



BAN SMOKING

From children's health point of view smoking should be banned. ASH invites all child related entities to make a submission, due **15 February** to Ministry of Health to support to ban display of tobacco products in supermarkets etc to protect the harm done to children through smoking, and also passive smoking effect. The format provided by ASH/CANCER SOCIETY makes a submission easy. LINK: <http://www.ash.org.nz>

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING

One of the drivers for better health for disadvantaged children is the removal of over crowding in homes. This bill enables Local Authorities to develop an Affordable Housing policy. It should be supported. Select Committee submissions are due by **29 February 2008**

LINK [New Zealand Parliament - Submissions called for](#)

PUBLIC HEALTH BILL

The policy of this bill is to update existing public health legislation in order to improve, promote and protect public health and help attain optimal and equitable health outcomes for all population groups in New Zealand. The bill will also enable New Zealand to comply with its obligations under the International Health Regulations 2005. The Bill is rather daunting at 315 pages. Select Committee submissions are due by **7 March 2008**

LINK: [New Zealand Parliament - Public Health Bill](#)

SIR ROY MCKENZIE

"The only use of money is the use you make of it".

We quote one of his sayings. The J.R. McKenzie Trust was formed in 1940 by Sir Roy's father. Sir Roy died aged 82 on 1 September 2007. His nobleness of spirit to community work is legendary and we salute his memory.

The annual report of the Trust is now available and shows \$3 million distributed to 550 charitable community organisations. Since its foundation ACYA has relied substantially on this Trust to continue our work. To the Trust we say yes to the "new look" photo intensive annual report.

Iti noa ana, he pito mata
With care, a small kumara will produce a harvest."

LINK: www.jrmckenzie.org.nz

CHILDREN AND THE LAW 2007

How did children fare in 2007?

Robert Ludbrook has had a look at legislation and on the whole 2007 was a good year for New Zealand children and their rights. It is useful from time to time to take stock of developments and identify positive achievements.

LINK <http://www.acya.org.nz/?t=137>

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Submissions are invited to review the Code of Practice for Pastoral Care, and required by 28 March 2008.

LINK: <http://www.minedu.govt.nz/index.cfm?ID=12429>

Best Wishes

ACYA

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