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**Sent:** Wednesday, 18 January 2023 8:59 PM

To: 'Louise.Cate@utas.edu.au'

**Subject:** Attn: Prof. Tracey Dickson, Menzies Director

Dear Tracey,

Welcome to your new position as Menzies’ Director. Congratulations.

Like you, I too left Tassie and pretty much always knew I would return.

Perhaps we have crossed paths in previous lives; I attended Burnie High School. We also lived at Scottsdale following my return in 1975.

I worked in state health in hospital/biomedical engineering and because of my own life-long respiratory problems I set about campaigning for clean air.

I enjoyed listening to your ABC radio interview with Kylie Baxter earlier this week.

One thing in particular stood out where you mentioned people like to light a fire…even on a fine day.

I have been campaigning for wood smoke to stop because: -

i) There is no safe level of particulate matter.

ii) On the 17/10/2013 the specialized cancer agency of the World Health Organization, the I[nternational Agency](https://cleanairtas.com/irac-pr221-e.pdf) [for Research on Cancer (IARC)](https://cleanairtas.com/irac-pr221-e.pdf), announced today that it has classified outdoor air pollution as carcinogenic to humans (Group 1).

After thoroughly reviewing the latest available scientific literature, world leading experts convened by the IARC Monographs Programme concluded that there is sufficient evidence that exposure to outdoor air pollution causes lung cancer (Group 1)

They also noted a positive association with an increased risk of bladder cancer.

Particulate matter, a major component of outdoor air pollution, was evaluated separately and was also classified as carcinogenic to humans (Group 1).

NOTE**: Similar Group 1 carcinogens are asbestos, arsenic, formaldehyde, and mustard gas.      And,**

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As a neuroscientist I feel you would know these science-based facts?

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Tassie has been releasing pernicious wood smoke now for over 60 years as a result of planned burning, whether it be forestry, back yard burning, firepits, wood heaters, and so on it doesn’t matter wood smoke is wood smoke.

You would be aware Tasssie now has pretty much the worst health outcomes in all areas in most states.

We really need to connect the dots. The science has been done, now we need to stop the burning.

I shudder when I read how much money is being poured into research to find ways to allow burning to continue to harm people.

We need more than being told to stop inside, to wear masks, to run purifiers so wood burning can continue.

Study money should not be used for these purposes and aimed at vulnerable people, ie those with respiratory or cardiopulmonary disease, the young, the elderly for example, it has all been done.

We don’t need study money being used to study these people. I don’t want donated grant money being used to study me.

Wood smoke harms everybody. I want donated study money spent to stop the burning.

Now Tassie is on 100% renewables there has never been a better time.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Clive Stott

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From: Prof. Tracey Dickson, Menzies Director

Sent: Monday, 23 January 2023 11.39

To: [cleanair@cleanairtas.com](mailto:cleanair@cleanairtas.com)

Subject: **Subject:** Attn: Prof. Tracey Dickson, Menzies Director

Dear Clive,

Thank you for your email and for listening to my interview on ABC radio last week. It does seem like we have followed a number of similar life paths ! I apologise if I sounded like a supporter of woodfire burning, that was not my intention. We are working hard at Menzies to advocate for cleaner air.

Menzies has extensive expertise in environmental health, and last year our head of environmental health Professor Fay Johnston was awarded $2.5 million for a [Centre for Safe Air.](https://issuu.com/menziesinstituteformedicalresearch/docs/utas209_menzies_spring_bulletin_2022_web) Professor Johnston was also a keynote speaker late last year at the [Sohn Hearts and Minds](https://www.utas.edu.au/about/events/sohn-hearts-and-minds-conference) investment conference held in Hobart. She spoke to a room packed with the country’s top investors and political minds and detailed why she is passionate about clean air and how improvements in air quality will bring both health and economic benefits to Australia and the world.  We have also conducted research that has called for harm minimisation in relation to wood heater smoke and air pollution, and this research has been used by organisations to lobby governments for policy change.

<https://menzies.utas.edu.au/news-and-events/media-releases/2021/even-low-levels-of-air-pollution-are-harmful-to-health>

<https://menzies.utas.edu.au/news-and-events/media-releases/2020/new-study-shows-the-health-impacts-of-biomass-smoke-exposure-in-tasmania>

Thanks again for your email, and your support, and best of luck for your own advocacy work.

Best wishes

Tracey

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**Subject:** RE: Attn: Prof. Tracey Dickson, Menzies Director

Dear Tracey,

Thank you for your email.

More specifically, can you please advise what research is being conducted to allow wood heaters and fires to be used, and does Menzies receive funding from the Australian Home Heating Association?

Thank you.

Kind regards,

Clive Stott

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**From:** Tracey Dickson <[tracey.dickson@utas.edu.au](mailto:tracey.dickson@utas.edu.au)>   
**Sent:** Tuesday, 24 January 2023 08:09  
**To:** [cleanair@cleanairtas.com](mailto:cleanair@cleanairtas.com)  
**Subject:** Re: Attn: Prof. Tracey Dickson, Menzies Director

Dear Clive,

I managed to catch up with Fay Johnston yesterday regarding your query. She confirmed that she hasn’t received any funding from the Australian Home Heating Association, and I do not know of any other Menzies researchers that do. I am also not aware of any Menzies research that is specifically targeted at allowing wood heaters or fires to be used.

Best wishes, and thank you again for your email.

Tracey

From: [cleanair@cleanairtas.com](mailto:cleanair@cleanairtas.com)

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Good morning, Tracey,

Thank you for following up so promptly with answers.

Regards,

Clive