

15th April 2009

Ms. Sheryl Wolfe
Freedom of Information Officer

Forest Practices Authority
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Dear Madam,

FOI Request dated 16/3/2009 – Daily Smoke Management

Thank you for your letter dated the 8th April 2009 in relation to this matter.

It would seem you have not provided me with any grounds as per the Act to refuse me access to the information sought under FOI, ie, daily smoke management information for planned burning in Tasmania.

You do go onto say, "...FOI legislation is to give the public legal right to be provided with any information contained in records in the possession of an agency..."
This would include the FPA and information housed on the FPA website, and has nothing to do whether it is a trial or not.

I note, in refusing, you have not provided me with any options I might have under the FOI Act, and that you did not acknowledge my FOI request until I rang you to see if it had been received.

I am therefore, as of today, requesting an **Internal review of your decision** by someone who has the authority to conduct that review.

Depending on the outcome of the Internal Review, the matter may very well need to proceed to the Ombudsman's office for an External Review and decision.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Clive M. Stott