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Arens AA. *Auditing in Australia: an integrated approach*. 5th ed. Frenchs Forest: Pearson Education Australia; 2002.

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Newspaper article:

Beale, B. Our apocalypse now. *Biodiversity and the threat to it from environmental destruction*. *Sydney Morning Herald* 1989 Jul 15:71,6.

Report (Online):

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. Drinking patterns in Australia, 2001-2007. Cat. no. PHE133. [Internet]. Canberra: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, 2010 [cited 2021 Jan 19]. Available from: <https://www.aihw.gov.au/getmedia/29697ff8-c90d-45e4-979d-39672d95ffd5/11895.pdf.aspx?inline=true>.

Thesis:

Evans PR. Motor and sensory function of the upper digestive tract in health and in irritable bowel syndrome [Ph.D. Thesis]. Sydney, NSW: University of Sydney; 1998.

Conference Paper:

Passey M, Gale J, Stirling J, Sanson-Fisher R. Caring for pregnant Aboriginal women: provider views on managing tobacco, alcohol and cannabis use. In: 2017 Primary Health Care Research Conference, 2017 Aug 7 - 9; Brisbane.

Web page:

Queensland University of Technology. Writing literature reviews. [Internet] 2010 [updated 2020 Jun 23; cited 2020 Dec 6]; Available from: <http://www.citewrite.qut.edu.au/write/litreviews.jsp>.

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