

17th September 2008

**Chief Forest Practices Officer**

Forest Practices Authority  
30 Patrick Street  
Hobart  
Tasmania. 7000.

Dear Sir,

**Standard for Smoke Management in Tasmania/ Draft Smoke Guidelines**

I recently received the following email from Dr. Dorothy L Robinson of the Armidale Air Quality Group. Could this information please be added to my submission dated the 29/8/2008 which outlines ways to stop planned burning and thus prevent Tasmanians inhaling harmful smoke.

Yours faithfully,

Clive M. Stott

Hi Clive,

I thought of you when I read [Bulletin 1294 - 40MW Biomass Power Plant, Manjimup](http://www.epa.wa.gov.au/article.asp?ID=2744&area=EIA&CID=16&Category=EPA+Reports)  
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This report comments on the reduction in air pollution if wood waste is burned for power generation (in a plant equipped with fabric filters) instead of burned in-situ.

I wonder if the politicians would support a call for 'best practice waste management', including banning burning waste in-situ in favour of biomass power?

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The introduction of a ban would provide the economic incentive to develop biomass power, a 'win-win' situation because of the income generated from the power and the reduction in air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.

A similar law could apply to any waste that could be used to make wood pellets. Instead of burning it, the land-owners could be obliged to transport it free of charge to the pellet manufacturers.