

Asthma Foundation's real work

Regarding "Asthma body needs a new head" (Letters, May 18), the role of the Asthma Foundation is to educate and assist the community to ensure the highest level of respiratory health. While we would all like to see burn-offs banned, this will not happen overnight.

In the meantime we are seeking to minimise the possible impacts, especially on those with asthma and respiratory disorders, by working with stakeholders.

The Asthma Foundation is working towards ensuring all burn-offs, whether they are carried out by small landowners or timber organisations, are conducted and controlled in line with best practice.

By undertaking a process of stakeholder engagement the foundation has the opportunity to achieve real outcomes, rather than a simplistic approach of calling for a ban which is not likely to succeed.

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