

17.10.2011 Smoke Watch

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Late in the afternoon I smelt wood smoke in the house.

It got much stronger at about evening meal time and I was forced to wear a half-face respirator mask inside the house.

Getting on for 7pm I drove down Waldhorn Drive because that was the direction of where the wind and smoke was coming from.

There were fires and smoke at 1 Waldhorn Drive, just opposite from number 2 Waldhorn Drive mentioned in the preceding post on the 25/9/2011.

I stopped the car and took some photos then I went and informed the 'neighbour' he was smoking us out and I was concerned his fires could set the whole of the escapement alight. The wind came up and blew the flames towards the scrub and I did not see any hose or fire fighting equipment nearby. He made sure he stood up-wind of the fires so he didn't breathe any of the smoke and they were lit when smoke would not blow towards his house.

The owner claimed he had received written notification from the West Tamar Council to clean up his property (this would be an abatement notice?) and that was what he was doing.

The burner said that he would do what he liked on his property and that he wasn't smoking anyone out. He would not entertain the idea of putting the burns out or taking his green waste to the nearby green waste station at Exeter like we do, or chipping it.

He does have other options than burning his waste and making people sick.

See the short video and attached photos. Mac users might have to get a video plug-in for WMV file types.

When I got home I telephoned the afterhours emergency number for the council. A security firm took the call and I asked if they had the West Tamar Council's Environmental Health Officer's number so they or I could speak to him about the smoke in the house. The chap told me he didn't have any out of hours emergency numbers for our council! He could not help me at all.

I telephoned the EPA 24/7 number and lodged a complaint which will be followed up by email.

Meanwhile there was no let up from the smoke once the smell was inside our house. I was not able to open the windows or doors.

I was just getting over the previous smoke from #2 and now I am fighting for air again.



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Re: 17.10.2011 Smoke Watch

by Shirley on Tue Oct 18, 2011 12:38 pm

Typical behaviour of a neighbour who thinks only of himself. There is far too much of this going on and when it affects a person's health it is unforgiveable.