



West Australian Debating League Topic List

WADL TOPICS 2001

Year 8 Competition

- That we should shut the zoos
- That we should all become vegetarians
- That sports cheats should be banned for life
- That smoking should be prohibited
- That public transport should be free
- That we should envy our grandparents
- That money can buy anything
- That child immunization should be compulsory
- That there should be a licence to parent
- That there is too much violence in entertainment
- That young people need more role models
- That experience is the best teacher
- That school sport should be compulsory
- That we should make the environment a top priority
- That homework should be outlawed
- That parents need to be responsible for their' children's crime
- That senior citizens should have to display "S" plates
- That we are slaves to fashion
- That we need more Australian made TV
- That good looks get you further than a good mind

Junior Competition

- That the world is being drowned in Coca Cola
 - That computers are the problem not the solution
 - That condom machines should be installed in schools
 - That Jerry Springer is food for thought
 - That all good fruit is susceptible to fly
 - That the Big Day Out should be banned
 - That a guardian is not a good enough censor
 - That consumers are being taken for a ride
 - That Australia is the 53rd state.
 - That terrorism is justified
 - That religion and politics don't mix
 - That youth wages are unfair
 - That big business is bad business
 - That rice is more important than rights
 - That we would rather be hippies than yuppies
 - That minor parties hamper the political process
 - That Hollywood has a lot to answer for
 - That Eminem should be banned
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That we should rebel against technology
That multi-culturalism causes too much conflict
That chivalry is a lost art
That honest politics is a contradiction in terms
That internet dating is the way of the future
That our world is in good hands
That to preserve peace we should prepare for war
That the state should fund George O'Neil's clinic
That we should rock the boat
That we are more likely to reach the stars than save the planet
That there should be a federal inquiry into refugee detention centres
That we should thank God that we weren't Court again
That we should say what we think
That the war against drugs is a war against the poor
That there should be truth in sentencing
That science has nothing to regret, not even Hiroshima
That we need a green government
That we should condemn more and understand less
That inmates should be deprived of the vote
That the globe should legislate for population control
That ANZAC day glorifies war
That Britney is the next Madonna
That reality TV is a better reality
That the ABC should become commercial
That we should spend more money on the arts
That Antarctica should be left to the penguins
That the truth is out there
That parents need to be responsible for their children's crime
That Hollywood has a lot to answer for
That boxing should be banned
That rural Australia gets the short straw

Senior Competition

That nobody knows news like Seven
That the only place for a just man in an unjust society is prison
That Howard and Hanson should hook up
That there is no good news for peace in the middle east
That George W. Bush is an imminent disaster
That the sexual revolution couldn't keep it up
That we should keep the death clinics alive
That we should relax the state's prostitution laws

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That homework should be banned
That beauty gets you further than brains
That all schools should be co-ed
That smoking should be banned
That Walt Disney did more for humankind than William Shakespeare
That computer games are bad for children
That school uniforms should be compulsory
That McDonald's is a bad influence
That Christmas is too commercial
That we let technology do too much for us
That the Simpsons are an okay family
That the Olympic Games has lost its way
That modern music should be censored
That there should be a licence to parent
That schools waste too much time on sport
That the internet does more harm than good

Junior Competition

That we should stop exploring space
That imagination is more important than knowledge
That there is too much violence in entertainment
That image is everything
That teachers deserve more pay
That school stifles individuality
That commercial news is not quality news
That drug cheats should be banned for life
That the unemployed should work for the dole
That voting should not be compulsory
That women in sport deserve equal pay
That tertiary education should be free
That Australia needs a new flag
That we should re-open the republic debate
That society loses from gambling
That tradition is holding us back
That all tobacco advertising should be banned
That sponsorship is ruining professional sport
That schools should focus on preparing students for jobs
That it is acceptable to break the law as a form of protest
That we should introduce a youth curfew
That privacy is not as important as security
That we should be politically correct
That we should vote off reality TV
That coal and oil are a greater danger than nuclear power
That we should spend more money on the arts
That the voting age should be reduced to sixteen
That Australia should follow the USA
That organ donation should be compulsory
That we need jobs more than trees
That we are too soft on criminals
That the strike is a fair weapon
That Australia should embrace genetically modified foods

That we should ban alcohol
That women's magazines do more harm than good
That we should pay our politicians more
That Australia should take more refugees
That the ABC should become commercial
That Antarctica should be left to the penguins
That the truth is out there
That the carrot is better than the stick
That Hollywood has a lot to answer for
That we should rock the boat
That foreign aid is just a band aid
That our world is in good hands
That the media is more powerful than the government
That technology is tyranny
That we are slaves to fashion
That success is a journey not a destination
That internet dating is the way of the future
That we need more Australian programs on TV
That alcohol is a curse
That beauty is and should be skin deep
That the media are a necessary evil
That consumers are being taken for a ride
That we should say what we think
That Rotto should be a student free zone
That Hollywood should promote better morals
That we should encourage dissent
That school sport should be compulsory
That conservation is a luxury
That it is right to strike
That it pays to conform
That today's youth is a lost cause
That politicians are over paid
That boxing should be banned
That we should legalise performance enhancing drugs
That McDonald's is the evil empire

Senior Competition

That the friends of the earth are the enemies of the people
That we no longer need unions
That we should have mandatory detention for boat people
That we should continue the war on terror
That there is a place for drugs in sport
That we should legalise euthanasia
That independents hamper the political process
That fear is necessary for peace
That Madonna does more for men than women
That employers should have the power to test workers for drug use
That the better the car the better the pick up
That inmates should get the vote
That we should legalise marijuana
That we should reintroduce the death penalty

That to pursue feminism is to reject equality
That we should have a quota for aboriginal politicians
That greed is good
That the ABC is out of touch
That we should take more from the rich to give to the poor
That there should be no right to bear arms
That the government should apologise for the stolen generation
That politicians should be sacked for lying