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Dear Cathy,

Re: AFT Media Release 20/1/2009

Thank you for emailing the release to me.

I am not quite sure where you are coming from in relation to this document.

Your wording as follows is of concern :-

- i) "Monitor smoke..."
- ii) "...efficiently and effectively monitor their burn-offs"
- iii) "...those who do not, to be subject to stringent review."
- iv) "...all burn-offs...are conducted and controlled in line with evidence based practice and state of the art monitoring."
- v) "...we would like to see these breaches investigated."

MONITOR:

In relation to i), ii) and iv) above, what are you trying to say and how do you expect people to apply state-of-the-art monitoring?

Do you expect people to go out and purchase this equipment and become proficient in its use?

INVESTIGATED / STRINGENT REVIEW:

In relation to iii) and v) above, who is to investigate these people, and who do you propose is going to subject these people to stringent review?

EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE:

In relation to iv) above, please explain?

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION POLICY (AIR QUALITY) 1994:

Can you please explain why you chose this legislation?

There is a later version dated 2004, but even though, there are other Standards/Codes/Acts and Guidelines that you should have referred to to protect the public from deliberate, pernicious planned burn smoke.

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Again, the Asthma Foundation of Tasmania has not taken up the challenge to lobby to have planned burning stopped. You know the dangers of inhaling this particle pollution and yet you will not lobby on behalf of your suffering members, even though you are prepared to state, "The AFT is charged with the responsibility of ensuring the respiratory health of all Tasmanians."

It is no good trying to manage asthma, like you state, after it is deliberately brought on.

I look forward to your earliest convenient response.

Yours faithfully,

Clive M. Stott