

7th October 2009

Senator H. Polley.
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Dear Senator for Tasmania,

Smoke inhalation from planned burns

I am writing to ask what you have done for people with regards to smoke from planned burns?

I have to frequent Launceston the home of your electoral office when I visit respiratory specialists and many other addresses in the city. The smoke does not just begin and end at electoral boundaries or at boundaries created by federal, state, or local government. It has been acknowledged as being hazardous to health, has hospitalized me previously and left me with on-going additional health problems.

You would be aware of the appalling smoke we have had for months again this year from these burns and are about to go into the next 'burn season' (sic). Please do not be confused by an article in the Examiner newspaper recently (20/7/2009) trying to shift the blame onto domestic wood heaters, as this article contained factual errors. Might I add that tons and tons of smoke were inhaled for many months when heaters were not even being used.

It has been determined by Sharni Driessen, advisor to Premier David Bartlett here in Tasmania that Air Quality comes under Minister Michelle O'Byrne and not David Llewellyn.

I believe there have been a large number of complaints about this pernicious smoke and I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

Clive M. Stott

Attached please find Ms Driessen's confirmation email

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Return-path: <sharni.driessen@dpac.tas.gov.au>
Envelope-to: cleanair@cleanairtas.com
Delivery-date: Wed, 24 Jun 2009 01:15:30 -0400

Re: Air Quality

Dear Mr Stott,

I am sorry to confuse I was using general terminology, but yes you are correct, Minister O'Byrne does cover the portfolio heading of Air Quality. I encourage you to contact Minister Michelle O'Byrne's office in regards to your meeting request. I have contacted Minister Michelle O'Byrne's office and raised your concerns, I have again informed them of your current correspondence with me.

Kind Regards,

Sharni Driessen
Adviser to the Premier
Office of the Hon David Bartlett MP
Premier of Tasmania