



**TASMANIAN FARMERS & GRAZIERS ASSOCIATION**

Mr C Stott

Dear Mr Stott

Thank you for your letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> August 2014 in which you outlined further concerns regarding fuel reduction burning.

Firstly, the item referred to in your correspondence is a column I write each week for the Tas Country. Tasmanian Times choses to reprint it each week. At no time have they sought my permission to do this – but, as it is in the public domain, I have chosen to let this pass.

I believe you have spoken at length to my Policy Manager, Peter Skillern, with respect to control burns and he has outlined the situation from the TFGA perspective.

I take this opportunity to highlight again that the fuel reduction strategy is the view of many experts in the field of fire mitigation and is strongly supported by those who do not wish to see the catastrophic events of Victoria repeated in Tasmania.

It is also opportune to point out that this policy is one of government and not one that was initiated by the TFGA. Accordingly, your concerns should be addressed to those who are implementing this policy decision.

I do not believe that we are in a position to assist you any further on this matter. While we appreciate that you have genuine concerns, they are best dealt with by the appropriate government area.

Thank you for taking the time to raise your concerns with us.

Yours sincerely

Jan Davis  
Chief Executive Officer  
15<sup>th</sup> September 2014