wales application to extradite a transsexual back to New South Wales to serve a prison sentence in a male prison.
16/01/1988	<i>Sun</i> (Brisbane)		Queensland faces up to the facts of life	supporting the decision by the new Ahern government to allow the sale of condoms by way of vending machines in Queensland.
28/01/1988	<i>Sydney Morning Herald</i>		A global effort against AIDS	recognising the serious international economic and political problems, as well as the serious health problems, associated with the spread of AIDS throughout the world.
6/06/1988	<i>Age</i> (Melbourne)		Better free drugs than more AIDS	on a recommendation by the National Health and Medical Research Council that heroin be made available to intravenous drug users.
24/06/1988	<i>Age</i> (Melbourne)		Education is the key to containing AIDS	supporting calls for frank and explicit sex education to contain the spread of AIDS.
9/08/1988	<i>Age</i> (Melbourne)		Why Tuckey is a health hazard	criticising the Opposition's Health spokesman, Mr Wilson Tuckey, for his comment to the national conference on AIDS in Hobart that "You don't catch AIDS, you let someone give it to you. AIDS is very much a disease which results from deliberate and possibly unnatural activity".
26/09/1988	<i>Mercury</i> (Hobart)		Market ban is wrong	critical of Hobart City Council's ban on political groups demonstrating in Salamanca Place which resulted in the arrest of a number of supporters of gay rights.
23/11/1988	<i>Age</i> (Melbourne)		AIDS an increasing threat to society	supporting the call contained in a bipartisan discussion paper prepared by the Federal Government and Opposition for a national strategy to minimise the spread of the AIDS virus.
2/12/1988	<i>Herald</i> (Melbourne)		Should gays be banned?	supporting a review of the Australian defence forces ban on homosexuals serving in the military.
6/12/1988	<i>Age</i> (Melbourne)		AIDS: voluntary approach is best	supporting a recommendation contained in a discussion paper on AIDS prepared by both major political parties that testing to establish whether a person is infected with HIV should be voluntary.
4/02/1989	<i>Age</i> (Melbourne)		Strategy to check the AIDS bushfire	supporting a suggestion put to the Federal Government's joint parliamentary taskforce on AIDS and intravenous drug use, that heroin be made available to intravenous drug users.
28/02/1989	<i>Age</i> (Melbourne)		Research crucial to the war on AIDS	on the resignation of Professor Tony Basten as the Federal Government's chief medical adviser on AIDS and discussion on possible suitable replacements.
2/03/1989	<i>Examiner</i> (Launceston, Tas)		Time for a change of attitude on AIDS danger	supporting the decision of the Anglican Church recommending the decriminalisation of homosexuality and the introduction of a needle exchange program as part of the fight against the spread of AIDS.
9/03/1989	<i>Age</i> (Melbourne)		AIDS: the need for a responsible response	critical of the Freemasons Hospital for attempting to ban AIDS patients and ill-informed comments by Dr Bruce Shepherd of the Australian Medical Association that the AIDS virus could be inhaled through a surgeon's mask.
9/03/1989	<i>West Australian</i> (Perth)		Closed doors	critical of the Freemasons Hospital in Melbourne for refusing to treat patients with AIDS.
15/03/1989	<i>Australian</i> (Sydney)		AIDS and civil rights	supporting a call by surgeons that patients entering hospital be tested for HIV before undergoing surgery.
28/05/1989	<i>Sunday Times</i> (Perth)		AIDS carriers: time to act	calling for legislation to isolate AIDS carriers who wilfully expose others to the virus.
10/06/1989	<i>Age</i> (Melbourne)		A tough approach to AIDS prevention	supporting a suggestion by Professor Ian Gust that in some circumstances HIV carriers should be quarantined.
19/06/1989	<i>Advocate</i> (Burnie, Tas)		Meeting packed a message	on the difficulty of objective discussion of homosexual law reform following a rowdy public meeting in Ulverstone.
