

42: While this comment may upset some people, I believe the strategy of fuel reduction burns are pretty much a pointless, expensive exercise. When the conditions are extreme, with high temperatures and strong winds, everything will burn. Returning home after evacuating on 4th January, I saw even the grass on my lawn had burned, even though the grass was cut short and had been hosed down before evacuation. When conditions are that bad, nothing except luck will stop the fire.

Allowing Forestry Tasmania to be in charge of 'fuel reduction' burns is like letting kids loose in a lolly shop! I have personally witnessed FT employees deliberately setting unnecessary fires, not for fire safety, but to ensure the crews could stay on the job longer so they would receive fat pre-christmas pay bonuses.

The whole strategy being currently adopted for fire 'management' is ineffective and massively expensive.

Resources should be aimed at direct protection of threatened property. Change the bash n' burn mentality that achieves very little!

Comment 42: Posted by Harry Higgins on 19/10/13 at 07:14 AM

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