

## LITTER OFFENDERS

### **Smokers most to blame**

ANESurvey has given the nation another reason to malign smokers – they are to blame for most of Australia's litter.

The Keep Australia Beautiful national litter index points to cigarette butts as the most common item of litter in 2009-10.

The survey found the most litter per 1000 square metres in Tasmania, and the least in Victoria.

The national average was 66 items of litter per 1000 square metres or 7.55 litres in volume.

Cigarette butts were clearly the most common kind of litter counted, with 32 butts per 1000 square metres in the 2009-2010 survey, up from 30 butts in the previous count. Butts had become a bigger problem since smokers were forced outdoors.