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Dear Senator for Tasmania,

Smoke inhalation from planned burns

Thank you very much for your prompt reply of 9/10/2009.

I look forward to hearing from you following Minister O'Byrne's reply.

In the meantime there is one thing you might be able to progress for me at Federal level please.

A new National Environment Protection Measure (NEPM) is being developed for Ambient Air Quality (AAQ) across Australia.

I was advised on the 21/7/2009 the new draft discussion paper would be released for public consultation as from 25/9/09, all going well. I am enclosing a copy of this letter for your convenience which has all contact details contained within.

It has not appeared as far as I can see on The Environment Protection and Heritage Council website and my emails to try and find out what the latest is on this matter have gone unanswered.

I would like to know what the latest is please with the development of this AAQ-NEPM as our air quality here in Tasmania is deliberately damaging people's health during planned forestry burning operations.

It may be just a simple delay in the process but I have no way of knowing without a response.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

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