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Dear Mr Stoff

Freedom of Information (FOI) Request – FOI08/6 Review

Thank you for your letter of 17 June 2008. You have not specifically couched your request in terms of a review of my decision under Section 22 of the Act and I am therefore dealing with your letter simply as a request for further information.

I would like to address some of the points outlined in your summary;

- i) **Dates and Times of all planned industry-wide forestry burns in Tasmania.**
Dates of Forestry Tasmania burns have been provided in my reply dated 28 May 2008, times are listed on the individual burn documents held across a number of offices as previously advised.
- ii) **Map locations including plannedburnstas.com daily maps;**
Following further enquiries we have identified additional information, of which I was unaware, held in our electronic databases. A copy is now enclosed.
- iii) **Wind Speed and Direction;**
Wind speed and direction may be recorded in individual burn documents held across a number of offices as previously advised.
- iv) **Area Burnt;**
Forestry Tasmania planned burns areas have been provided in my reply dated 28 May 2008. Forestry Tasmania does not hold industry wide data for this or any other burn information.
- v) **Amount of wood burnt;**
This information is not recorded.
- vi) **Tons of smoke released;**
This information is not recorded.

vii) Notifications of burns by Gunns or any other forestry business/enterprise;
Following further enquiries we have identified some relevant information held in our electronic databases of which I was previously unaware. As this involves information provided by third parties, I am required to consult with these parties before making any decision on its release. I will advise you further in due course.

viii) Duration of burns until extinguished;
Status and completed dates of Forestry Tasmania planned burns have been provided in our reply dated 28 May 2008.

My decision in respect of individual burn documentation, held across a number of Districts was that it falls within Section 20(1)(a)(i) and 20(1)(b)(i) of the Act and provision was therefore refused. I note that I have previously provided you with the opportunity to redefine your request, which you have declined.

Nevertheless I would be able to provide copies of a limited number of specific burn documents, which contain information responsive to your requests as outlined at points (i) and (iii) above. Please contact Ms Triffitt to discuss your requirements on 62338106. I note that a charge of \$5 will be made for the relevant documents from each burn, representing part of the cost of collation and copying.

You are entitled to request a review of this decision under Section 22 of the Act and you have 28 days within the receipt of this notice to do so. It is deemed that you would have received this notice on the fifth day after it was posted.

Yours faithfully



Dr Hans Drielsma
Executive General Manager
Designated FOI Officer