

17th June 2008

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Dear Sir,

Freedom of Information - FOI08/6 Amended Request.

Thank you for your correspondence dated 28/5/2008 which was hand delivered to me on 11/6/2008.

You would remember when I first submitted my FOI Request you wrote back to me saying I needed to streamline my request and to be more specific. I feel I did this in my Amended Request and as a result of that you have supplied me with some information.

Unfortunately, the one piece of information you have provided me with is meaningless. You released fourteen (14) data base pages headed, "*Status of Recent Planned Burns in All Districts since 21/04/2007.*" However, you have not indicated to me where any of these burns took place.

I would imagine the "asset name" hides this information in code, eg, FR003C NF2 and I would need you to provide me with the necessary means to decipher this information. Either that, or you can do it for me as "planned burn location" formed part of my request.

You mention in your accompanying letter, the information I have requested will take," 20 days of staff time at a cost of approaching \$7000."

I feel this is a gross exaggeration of the facts.

I have been reasonable to date with my request for information. I altered my request at your insistence on one occasion; to alter it further will not give me the information I am seeking which is being held by Forestry Tasmania.

I feel my request is straight forward and this information should be readily at hand from databases across Tasmania. What you provided me with would have taken no more than a few minutes to locate and print out.

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To summarise:

I requested,

i) ***Dates and Times of all planned industry-wide forestry burns in Tasmania.***

You have provided me with dates only. You have not provided me with times. You state Forestry Tasmania does not hold much industry-wide information however, you have not provided to me what you do have.

ii) ***Map Locations including plannedburntas.com daily maps.***

You have provided me with useless coded information in relation to locations. You have not provided me with a simple set of daily computer .bmp files uploaded to the industry-wide plannedburntas.com daily website, which are housed on your database.

iii) ***Wind direction and Speed.***

Nothing provided.

iv) ***Area Burnt.***

Provided by Forestry Tasmania but not on industry - wide basis. Please advise.

v) ***Amount of wood burnt.***

It is not clear from your letter if you have any information as to the amount of wood burn. Please advise.

vi) ***Tons of smoke released.***

Again it is not clear from your letter if you have any information as to the tons of smoke released. Please advise

vii) ***Notifications of burns by Gunns Ltd or any other forestry business/enterprise.***

I was advised you do have information in respect to this, but none has been released.

viii) ***Duration of burns until extinguished.***

Nothing released. Please advise.

At this point I can do no more than repeat my request for information.

Perhaps it is now up to Forestry Tasmania to explain exactly what information is not available, or to provide me with what is available.

Yours faithfully,

Clive M. Stott