Protest over car

Anti-smokers let off steam in the foyer of the Art Gallery of NSW yesterday, bombarding an Alfa Romeo sports car with cigarette butts and crushed tobacco packets.

More than 40 members of BUGAUP — Billboard Using Graffitists Against Unhealthy Promotions — converged on the car, an exhibit in the gallery’s art and technology show, in protest against its Marlboro cigarette advertising.

Visitors and gallery employees watched helplessly as BUGAUP member Ric Bolzan of Redfern chained himself to the vehicle, shouting his disgust at “the use of a cultural institution for the promotion of tobacco products.”