

## Smokewatch 30.10.2009

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The smoke smell became noticeable at about 1.00 am in the morning; infiltrating our closed up house. At about 6.00am it was evident how much smoke was about and I could not go outside without covering my nose and mouth. At about 8am it had dispersed somewhat at our property. However, you could see it thick wherever you looked and the stink was right throughout the house. It was now worse inside than it was outside but you couldn't open up the windows!

I was pleased to get out to attend an appointment in Launceston but the smoke was as far as you could see in every direction.

When I arrived back home mid afternoon I put on my half face respirator mask and went out in it to take some pics. The smoke was pretty awful.

I met a chap at Brady's Lookout. He asked me if I had a spare respirator he could use.

When I got home I phoned Tas Fire Service. They said there were a couple of small fires but they wouldn't be big enough to smoke out the whole north like it was.

I filled out the FPA's smoke complaint form, but it would not submit. Probably because they are not employing their Combined Smoke Management Strategy between October to December, even though Forestry Tas has a current burn today and private forest planned burns have been happening.

Next I contacted the Environmental Health Department. They weren't aware the Smoke Strategy was not operating. They believed my complaint should be able to be processed.

Owing to the wide spread concentration of environmental smoke in the north of Tasmania that was directly affecting my health I left it with this department to come back to me.

Below are some of the photos I took between 1130am and 4pm. Some are looking south towards Launceston....I say towards because Launceston is not visible! Others are in every other direction showing the extent of this deliberate pollution.

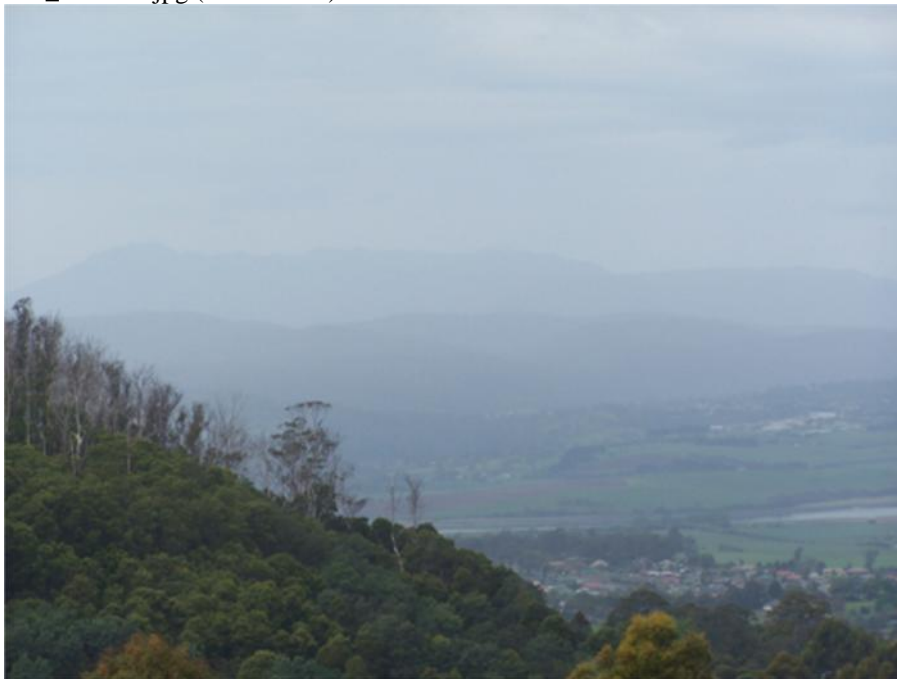


*Taken from Legana looking towards S/E and S. towards Launceston*  
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*Taken from Grindelwald looking E over the Tamar River and towards Launceston.  
No mountains visible.*

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*Taken from Grindelwald looking over the Tamar River towards Mt. Barrow,  
barely visible.*

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*Again from Grindelwald looking N. Note the smoke has come right up into the nearest trees, other smoked out.*

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*From Brady's Lookout to the N. Visibility was from a few hundred meters to about 1 to 2Km*

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*Looking over the beautiful? Tamar River. Everything was greyed out by the blue smoke*  
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*Looking over the town of Exeter. The smoke is always bad in Exeter*  
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*Another Northerly view. It is all smoke. Using the 'visible smoke index' air quality would be deemed unhealthy or hazardous.*

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*From Brady's Lookout to Mt. Arthur or what you can see of it.*

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*Towards Mt. Barrow*  
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*From Brady's Lookout to Grindelwald in the smoke. Nothing is visible towards Launceston*  
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*Grindelwald again. The smoke makes it look like a cheap camera was used with a plastic lens! Auto focus would not lock on because of the smoke, manual methods had to be used.*  
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*Launceston was not visible from the West Tamar highway*  
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### Re: Smokewatch 30.10.2009

by Redd1st on Mon Nov 02, 2009 6:30 am

My gosh...awful. Ran into lady while playing games online last night that wanted to move to No. Tas...told her about the running 'smoke bombings' there & she was shocked. Gave her your link to view for herself, so glad u updated this. You live in such a beautiful area but assume your 'gov. ppl' don't want anyone to ever THINK about moving there since they do nothing to control the smoke issues????