

SMOKING DEBUNKED

Dr Whitby was born in Mareeba, Queensland. After leaving school at the age of 14 he worked at various jobs and eventually went to the University of Sydney medical school. He worked in part time jobs while studying medicine. After graduating he practised in the country and in Sydney. He later took up the study of law and was admitted as a barrister of the Supreme Court of New South Wales.

He had suffered from asthmatic bronchitis since early childhood. Doctors told his parents that he had a "weak chest" and would probably not live to adulthood.

He has a busy medical practice but was frequently laid up with bronchitis, sometimes with pneumonia. One day an old country doctor said to him, "I used to be like you until somebody put me onto the secret — take up the pipe"

Dr Whitby had never smoked because of the warnings of the "experts" but he decided to try smoking. The result was miraculous. After he began smoking his bronchitis disappeared. In fact it is many years since he has had an attack.

Because of the wonderful effects of smoking in his own case he took a great interest in the smoking controversy and has studied scientific reports more than most people. He was so amazed at the suppression of reports showing that smoking is harmless and appalled at the downright lies of the smoking haters that he decided to write exposing the scare.

His book has been published in twelve countries in ten languages.

To ACT Retailers

Dear Retailer,

You will recall the recent proposal by the Minister for Territories for new health warnings to appear on tobacco products in the ACT, different from those in other parts of Australia. You will also no doubt be aware of the recent meeting of retailers called to protest that decision and I thank the many among you who attended that meeting.

Since then there has been a significant development that you should be aware of, which has a large bearing on the ACT situation. Last Tuesday, 9 September, 1986, the Victorian Government announced that it was abandoning its original proposal for new health warnings and instead would be accepting the same system of warnings adopted by New South Wales. You will remember that it was the Victorian system that Mr Scholes was proposing for the ACT.

Any justification that Mr Scholes may have considered he had for pursuing his course of action has now been well and truly removed and I believe he has no alternative but to fall into line behind the other States and Territory.

You should be aware that the Federal Health Minister, the Hon. Dr. Neal Blewett has welcomed the Victorian decision and stated publicly that he "understood that other States and the Northern Territory were unlikely to follow suit and adopt the revised format decided upon by the Victorian Government".

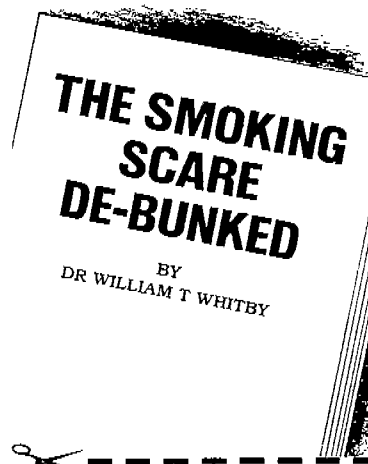
Mr Scholes is now being further urged to adopt the most sensible course and fall into line with the rest of Australia.

I will keep you informed of developments.

Editor

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