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Mr Clive Stott

Dear Mr Stott,

Thank you for your letter of 21 May once again talking of the number of fires around the West Tamar region. I think I was referring to the local government fires that are lit in winter to try and reduce the fuel and help prevent bushfires in summer. Those fires that are used to prepare seed beds in forestry operations are, as you say, different, but I understood the fires you were referring to on the days mentioned were not forestry fires.

I am not in a position to either monitor the fires or to seek their cessation as it under local and State government legislation. So if you wish to take this issue further, I would suggest you talk to the Mayor of West Tamar, Barry Easther or a Member in State Government if you wish to pursue a strategy for smoke reduction.

There would be little point in meeting with the Prime Minister or any Federal government members as they would only refer you to the same people as this is not in our jurisdiction. So I would suggest you talk to your local Mayor in the first instance.

I hope this helps you to address your concerns.

Yours sincerely,

DICK ADAMS

Federal Member for Lyons

