

21st May 2008

Dick Adams MP

Federal Member for Lyons
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Dear Sir,

Smoke from Forestry Planned Burns

Thank you for your letter dated 13/5/2008.

You insult the Tasmanian people's intelligence by giving completely wrong reasons for the need to conduct planned burns.

It has been acknowledged by the combined forestry industries that their planned burns are being done mainly to get rid of forestry operations residue. They are not being done as you claim, "...to reduce fuel and help prevent bushfires in Summer."

The weather cannot be blamed because there are detailed, long range forecasts available long before the fires are lit, and up-to-the-minute short range forecasts. It is totally irresponsible for planned burns to be commenced upwind of any population when the forecast is for light winds in the direction of that population as has been happening. However, it would seem pyromania does not take into account weather conditions or people's health.

I live at Grindelwald where there is not as you claim, "...a lot of smoke from domestic fireplaces..." How come I have had to remain indoors since forestry commenced their burns?

I feel your knowledge on planned burning is seriously lacking, as I could go on to point out many other striking errors contained in your letter." In actual fact, I feel it is a lot of "Dada" as you note at the top of your letter next to "OUR REF:"
Did you really write this?

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Further, you have failed to address my letter to you (15/5/2008) on "...what procedures have **now** been put into place to stop this smoke" because it is still happening.

And,

You failed to mention what you have done for me as one of your constituents, to seek on my behalf an urgent meeting with the Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd PM and myself to discuss this deliberate and serious smoke issue.

I repeat, the reason I am seeking the meeting is because no action has been taken to prevent this intentional health risk happening to me, my family, the environment, and the Tasmanian population as a whole.

I look forward to receiving a more appropriate response this time from my elected Member.

Yours faithfully,

Clive Stott