



## Welcome

Hi and welcome to issue 11 of the NIIS CAN. There have been quite a few reports released lately and these are presented to you below. They are all based around following up on recommendations made in the two major petrol sniffing inquiries. I have also been organizing the Web! ...well my little part of it anyway. The NIIS now has a page on the social bookmarking site Delicious.com. More details about this on page 2 of the newsletter.

Don't forget, everyone is welcome to contribute to the newsletter or the website - You can do this by sending an email to [info@inhalantsinfo.org.au](mailto:info@inhalantsinfo.org.au).

Regards

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## Report Release

Australian Government (2010). *Combined Australian Government response to two Senate Community Affairs References Committee reports on petrol sniffing in Indigenous communities*. Canberra. Retrieved from [http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/clac\\_ctte/completed\\_inquiries/2004-07/petrol\\_sniffing/govt\\_response.pdf](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/clac_ctte/completed_inquiries/2004-07/petrol_sniffing/govt_response.pdf)

This document is the Australian government's response to the 2006 report *Beyond petrol sniffing: renewing hope for Indigenous communities* and the 2008 report *Grasping the opportunity of Opal: assessing the impact of the petrol sniffing strategy*; detailing their response to the recommendations made in each report.

Cultural & Indigenous Research Centre Australia. (2010). *Research to inform the development of the Youth Diversion Communication Strategy in the East Kimberly and Central Desert Region (CDR)*. FaHCSIA. Retrieved from [http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/indigenous/pubs/evaluation/petrol\\_sniffing/youth\\_diversion/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/indigenous/pubs/evaluation/petrol_sniffing/youth_diversion/Pages/default.aspx)

Commissioned by FaHCSIA, this research was conducted to inform future communications strategies and policies aimed at reducing substance abuse in the East Kimberly and Central Desert Region .

FaHCSIA (2010). *Approved response to Central Australian Petrol Sniffing Strategy Unit review report*. Retrieved from [http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/indigenous/pubs/evaluation/petrol\\_sniffing/govt\\_response\\_capssu/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/indigenous/pubs/evaluation/petrol_sniffing/govt_response_capssu/Pages/default.aspx)

In 2009, URBIS was commissioned to evaluate the Central Australian Petrol Sniffing Strategy Unit (CAPSSU). This report is the response to that evaluation addressing the recommendations of the original report.

Shaw, G. (2010). *Research into legislation relating to petrol sniffing - Executive Summary*. FaHCSIA. Retrieved from [http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/indigenous/pubs/evaluation/petrol\\_sniffing/research\\_legislation/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/indigenous/pubs/evaluation/petrol_sniffing/research_legislation/Pages/default.aspx)

This report was commissioned by FaHCSIA following the 2006 Senate Community Affairs References Committee report *Beyond petrol sniffing: renewing hope for Indigenous communities*. It looks at the impact of jurisdictional legislation related to petrol sniffing.

## Social Bookmarking

As the NIIS coordinator I have hundreds of inhalants related bookmarks saved on my computer which is handy for myself but isn't very useful to the wider community. The majority of them are also on the NIIS website however they are spread over the 30 pages of content which sometimes makes it hard to find a specific site. So to complement the NIIS website we have started a social bookmarking site; allowing me to share my links with everyone else.

