

10th March 2009

Mr. Peter Rowlands

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Dear Sir,

Without Prejudice

Planned Burns - Smoke Inhalation.

Thank you for your letter dated the 23rd February 2009 and co signed by somebody else for Client Liaison Officer Ms. Jane Becker.

Your letter raises some quite serious concerns in regards to this practice and my health. You would no doubt be aware that last years planned burn smoke affected me greatly at the time and I will, by all accounts, be troubled by what happened to me back then for the rest of my life.

When Ms Becker met me at my residence she left assuring me she would come back to me with some form of proposal. To date I feel this has not been forth coming.

The reasons I say this are as follows:-

i) I was sent information off the website Amizon.com about air cleaners. When you think about it, Ms Becker was recommending on behalf of Forestry Tasmania that I just go out and get, or buy off the internet, one of these devices to overcome the effects of deliberate planned burn smoke.

None of the devices recommended to me are medical devices; and they do not have Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) certification. Had I gone ahead on Forestry Tasmania's recommendation to purchase and use any of these devices I may very well have been subjecting myself to further harm.

ii) Forestry Tasmania has decided not to provide me with a medical grade air purifier.

Instead, I was subsequently directed to consult with my doctor about the suitability of the products Ms. Becker recommended.

I have since done this, and my doctor has stated that he would not recommend any of them to me as they are not a certified medical device.

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iii) Forestry Tasmania has declined relocation because of, "...the broad nature of your smoke intolerance..." and mentions, "...short term relocation."

Forestry Tasmania cannot go around diagnosing peoples medical conditions; this is the role of fully trained medical personnel who have access to all the facts, and with the person's permission. In my case you do not have any of these.

I feel Forestry Tas. has refused to relocate me because of the broad nature of the planned burn smoke and because of the extended length of time it occurs.

It is highly likely that planned burn smoke will affect me seriously again this year if it goes ahead. In actual fact it has been stated by Forestry Tas. that the smoke issue will not be significantly reduced until plantation establishment is completed (date unknown).

Forestry Tasmania has not come forward with any satisfactory proposal as to what can be done for me. They have dismissed outright any earlier talk of relocation and have, I believe, made medical judgments in areas when they were in no position to be doing so.

Perhaps Forestry Tasmania might like to reconsider their position in relation to this matter and come back to me within fourteen (14) days.

This correspondence should not be taken lightly.

Yours sincerely,

Clive M. Stott