



Australian Government

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

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Mr Dave Groves

Email:

Dear Mr Groves

Thank you for your e-mail of 27 April 2008 to the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts, the Hon Peter Garrett AM MP, concerning smoke from planned forest burning. I have been asked to respond.

I am aware that burning activities associated with forestry operations are particularly significant in Tasmania and I share your concerns about the potential health impacts of exposure to wood smoke. However, planned burning activities associated with forestry operations in Tasmania are a State responsibility.

The Tasmanian Government has established procedures and a Forest Practices Code to improve the management of smoke from planned burns. I suggest that you forward your concerns to Forestry Tasmania and the Tasmanian Department of Environment, Parks, Heritage and the Arts for their response.

Thank you for writing on this matter.

Yours sincerely

Kelly Pearce
Assistant Secretary
Environment Standards Branch

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