

15th May 2008

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Dear Sir,

Forest Industry's Smoke

This is to confirm my telephone conversation with your office today.

On the 24th April 2008, Jodie Campbell MP (Member for Bass) wrote to me stating she had forwarded my correspondence (see attached) on to you for attention.

The reason I rang your office was that I have not had an acknowledgement of you ever receiving same, or any advice as to what procedures have now been put into place to stop this smoke.

Your office advised me that the person who was responsible for dealing with this matter was on extended sick leave. This is not a reason not to do anything about such a serious health issue. There would be someone who could and should be dealing with it.

Just two days ago on the 13/5/2008 there were twenty four (24) burns across Tasmania. Approximately a third of those were upwind of the Tamar Valley according to the meteorology department, and we were deliberately blanketed with thick smoke once again. These fires are not regeneration or fire reduction burns; they are forestry residue or rubbish burns and could be avoided by other practices.

The smoke was just as bad yesterday when there were seventeen (17) burns in progress under similar meteorological conditions.

I have had to remain mostly indoors now for weeks (before and after being admitted to Accident and Emergency) because of deliberate forestry smoke.

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As a result of this, my request to raise the issue with the Federal Environment Minister, the Hon Peter Garrett has now been upgraded to ask you as the Member for Lyons, to seek on my behalf an urgent meeting with the Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd PM and myself to discuss this deliberate and serious smoke issue.

The reason for doing this is because no action has been taken to prevent this intentional health risk happening to me, my family, the environment, and the Tasmanian population as a whole.

Yours faithfully,

Clive M. Stott

Attachment enclosed.