Food Marketing to Children: the need for policy intervention

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Advocacy Prevention

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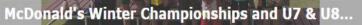










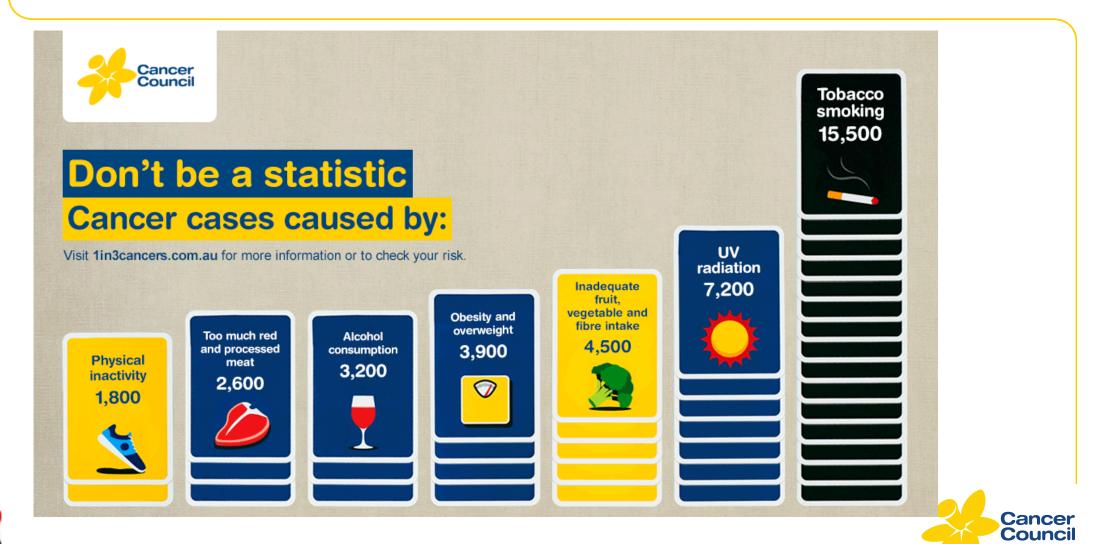








Preventable cancer cases





Food marketing

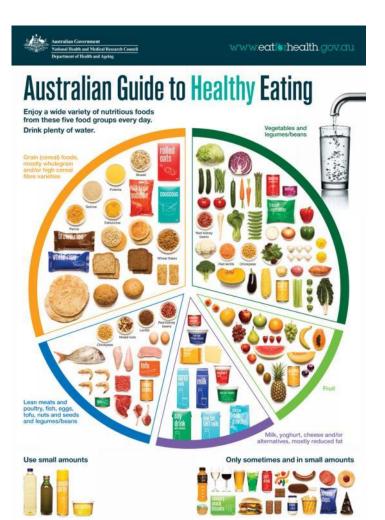
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Influences preferences

t consumption of junk foods

† risk of overweight and obesity

† risk of chronic disease





















The political power of food lobbyists

What Coca-Cola isn't telling you about its health funding in Australia

Junk food industry shaping health policies at public's expense: study







REGULATION



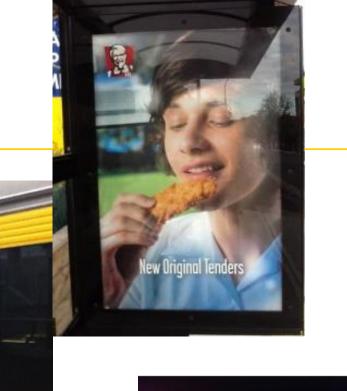
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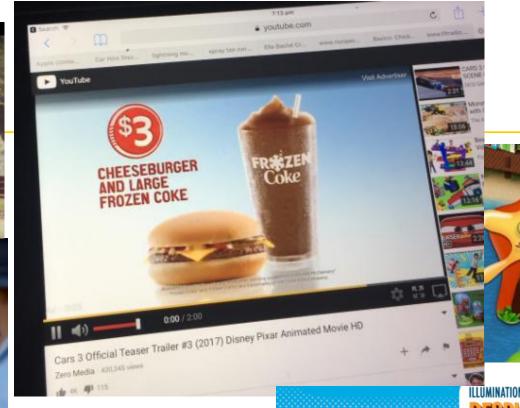




















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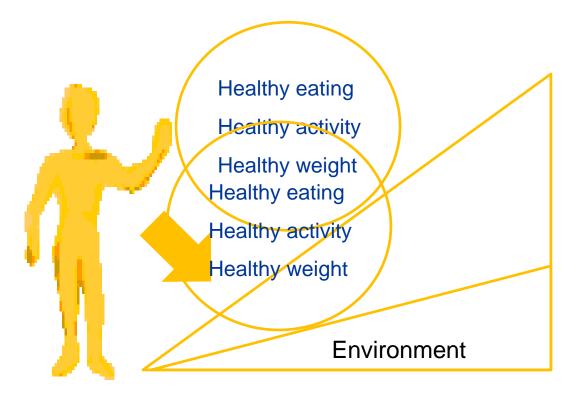






Creating healthier environments

Individual behaviour change



The environmental gradient is steep

So, changing the slope.....



Food marketing to children restrictions

- Clearly define types of foods that can be advertised
- Clearly define 'advertising to children' and the times and places children should be protected
- Be monitored and include sanctions to ensure compliance















Premier's Priorities

Tackling childhood obesity



Till tell you what we do need to look at though. We've got to review the ability of junk food to be advertised at times on television when the kids are watching."

Bill Shorten, Brisbane 20 February 2017

Council of Australian Governments Health Council

Health Ministers agreed to actions that could be taken to limit the impact of unhealthy food and drinks on children and to consult with Ministers in other portfolios to collaboratively develop joint approaches that could be implemented in 2017.



NEW CAMPAIGN

Childhood Obesity Thematic Issue Journal of Public Health

Unhealthy food advertising to kids

How many children are watching prime-time shows in Sydney?



These TV shows are not classified



















Children still fed junk food ads on TV



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Kids on average see three unhealthy food ads for every hour they watch TV

Political lobbying

> **Grass roots** recruitment mobilisation

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Media

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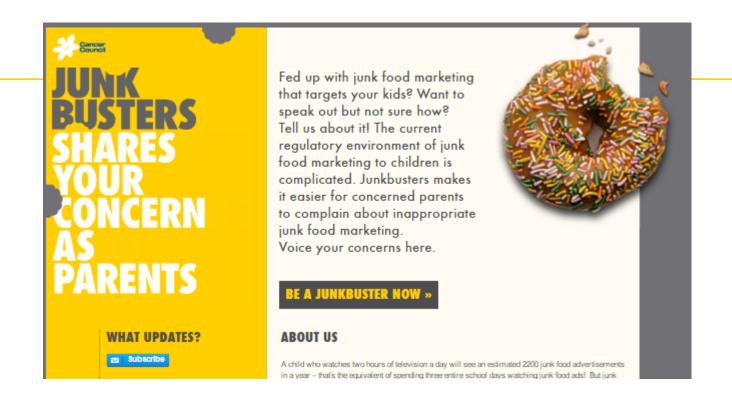
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Voluntary codes to control food advertising to children hasn't stopped junk food promotion







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