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Conference attacks health legislation

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N~ Doogue reports on "The Rise of the Nanny State", a meeting held in Australia in April and supported by the Australian Chamber of Commerce. Academics and social analysts met to attack what the organizers see as the "creeping intrusion of governments into the private area of health".

Speakers at the conference included Dr. Gerard Henderson, of the Institute of Public Affairs (New South Wales), Mr. David Fearnley, chairman of the Advertising Federation of Australia, Ronald Conway, a clinical psychologist and author, and Auberon Waugh, the British writer, who appeared via satellite transmission.

Dr. Henderson allegedly accused the Victorian and South Australian governments of hypocrisy for exempting such major sporting events as Test cricket and Grand Prix motor racing from their tobacco advertising bans. He also chastised them for hitting at the small businesses which are involved in the billboard industry while leaving untouched mass circulation newspapers and magazines and high profile sports events.