

24th June 2008

Hon Don Wing MLC
Legislative Council
Parliament House
Hobart
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Dear Sir,

Smoke Inhalation

I read today's article in the Examiner on smoke and saw your name.

If reported correctly it seems Michelle O'Byrne (State Minister for the Environment) still does not know the difference between reduction burns and residue (rubbish) burns the forest industries have been doing that has resulted in most, if not all, of the smoke in the Tamar Valley and across Tasmania.

In brief, I have been in LGH Accident and Emergency four times now as a result of this smoke. You are invited to read more about it on my web site <http://www.cleanairtas.com> and I hope you will.

It has been suggested to me the smoke has come from wood heaters and back yard burning, but where I live at Grindelwald we have not been subjected on our 3acre lot to either of these. It was directly related to the Forest Industries planned burns. As you mention this was in April when wood heaters were not in use. The forestry industries have continued to burn up until at least the 20/6/08.

It is interesting to note in the paper the Minister made no mention of the private forestry organizations that have been conducting planned residue burns as well, and contributing to this smoke problem quite heavily; she only mentioned Forestry Tas?

Thank you Don for your interest in this rotten problem that has left me and others very ill. Michelle O'Byrne refuses to meet with me.

Yours faithfully,

Clive M. Stott