

23rd October 2008

Dr. Roscoe Taylor

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Dear Sir,

Smoke Inhalation – planned burning

I refer to our previous correspondence on this matter and the same letter sent to you dated 10/10/2008 to which there has been no reply.

I have received an e-mail in relation to the Tasmania Fire Service and planned burning. They claim their role is only to ensure that any guidelines for fire use do not increase the risk of fire escapes and consequent damage to community assets.

You claim you do not have any regulatory control over population smoke inhalation from planned burning in this state.

TFS goes so far as to state that smoke management and its associated health impacts are your department's responsibility. (see below).

I view the matter of deliberately caused smoke inhalation seriously and I am writing to ask to have the matter clarified.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Clive M. Stott

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Dear Clive M. Stott

In response to your questions below the role of TFS is focussed on the direct effects of fires. The issues you are concerned with are the responsibility of the public health authorities. In relation to the formulation of policy the TFS participated in the development of the Tasmanian Air Quality Strategy and is routinely consulted in the development of government policies.

Yours truly

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Subject: Re: Smoke Guidelines

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Dear Mark,

Thank you for your reply.

You state that, **"...TFS role is to ensure that any guidelines for fire use do not increase the risk of fire escapes and consequent damage to community assets."**

a) Does the TFS have a response or view in relation to smoke management or associated health impacts at all, or just community asset protection?

b) Does the TFS have any input into government policy or guidelines in relation to planned burns and smoke management?

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Clive M. Stott

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Sent: Monday, September 29, 2008 12:35 PM

Subject: Smoke Guidelines

File: 0106

Mr Clive M. Scott

Dear Clive M Scott

Smoke Guidelines

Thankyou for forwarding to the Tasmania Fire Service (TFS) your submission to the Forest Practices Authority about guidelines for smoke management. TFS is always interested in community concerns with aspects of fire management and fire safety.

The guidelines to which you refer are being developed by the Forest Practices Authority. TFS role is to ensure that any guidelines for fire use do not increase the risk of fire escapes and consequent damage to community assets.

The issues you raise in your submission relate to the operation of other departments and broad government policy. I am sure you understand that TFS does not have a response or view on these issues other than supporting government policy.

Yours truly

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