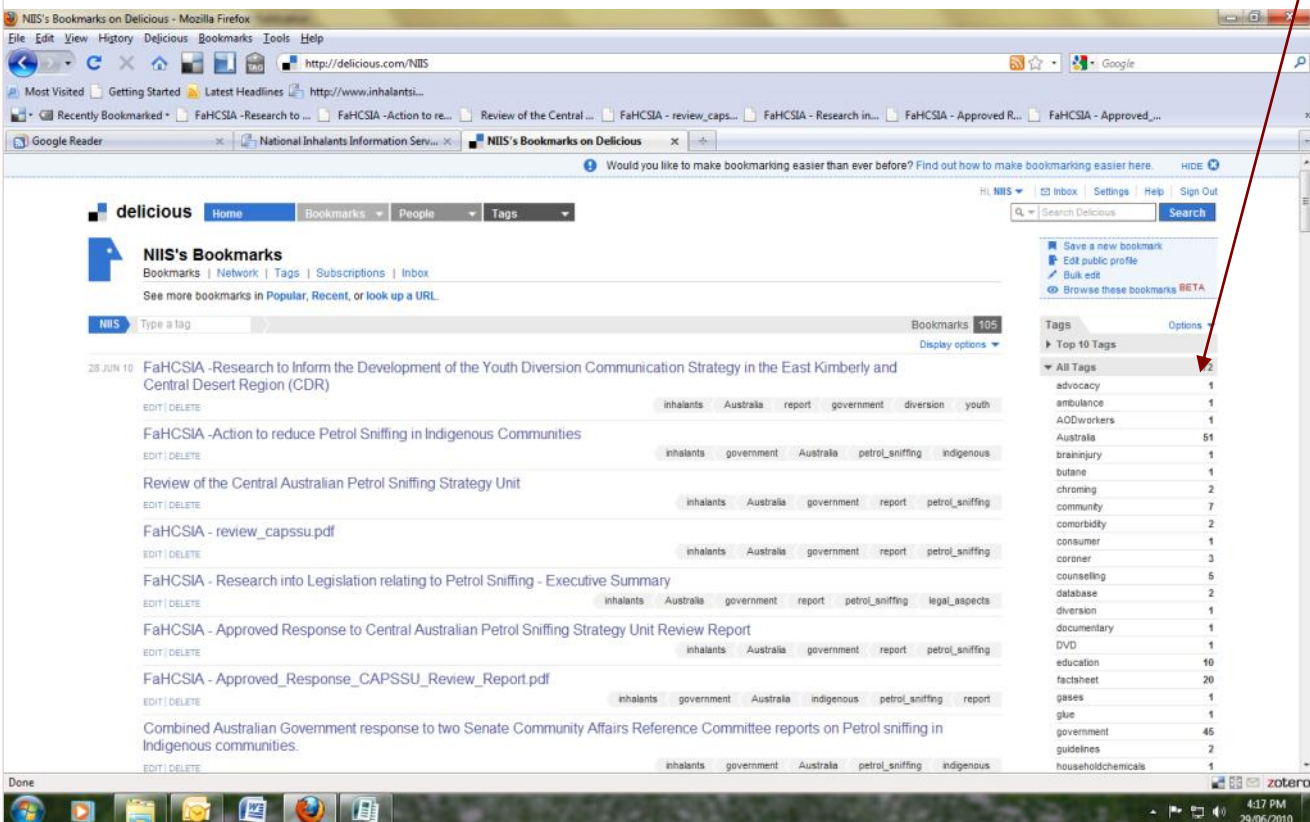
Social bookmarking is a way of sharing direct links to websites of interest and in the NIIS's case specific to inhalant misuse. Each website is 'tagged' providing a quick description of the content which further allows for sorting. There are several social bookmarking providers; Digg, Reddit, StumbleUpon, & delicious.com to name a few. If you haven't had any experience of social bookmarking, have a look at the following tutorial; it shows you how to set up an account and start bookmarking for yourself (<http://www.commoncraft.com/bookmarking-plain-english>).

However, you don't have to have an account to view the NIIS's delicious.com page, check us out at:

[www.delicious.com/niis](http://www.delicious.com/niis)

Here you will find over 100 links to websites and PDFs; predominately from Australia. Over the next few months I will also start to add links on topics that broadly relate to providing support to those working with inhalant users eg. where to find funding for programs. You can also sign up to receive RSS feeds from the site so you are notified when a new link is added.

There are various ways to view the links (sorted by date added, title or tag) and clicking on a specific tag will further filter just the links related to that tag. A full list of all the tags are found on the right hand side of the screen (see below).



The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the 'NIIS's Bookmarks on Delicious' page. The page features a list of bookmarks with titles, dates, and tags. A red arrow points to the 'All Tags' link in the right-hand sidebar.

