

21.6.2010 Smoke Watch

Whose smoke is this we are breathing?

The pollution was awfully bad on the northern side of Launceston. It stung the eyes and made breathing difficult.

I do not believe the primary cause was wood heater smoke, in actual fact I do not think much of this pollution was wood heater smoke because that is brown. This was more the colour and smell of burnt vegetation.

This muck was coming in on a westerly wind and settling in the Tamar valley. 100,000+ people were breathing it. These photos were taken about 4.45pm.



Looking N/W for miles. Not many wood heaters out there. This was where the prevailing weather was coming from.

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It collected and settled out up the river near Launceston.

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East to Mount Arthur. Not many wood heaters over there.
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As far as the eye could see to the west. Not many wood heaters out there.
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Exeter and beyond were in it
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