19/06/1989	<i>Examiner</i> (Launceston, Tas)		Anti-gay law reform could become a witch-hunt	on the difficulty of objective discussion of homosexual law reform following a rowdy public meeting in Ulverstone.
3/07/1989	<i>Advertiser</i> (Adelaide)		Moral totalitarians	on the perceived hypocritical attitude of the South Australian Labor Party's state convention in banning topless waitresses while regarding other matters such as homosexuality and prostitution as matters of private morality.
2/08/1989	<i>Daily Telegraph</i> (Sydney)		Tough action the only way to fight AIDS	supporting a decision by the New South Wales Government authorising the detention of an HIV infected prostitute who is still working as a prostitute.

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11/08/1989	<i>Age</i> (Melbourne)		Involuntary victims of the AIDS virus	calling on the Federal Government to provide financial compensation to haemophilia sufferers who have been infected with HIV through contaminated blood products.
13/08/1989	<i>Sunday Mail</i> (Adelaide)		10 years of silence is too long	calling for an independent inquiry into the disappearance and suspected murder of a number of young men in Adelaide by an alleged group known as "The Family".
21/08/1989	<i>News</i> (Adelaide)		More light on a grisly topic of public concern	calling for an independent inquiry into the disappearance and suspected murder of a number of young men in Adelaide by an alleged group known as "The Family".
31/08/1989	<i>Age</i> (Melbourne)		A limited approach to AIDS control	on the Federal Government's strategy for combating the spread of AIDS contained in its recently released white paper on AIDS.
2/09/1989	<i>Weekend Australian</i> (Sydney)		Talking about AIDS the way it really is	critical of the Federal Government's strategy for combating the spread of AIDS contained in its recently released white paper on AIDS.
8/10/1989	<i>Sunday Times</i> (Perth)		Time to change sex laws	supporting homosexual law reform in Western Australia.
25/10/1989	<i>Daily News</i> (Perth)		Gays and the law	supporting homosexual law reform in Western Australia.
7/11/1989	<i>Courier Mail</i> (Brisbane)		Corruption is a key issue	critical of the Queensland National Party's election policy which rejects any possibility of homosexual law reform.
7/11/1989	<i>Sun</i> (Brisbane)		Red herrings clouding the real issues in poll	critical of the scare tactics used by the Queensland National Party in the run up to the state election by suggesting that a Labor victory would lead to an increase in homosexuality in Queensland.
9/11/1989	<i>Advertiser</i> (Adelaide)		Bigotry by the shovelful	critical of the scare tactics used by the Queensland National Party in the run up to the state election by suggesting that a Labor victory would lead to an increase in homosexuality in Queensland.
10/11/1989	<i>Courier Mail</i> (Brisbane)		A sharp turn to the right	on the policy speech of the Queensland National Party for the state election.
10/11/1989	<i>Sydney Morning Herald</i>		The corruption election	critical of the scare tactics used by the Queensland National Party in the run up to the state election by suggesting that a Labor victory would lead to an increase in homosexuality in Queensland.
12/11/1989	<i>Sunday Sun</i> (Brisbane)		Bribery still the big issue	critical of the scare tactics used by the Queensland National Party in the run up to the state election by suggesting that a Labor victory would lead to an increase in homosexuality in Queensland.
22/11/1989	<i>Sydney Morning Herald</i>		The curious ban on <i>Forever</i>	critical of the banning of Judy Blume's novel "Forever" from New South Wales schools because of its "explicit descriptions of intercourse".
23/11/1989	<i>Mercury</i> (Hobart)		Making it tougher in war on AIDS	calling on homosexuals infected with HIV to modify their sexual behaviour to help reduce the spread of the virus.
12/12/1989	<i>Mercury</i> (Hobart)		AIDS changes all the rules	supporting homosexual law reform as part of the governments strategy to combat the spread of HIV in Tasmania.