Bookmark Title	Date	Tags
FaHCSIA - Research to Inform the Development of the Youth Diversion Communication Strategy in the East Kimberly and Central Desert Region (CDR)	28 JUN 10	inhalants, Australia, report, government, diversion, youth
FaHCSIA - Action to reduce Petrol Sniffing in Indigenous Communities		inhalants, government, Australia, petrol_sniffing, indigenous
Review of the Central Australian Petrol Sniffing Strategy Unit		inhalants, Australia, government, report, petrol_sniffing
FaHCSIA - review_capssu.pdf		inhalants, Australia, government, report, petrol_sniffing
FaHCSIA - Research into Legislation relating to Petrol Sniffing - Executive Summary		inhalants, Australia, government, report, petrol_sniffing, legal_aspects
FaHCSIA - Approved Response to Central Australian Petrol Sniffing Strategy Unit Review Report		inhalants, Australia, government, report, petrol_sniffing
FaHCSIA - Approved_Response_CAPSSU_Review_Report.pdf		inhalants, government, Australia, indigenous, petrol_sniffing, report
Combined Australian Government response to two Senate Community Affairs Reference Committee reports on Petrol sniffing in Indigenous communities.		inhalants, government, Australia, petrol_sniffing, indigenous

So add us to your favourites, share us around and if you have a website you think should be added let me know.

## ADCA's Inhalants Policy Position Paper

The Alcohol and other Drugs Council of Australia (ADCA) released its Inhalants Policy Paper on June 7, 2010.

This paper details the complex issue of inhalant misuse in Australia and informs the policy position of the Alcohol and other Drugs Council of Australia (ADCA). The NIIS thanks our stakeholder groups who provided feedback on the paper.

### Key recommendations from the paper

ADCA recommends that:

- the work of the National Inhalant Abuse Coordinating Group be supported and advanced to ensure the *National framework for addressing inhalant abuse in Australia* is fully implemented
- quantitative and qualitative research and evaluations be undertaken to inform further policy and intervention programs
- commonwealth, state and local governments support a range of interventions to address inhalant misuse, both financially and through legislation
- professionals dealing with inhalant users and their families be fully trained and supported to provide appropriate responses and referrals;
- communities dealing with inhalant misuse share their stories and resources through the National Inhalants Information Service for the benefit of the wider community.

Read the full paper at:

ADCA (2010) *Policy position- Inhalants*, Canberra: Alcohol and other Drugs Council of Australia.

[http://www.inhalantsinfo.org.au/uploaded\\_files/fck/Inhalants%20policy%20position%20-final.pdf](http://www.inhalantsinfo.org.au/uploaded_files/fck/Inhalants%20policy%20position%20-final.pdf)

ADCA (2010) *Factsheet- Inhalants*, Canberra: Alcohol and other Drugs Council of Australia.

[http://www.inhalantsinfo.org.au/uploaded\\_files/fck/Inhalants%20Fact%20Sheet%20-%20final.pdf](http://www.inhalantsinfo.org.au/uploaded_files/fck/Inhalants%20Fact%20Sheet%20-%20final.pdf)

## Conference round-up



By all accounts the first NIDAC conference was a great success with around 550 delegates from across Australia.

The NIIS was represented by Jane Shelling who gave a presentation about the service and manned the ADCA booth.

Other papers in the inhalants section:

Warlpiri Leading the Way Mt Theo Program: *Susie Low, Enid Gallagher, & Riley Oldfield*

Volatile substance supply reduction project in Alice Springs: *Majella Bowden & Tristan Ray*

Developing Clinical Practice Guidelines to manage volatile substance use: *Tamara MacKean, Sonja Hood, & Emma Lourey*

## Our Service

There are three components of the NIIS, all of which are provided **FREE** of charge to everyone .

Our **Website** - Your first contact point if you are looking for information about inhalants. The site is divided into different sections to make finding information easy and is updated regularly. <http://www.inhalantsinfo.org.au>

Our **Database** - A list of all the inhalant resources we hold. We aim to collect all types of resources including books, journal articles, pamphlets, multimedia, posters & conference papers. This database currently holds 781 resources.

Our **Library Service** - We can supply you with information or resources through our Ask-A-Librarian service or keep you up to date with our current awareness newsletters. Feel free to make contact by emailing [info@inhalantsinfo.org.au](mailto:info@inhalantsinfo.org.au)

## Inhalants Database

The NIIS can supply you with copies of journal articles as well as loaning items including books, CDs, and DVDs. There is no charge for this service. For a full listing of all resources please visit [www.inhalantsinfo.org.au/database](http://www.inhalantsinfo.org.au/database). Please email your requests to [info@inhalantsinfo.org.au](mailto:info@inhalantsinfo.org.au)

Items recently added to the database.

