

Smoke monitoring

ONE would have to view the University of Tasmania's Smoke Monitoring Methods Review, 08/2008, with suspicion.

This review was prepared for Tasmania's Environment Protection Authority by Dr Grant Williamson and Professor David Bowman, of the university's school of plant science.

A quick look on the Internet tells us that plant ecologist Prof. Bowman is active with planned burn theories. Recently he gave a talk from Forestry Tasmania's head office in Hobart on "why Tasmania is the origin of a global theory of fire".

In relation to the public frequently expressing concerns about planned burning, Prof. Bowman wants to "monitor the pollution so as to reassure the public of the benefits of prescribed burning . . ." The World Health Organisation disagrees with him as there is no safe level of fine particle pollution.

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