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Subject: DHHS Website

Good afternoon Martin,

I have just had a look at the DHHS/Environmental Health web pages and I didn't see anything about Air.

I figured it would have been close to the Water link. Perhaps I missed it.

Perhaps you can explain what the situation is please?

Thanks,

Kind regards,

Clive Stott

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----- Original Message -----

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Hi Clive

Sorry for the delay in getting back to you.

There is information about water on the web pages on the DHHS web site. This is because Part 6 of the Public Health Act deals with drinking water supplies, including testing and registration of public drinking water supplies. The DHHS has a clear regulatory mandate in this area.

You are correct that there isn't anything about air pollution in general on the DHHS/Environmental Health web page, though there are sections dealing with legionnaires disease control measures for air conditioning systems and the information pamphlet on bushfire smoke you have already seen.

The reason for not having much about air on the web site is that there are other agencies that take the lead role in administering various legislation and codes that deal with air pollution. You will recall our previous discussion on DHHS role in regard to air pollution.

EPA in particular has a lot of information, including updated pollution monitoring results. My understanding is that the EPA will shortly place a greatly increased number of air monitoring site results from various parts of the state on the internet for public access.  
<http://www.environment.tas.gov.au/index.aspx?base=2809>

However the DHHS web site does not make reference to the role of these other agencies. I will ask that the DHHS web site be modified so that if the public is looking for health information about smoke, they are directed to both the DHHS smoke pamphlet and also the links to the EPA and FPA web sites.

Thanks for your interest.

regards

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