VF 2010-105

Adolescent inhalant use and selected respiratory conditions.

Volume: 25 March 2010

Source: NSDUH Report Pages: [4] p.

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VF 2010-263

Approved response to the review report of the Central Australian Petrol Sniffing Strategy Unit.

Pages: 7 p.

Date: 2010

Web address: <http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/indigenous/pubs/evaluation/petrolsniffing/Documents/default.htm>

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VF 2010-217

Kouzoupis, Anastasios V.

A case of severe toluene withdrawal syndrome treated with clonazepam. [Letter to the Editor].

Volume: 22 (1) 2010

Source: Journal of Neuropsychiatry and Clinical Neurosciences Pages: E16-E17

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VF 2010-262

Combined Australian Government response to two Senate Community Affairs References Committee reports on petrol sniffing in indigenous communities.

Pages: 51 p.

Date: 2010

Web address: [http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/indigenous/pubs/evaluation/petrol\\_sniffing/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/indigenous/pubs/evaluation/petrol_sniffing/Pages/default.aspx)

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VF 2009-731

Dingwall, Kylie

The importance and challenges of assessing cognition in Indigenous Australians.

Volume: 17 Supplement 2009

Source: Australasian Psychiatry

Pages: S47-S50

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If you are part of a community dealing with inhalant misuse, then share your story with us. The information you share might just help another community.

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The NIIS is an initiative of the Alcohol and other Drugs Council of Australia (ADCA) - National Drugs Sector Information Service  
<http://ndsis.adca.org.au>

VF 2010-216

Marsolek, Melinda R.

Inhalant abuse : monitoring trends by using poison control data, 1993 2008.

Volume: 125 (5) 2010

Source: Pediatrics

Pages: 906-913

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Inhalant use : a guide for parents and families.

Pages: 13 p.

Place: Perth

Publisher: Drug and Alcohol Office

Date: 2010

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Howard, Matthew O.

Inhalant use, inhalant-use disorders, and antisocial behavior : findings from the National Epidemiologic Survey on Alcohol and Related Conditions (NESARC).

Volume: 71 (2) Feb 2010

Source: Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs

Pages: 201-209

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VF 2009-730

Wallace, Erik A.

Methanol toxicity secondary to inhalant abuse in adult men.

Volume: 47 (3) 2009

Source: Clinical Toxicology

Pages: 239-242

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VF 2006-804

McGuinness, Teena

Nothing to sniff at : inhalant abuse & youth.

Volume: 44 (8) 2006

Source: Journal of Psychosocial Nursing

Pages: 15-18

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VF 2010-264

Shaw, Gill

Research into legislation relating to petrol sniffing : executive summary.

Pages: [3] p.

Date: 2010

Web address: [http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/indigenous/pubs/evaluation/petrol\\_sniffing/research\\_legislation/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/indigenous/pubs/evaluation/petrol_sniffing/research_legislation/Pages/default.aspx)

VF 2010-265

Research to inform the development of the Youth Diversion Communication Strategy in the East Kimberly and Central Desert Region (CDR) : final report

Pages: 37 p.

Date: 2010

Web address: [http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/indigenous/pubs/evaluation/petrol\\_sniffing/youth\\_diversion/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/indigenous/pubs/evaluation/petrol_sniffing/youth_diversion/Pages/default.aspx)

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VF 2009-733

Review of the Central Australian Petrol Sniffing Strategy Unit (CAPSSU)

Pages: 1 v.

Date: 2010

Web address: [http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/indigenous/pubs/evaluation/petrol\\_sniffing/review\\_capssu/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/indigenous/pubs/evaluation/petrol_sniffing/review_capssu/Pages/default.aspx)

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Revised / new alcohol and inhalants policy positions endorsed.

Volume: Issue 50 May/June 2010

Source: ADCA News

Pages: 8

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VF 2010-218

Armstrong, Kia E.

Television and video game viewing and its association with substance use by Kentucky elementary school students, 2006.

Volume: 125 (3) May-June 2010

Source: Public Health Reports

Pages: 433-440

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