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Dear Mr Stott

Further to my response of 18 November 2008 to your Freedom of Information request received on 12 November 2008 for access to:

"A comprehensive list of the parties involved in the development of the 'Draft Forest Industry Standard for Burning Practices', that was trialed in the (a) 2008 burning season, and (b) for the 2009 burning season."

I can advise that in 2007 the Forest Practices Authority proposed that the best of the current planning tools and guidelines for prescribed standard of burning should be brought together as a uniform forest industry standard. A draft was prepared covering planning, public notifications, smoke management, risk assessment and competency standards for prescribed standard of burning practitioners. The draft standard was introduced to the forest industry in March 2008 with the aim of conducting field trials during the 2008 autumn burning season.

The parties involved with the development of the draft standard used as a trial during the 2008 burning season are listed below.

Forest Practices Authority; the then Department of Tourism, Arts and Environment – Environment Division; Forestry Tasmania; and Forest Industries Association of Tasmania.

Yours sincerely

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