18/12/1989	<i>News</i> (Darwin, NT)		Scrap gay games plan	supporting homosexual law reform in Queensland but opposing a proposal to hold a gay games on Australia Day.
10/01/1990	<i>Gold Coast Bulletin</i> (Southport, Qld)		The dream is shattered	on alleged sexual behaviour of "perverts and misfits" along the Southport Spit area of the Gold Coast.
5/02/1990	<i>Daily Telegraph</i> (Sydney)		Immature protest	critical of attempts by the Reverend Fred Nile to stop Sydney's Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras.
5/03/1990	<i>Age</i> (Melbourne)		Good news on AIDS, but no time to be smug	warning that figures showing a slow down in the number of new AIDS cases reported should not lead to complacency.
21/03/1990	<i>Advertiser</i> (Adelaide)		A case for circumcision	supporting the practice of male circumcision as a means of reducing sexually transmitted diseases.
4/04/1990	<i>News</i> (Adelaide)		Dr. Duncan RIP	on the report of the task force set up to investigate the death of homosexual academic, Dr. George Duncan.
11/06/1990	<i>Sun</i> (Brisbane)		Fitzgerald, a forgotten man of honor	on the omission of Tony Fitzgerald, QC, from the Queen's Birthday honours list.
12/06/1990	<i>Courier Mail</i> (Brisbane)		Bad laws and our bedrooms	on a review of laws relating to sexual behaviour in Queensland by the Criminal Justice Commission.
28/06/1990	<i>Mercury</i> (Hobart)		Facing the medical reality of AIDS	supporting a plan by the Tasmanian Government to pass legislation aimed at limiting the spread of AIDS.
29/06/1990	<i>Advocate</i> (Burnie, Tas)		Difficult to sell it too	on a plan by the Tasmanian Government to pass legislation aimed at limiting the spread of AIDS.
6/07/1990	<i>Advertiser</i> (Adelaide)		Facing up to AIDS testing	urging South Australian health authorities to allow doctors to refuse elective surgery to patients who refuse an HIV test.
13/07/1990	<i>Australian Jewish News</i> (Melbourne)		Seattle's wrong message	critical of a decision by the American Reform rabbinate to admit practising homosexuals as rabbis.
29/07/1990	<i>Sunday Sun</i> (Melbourne)		AIDS ads overstep the mark	critical of an educational poster campaign produced by the Victorian AIDS Council.
30/07/1990	<i>Daily Mirror</i> (Sydney)		Blood-filled syringes in crime war	on the rising crime rate in Sydney and in particular the number of attacks by people using allegedly AIDS-infected blood-filled syringes.

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27/08/1990	<i>Advertiser</i> (Adelaide)		AIDS Council is out of touch	critical of a poster campaign produced by the AIDS Council of South Australia.
3/09/1990	<i>Australian</i> (Sydney)		The dangers of running jails loosely	supporting the segregation of violent HIV prisoners in jails following the HIV positive diagnosis of a prison officer who was stabbed with a blood-filled syringe.
7/09/1990	<i>Herald</i> (Melbourne)		Jail officers need AIDS protection	calling for measures to protect prison officers from the risk of becoming infected with HIV through contact with prisoners.
1/10/1990	<i>Sun</i> (Brisbane)		A fair law	supporting moves to decriminalise homosexuality in Queensland.
3/10/1990	<i>Courier Mail</i> (Brisbane)		A real test for social reformers	supporting moves to decriminalise homosexuality in Queensland.
12/11/1990	<i>Advertiser</i> (Adelaide)		Capitulation to sex fears	on a backdown by the Federal Government in not requiring catholic nursing homes to allow residents private expression of sexual feelings, as set out in its Charter of Rights and Responsibilities of Residents of Nursing Homes.
23/11/1990	<i>Courier Mail</i> (Brisbane)		A legal discrimination removed	supporting a bill before the Queensland Parliament which decriminalises homosexual acts between consenting adults in private.
