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No action over forestry burns

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TASMANIA'S environment watchdog has dropped action against Forestry Tasmania and Gunns over forestry burns.

But the Environment Protection Authority said it and the Forest Practices Authority would review the impact of smoke from burns.

EPA director Warren Jones said it would examine the **very high smoke levels in the Huon Valley** and Burnie areas, which concerned health authorities in April.

Mr Jones said the levels of fine particulate matter the most damaging to health were "clearly unacceptable".

"The EPA has consulted with the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions and I have formed the view that it is very unlikely that a successful case could be mounted," Mr Jones said.

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