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Date	Title	Journalist	Page	Paper/Source	Summary
14 Dec 2004	Smokers win delay on fines	Murdoch, S	3	The Courier-Mail	Reports on the new Queensland smokefree laws commencing on January 1, 2005 noting that there will be a three month shakedown time before fines will be incurred for any breaches.
15 Dec 2004	Ignorance not bliss as smoking bans start to kick in		2	Ayr Advocate	Story on the new smokefree laws commencing in Queensland on January 1, 2005. "Queens Hotel owner Bill McKellar said smoke-free areas in pubs were a good move."
15 Dec 2004	Still the cancer capital, but it's no death sentence	Maher, S and Stapleton, J	5	The Australian	Reports on findings in the Cancer in Australia 2001 joint report by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) and Australasian Association of Cancer Registries (AACR).
15 Dec 2004	New year to see in smoking bans		3	The Southern Star	Reports on the new Queensland smokefree laws that commence on January 1, 2005.
16 Dec 2004	Gone in a puff of smoke	Chapman, S	43	Australian Financial Review	Refers to research published in Preventive Medicine: Oakes W, Chapman S, Borland R, Balmford J, Trotter L. "Bulletproof skeptics in life's jungle": which self-exempting beliefs about smoking most predict lack of progression towards quitting? Preventive Medicine . 39(4):776-82, 2004 Oct.
16 Dec 2004	Bhutan butts out		9	Herald-Sun	The Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan is first country in the world to impose a complete ban on the sale of all forms of tobacco.
16 Dec 2004	Smoke ban		42	The Advertiser	The Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan is first country in the world to impose a complete ban on the sale of all forms of tobacco.
17 Dec 2004	Sydney beaches declared smoke-free			Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) News	Smoking is banned on Bondi, Bronte and Tamarama beaches.
17 Dec 2004	\$700 fine for the lack of smoking warnings	Nolan, M	3	Daily Telegraph 8 - Central Coast Extra	A Central Coast service station has been fined \$700 for failing to display the required health warning signs at its cigarette display counter.

17 Dec 2004	Retailers' hazy message goes up in toxic smoke	Adshead, G	2	The West Australian METRO	<p>Gary Adshead points out flaws in a submission by the National Alliance of Tobacco Retailers concerned about the tightening of advertising restrictions on tobacco products:</p> <p>"Display restrictions would seriously damage small business and drive business to large supermarkets," it states.</p> <p>In other words, not having display advertising would affect tobacco sales - a core area of business.</p> <p>But on the same page the submission makes the following point.</p> <p>"NATR members, based on the experience of thousands of retailers, believe tobacco products are planned purchases," it reads.</p>
17 Dec 2004	Lonely hearts lose their way in haze of smokes	Fleming, K	40	The West Australian METRO	<p>Reports on research published in the Medical Journal of Australia.</p>
17 Dec 2004	Breathe easy Smokers on outer from New Year	Campion, V	2	Townsville Bulletin	<p>Reports on the new Queensland smokefree laws that commence on January 1, 2005. Phase one of the implementation means there will be no lighting up within four metres of all building entrances, within 10m of a playground, on patrolled beaches or in one-third of the area in Townsville pubs and clubs.</p>
18 Dec 2004	Bump your butt at Bondi		11	Daily Telegraph	<p>Waverley Council will only warn smokers who breach the new smoking bans on Bondi, Bronte and Tamarama beaches. Fines won't be enforced for 12 months.</p>

18 Dec 2004	Toughest no smoke laws to be brought in		8	Innisfail Advocate	<p>Reports that the Queensland government will launch a mass media campaign on December 26 to keep Queenslanders informed of the new smokefree laws.</p> <p>The new laws from January 1, 2005 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . No smoking when standing within 4m of an entrance to a non-residential building (eg. bank, shopping centre, office). . No smoking within 10m of children's playground equipment that is ordinarily open to the public. . No smoking in any of the stadiums managed by the Major Sports Facilities Authority, including Suncorp Stadium, the Gabba, Queensland Sport and Athletics Centre (formerly ANZ Stadium), Sleeman Centre, Brisbane Entertainment Centre and Dairy Farmers Stadium. . No smoking between the flags at patrolled beaches. . No smoking at artificial beaches including South Bank Beach (Brisbane), Settlement Cove Lagoon (Redcliffe), Airlie Beach Lagoon, Rockpool (Townsville) and Esplanade Lagoon (Cairns). . At least one third of the whole enclosed area of a liquor licensed premises must be no smoking. . At least one third of all poker machines at a liquor licensed premise must be no smoking. . A person must not produce, sell or publicly display a cannabis utensil, commonly known as a "bong".
18 Dec 2004	Bondi bans smokers		17	The Gold Coast Bulletin	Smoking is banned on Bondi, Bronte and Tamarama beaches.
18 Dec 2004	Smoke ban hits Bondi		39	Townsville Bulletin	Smoking is banned on Bondi, Bronte and Tamarama beaches.
19 Dec 2004	Women at risk from lifestyle	Masters, C	43	Sunday Telegraph	Reports on data from the NSW Health Department. "NSW Health tobacco analyst Elayne Mitchell, who said teenage girls were more likely to smoke than their male peers."
20 Dec 2004	Staring death in the mouth	Whinnett, E	10	Hobart Mercury	Licensed tobacco retailers in Tasmania are now required to display antismoking posters featuring images of a man with mouth cancer alongside their cigarettes. Also mentions the new smoking laws effective from 1 January 2006. Tasmania will be the first state to ban smoking in all cubs and bars.
21 Dec 2004	Tossing butts can wreak fiery mayhem		5	Canterbury Bankstown Express	Bankstown Fire Brigade is supporting the new <i>Don't Be a Firebug</i> campaign.

21 Dec 2004	Fired up at smoking ban		18	Daily Telegraph	Reports that Italy is introducing laws from 10 January 2005 that will ban smoking in many public places.
21 Dec 2004	Ciao, and no buts		9	Herald-Sun	Reports that Italy is introducing laws from 10 January 2005 that will ban smoking in many public places.

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