25/11/1990	<i>Sunday Mail</i> (Brisbane)		Let us prey?	supporting an age of consent of 18 for homosexual sex.
26/11/1990	<i>Examiner</i> (Launceston, Tas)		New AIDS program deserves support	urging community support for the Tasmanian Government's program for combating the spread of AIDS which includes decriminalising homosexual acts between consenting adults in private and the establishment of a needle-exchange service for intravenous drug users.
1/12/1990	<i>Advertiser</i> (Geelong, Vic)		"Kiss-in" fiasco	critical of a gay kiss-a-thon held in Melbourne as part of World AIDS Day.
1/12/1990	<i>Herald-Sun</i> (Melbourne)		Offensive behaviour	critical of a gay kiss-a-thon held in Melbourne as part of World AIDS Day.
6/12/1990	<i>Advertiser</i> (Adelaide)		Time to grasp the nettle	urging the Government to decriminalise prostitution in South Australia.
18/12/1990	<i>Advocate</i> (Burnie, Tas)		Dr D'Arcy and HIV-AIDS	on opposition expressed by the Archbishop of Hobart, Dr Eric D'Arcy, to aspects of the Tasmanian Government's HIV-AIDS legislation.
12/03/1991	<i>Australian Financial Review</i> (Sydney)		The lessons of AIDS	on the impact of, and responses to, AIDS.
19/03/1991	<i>Age</i> (Melbourne)		Just compensation for AIDS victims	Comments supporting an out-of-court settlement of an action for negligence brought by a girl who contracted the AIDS virus through a blood transfusion.
20/05/1991	<i>Age</i> (Melbourne)		AIDS victims are a special case	urging the Commonwealth Government to make available new experimental drugs to AIDS patients even though they have not completed clinical trials in Australia.
5/07/1991	<i>Examiner</i> (Launceston, Tas)		Council misses the point	critical of the rejection by the Tasmanian Legislative Council of legislation aimed at controlling the spread of HIV in Tasmania and decriminalising homosexual acts between consenting adults in private.
6/07/1991	<i>Age</i> (Melbourne)		Love in the time of AIDS	critical of the rejection by the Tasmanian Legislative Council of legislation aimed at controlling the spread of HIV in Tasmania and decriminalising homosexual acts between consenting adults in private.
11/08/1991	<i>Sun Herald</i> (Sydney)		Why Outing is dangerous idiocy	deploring the tactic of some homosexuals in "outing" prominent homosexuals whose actions are considered to be anti-homosexual.
13/08/1991	<i>Herald-Sun</i> (Melbourne)		Navy faces gay facts	dealing with two issues, firstly, a warning by the Human Rights & Equal Opportunity Commission that the Navy would be in breach of federal laws if it sacks homosexuals in the service. Secondly, the editorial condemns the practice by some homosexuals of "outing" prominent homosexuals whose actions are considered to be anti-homosexual.
17/08/1991	<i>Daily Advertiser</i> (Wagga Wagga, NSW)		Gay festival motion deserved better	supporting a motion by the Wagga City Council which was critical of Sydney's Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras, following criticism of the motion by parts of Sydney's metropolitan media.
28/08/1991	<i>Herald-Sun</i> (Melbourne)		Painting over public issue.	supporting the "outing" of dancer Kelvin Coe and denouncing the throwing of red paint over the reporter who wrote the story, Bob Crimeen, by Coe's partner Stuart Robertson.
7/10/1991	<i>Age</i> (Melbourne)		Transfer of Fairfield services is justified	supporting the recommendation of an independent review of health services in Victoria that the Fairfield Hospital be closed and the treatment of AIDS patients be transferred to other hospitals.
11/11/1991	<i>Herald-Sun</i> (Melbourne)		Magic Johnson spells it out	supporting Magic Johnson's involvement in publicly promoting safe sex.

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26/12/1991	Age (Melbourne)		Just compensation for HIV victims	supporting a financial settlement between the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments to 112 Victorians who contracted HIV through contaminated blood products.