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Date	Title	Journalist	Page	Paper/Source	Summary
8-Nov-2004	Brigades push for fire-safe smokes	Harris, T	3	The Australian	Citrate has been shown in overseas studies as the main ingredient that keeps cigarettes burning down to the butt. A report submitted to the federal government on fire safe cigarettes suggests that citrate should be removed from cigarettes to reduce their ignition propensity.
8-Nov-2004	Smoking rules do have a few butts	Skelsey, M	7	Daily Telegraph	Reports on smoking bans at select Sydney beaches and law enforcement measures. Notes that Manly Council has installed small "no smoking" stickers on handrails at Manly ocean beach.
7-Nov-2004	Health issue smoked out		25	Sunday Telegraph	Australian research shows cigarette smoke contributes to a severe muscle-wasting disease that can greatly reduce quality of life.
7-Nov-2004	Done with smoke and mirrors	Sweetman, T	67	The Sunday Mail	Opinion about the campaign by the National Alliance of Tobacco Retailers to water down Queensland's tough new anti-smoking laws.
6-Nov-2004	No smoking in pubs drives more drinking in streets	Dick, T	9	Sydney Morning Herald	Notes that the City of Sydney Lord Mayor, Clover Moore, had previously announced a working party to ban smoking in front of all licensed premises.  "The Australian Hotels' Association' national president, John Thorpe, said he did not think much of the plan.  "There's not much left but going to church," he said. "This is to checkmate the smoker. This is to deliver him the killer blow."
6-Nov-2004	Nicotine study		62	The Advertiser	Snippet about a journal article in "Science". Researchers have identified a group of receptors in the brains of laboratory mice, which seem to be responsible for dependence on nicotine.

5-Nov-2004	Australia ratifies tobacco control plan	AAP		AAP Bulletins	Chris Pyne, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing, issued a media release regarding Australia's ratification of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC). Australia became the 34 <sup>th</sup> party to the FCTC. Note: Pakistan ratified on November 3, 2004 and there are now 35 parties to the WHO FCTC.
5-Nov-2004	New snub for smoke ban laws	Tipper, D	10	The Cairns Post	People caught smoking in pubs, clubs, outdoor eateries, children's playgrounds, sports stadiums and building entrances in Queensland face \$1500 fines from January 1, 2005. However, Douglas Shire will not enforce the ban due to lack of resources.
5-Nov-2004	Call to help butting out on beach easier		2	The Cairns Post	Individuals caught smoking on patrolled beaches in Queensland from January 1 next year will be liable for fines up to \$1500. The legislation would be enforced on all patrolled beaches in the Far North including, the Esplanade Lagoon, Palm Cove, Holloways, Yorkeys Knob, Trinity Beach, Kewarra Beach, Ellis Beach, Four Mile Beach at Port Douglas, Bramston Beach, South and North Mission and ETTY Bay.
5-Nov-2004	Clubs rally against pokie tax	Rao, S	3	Daily Telegraph	Reports that CLUBS NSW met local club representatives in the Central Coast to address indoor smoking bans and higher poker machine taxes. Argue economic losses.
4-Nov-2004	Tobacco displays to be cut			B & T Weekly	Reports that several state governments are considering restricting the display of cigarettes across all retail channels.
4-Nov-2004	Ban 'inappropriate'		15	Mosman & Lower North Shore Daily	Story about Mosman Council's al fresco dining smoking bans.
4-Nov-2004	Warning: don't sell cigarettes to kids		3	Inner-West Weekly	Youth access story. Figures from Central Sydney Area Health Service (CSAHS) show more than one in 10 Inner-West shopkeepers' sells cigarettes to under-age customers.
3-Nov-2004	Qld: Smokers deserve consideration says cleanliness expert	Sheed, J		AAP	Story about pollution from cigarette butts.

3-Nov-2004	Austinmer Bowling Club makes room for smokers ahead of ban	Danninger, L	2	Illawarra Mercury	Austinmer Bowling Club decided to ban all indoor smoking but added an outdoor covered area to accommodate its smoking members.
3-Nov-2004	Smoking ban too long in coming		20	Fairfield Advance	Letter to the editor.
2-Nov-2004	Smoking link to muscle wasting	Pountney, M	13	Herald-Sun	Reports on animal research from Melbourne University that found cigarette smoke noticeably affects appetite and weight control.
1-Nov-2004	More hospitals join smoking ban			Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) News	Patients, staff and visitors are not allowed to smoke inside the grounds of Ballina, Byron Bay and Mullumbimby district hospitals.
1-Nov-2004	[News brief]		9	The Canberra Times	Briefly reports on the UK's Scientific Committee on Tobacco and Health (SCoTH) submission to the British government. The SCoTH report confirms that second-hand smoke significantly increases the risk of lung cancer and heart disease.

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