

14<sup>th</sup> May 2008

**Michelle O'Byrne**

Minister for Environment  
Public Buildings  
St. John Street  
Launceston  
Tasmania. 7250

Dear Michelle,

**Wood smoke and ill health.**

The Federal Member for Bass (Jodie Campbell) advised me on the 24 April 2008 that she had been talking to you on this matter and, "...the matter is being investigated by the department."

I have not had a response from you and meanwhile the forestry industry is smoking us out just the same. Yesterday for example the whole Tamar Valley was blanketed in smoke (as it still today) with twenty four (24) burns being undertaken. Many of these burns are being conducted upwind of populated areas so once again there must be something amiss with forestry's 'air modeling'. I can not believe they could get it wrong on so many occasions.

By now you should have something to report to me on this serious environmental pollution and the awful effects it is continuing to have on people's health.

This is a very serious matter. As the Minister for Environment could you please ensure your response is now forwarded to me within seven (7) days.

Yours faithfully,

Clive M. Stott.