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# BUGAUP GROUP CLAIM LEGAL BREAKTHROUGH

**BUGAUP — the tobacco and alcohol billboard attack squad — claims a breakthrough in their campaign against “legal drug-pushing”.**

It was the committal for trial recently of two men whose spray-painted slogans on billboards at Lidcombe earlier this year.

A magistrate sent them for trial on “wilful defacing of property” charges rather than dealing with them as petty sessions matters.

They allegedly spray painted “You can stay with BUGAUP” on a Tooth LA beer advertisement and “Horses smell better” on a Marlboro cigarette billboard.

A BUGAUP (Billboard Utilising Graffitiists Against Unhealthy Products) spokesman, Danielle Kluth, herself facing gaol for refusing to pay a defacing conviction fine, said group members had frequently asked for their cases to go to trial but had to date been refused.

“This brings the public into it because the case will be decided by a jury,” she said.

“It’s never been permitted and we’re very pleased”.

Kluth, a 29-year-old artist, was fined \$100 recently for defacing a Marlboro truck in the city earlier this year.

She said BUGAUP had been warned by “an

industry spy” that the truck, a pantechnicon playing the cigarette’s television advertising music and bedecked with advertisements would be patrolling the city.

Graffitiists planned a concerted attack on it but it was parked in a different position.

Kluth found it, sprayed a drug-pushing slogan, and was later arrested.

“I’m not keen on going to gaol but I won’t be paying the fine or the \$175 costs for damages awarded to the tobacco company,” she said.

“Our policy is to go to gaol rather than pay to bring to public notice the issue of legalised drug-pushing advertising and have it eradicated.

“We have to make them realise we’re serious about it.”

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