**How Do Geographic Factors Determine Policy Emphasis?**

**ACDPA- the Australian chronic disease prevention alliance is an alliance of non-governmental health organisations that are working to prevent chronic disease, with particular emphasis on the shared risk factors of poor nutrition, physical inactivity, overweight and obesity and their social determinants.**

Geographic factors affecting policies on Prevention

1. Cut and paste the following statements below one of the four categories of the table.
2. Write a paragraph below the tablewhich begins with the following statement and complete the paragraph using information from the table below. “ Australian policy-makers emphasize on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as opposed to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when dealing with skin cancer mainly as a result of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and/or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ factors associated with this disease.”
3. Complete paragraph activity above again, replacing Australia and skin cancer with an additional disease of your choice (Cholera in Haiti and Dengue in Bahamas are given on website).

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| Natural | Economic |
| Political | Social |

When applying for a permanent visa, applicants must undergo medical examination 🡪 x-ray if 11 or over, HIV/AIDS test of 15 or older

Health is readily available in Australia, making the country developed; however the big health issues are with the development of lifestyle and the increased use of technology. Eg. Obesity, Sun cancer.

Australian government spends $5,881 per person on health per year

Cancer council has granted $47 million to cancer research

Advertise access to doctors and health professionals to improve prevention of cancer

Medical advice over the phone to 150 000 Australians

The cancer council provide a Quitline where smokers can get advice and hints on how to stop.

Australian government provides a national quit tobacco campaign

The cancer council has a program called sun smart as Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world. Each year more than 1850 Australian’s die from this almost entirely preventable disease as well as accounting for 80% of all newly diagnosed cancers.

The age group affected by skin cancer is usually 15-44, affecting a large group of people.

The cancer council provides guidance and advertising on how to avoid too much sun exposure, as well as a range of sun protection products. There are specific steps for each age group on how to so this.

Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world. This is due largely to the climate, the fact that many people have fair skin that isn’t suited to such harsh conditions.

Australia is close to the equator (high UV levels) and has a thinning ozone layer.

Australian culture has a love of outdoor activities such as surfing.

In Australia, the life expectancy of indigenous people is 20 years lower than the other Australians. This is a result of diseases, such as renal failure, heart disease and diabetes. This difference between indigenous and non-indigenous life expectancy is the greatest in Australia. Most other nations have a gap of about 4 to 10 years. Causes of poor health are a result of Poverty, Poor nutrition, Poor housing, Low education level and remoteness.