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Dear Ms Allen

Thank you for your email of 14 August 2008 regarding the effects on your health from forestry burns.

I understand that the Director of Public Health, Dr Roscoe Taylor, has also received a similar email and provided a direct reply updating you on recent activity on this issue.

Although the Department of Health and Human Services has no regulatory controls over planned burning activities including forestry burn-offs, staff have been liaising with relevant agencies to explore what may be done to minimise public exposure to smoke from a range of sources.

The information you have provided will be helpful in informing these discussions.

Thank you once again for raising this matter.

Yours sincerely


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