The reality of fire permits:

The number of large fires left burning in this state are a definite worry when weather conditions can change for the worst at anytime.

Recently, total fire bans were declared while these fires were in progress.





IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Total Fire Ban



Today Mon, 11 January 2010 has been declared a day of TOTAL FIRE BAN for the whole state of Tasmania.

No fires may be lit or be allowed to remain alight in the open air from Mon, 11 January 2010 12:01 AM until Mon, 11 January 2010 11:59 PM.

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Total Fire Ban



Tomorrow Tue, 12 January 2010 has been declared a day of TOTAL FIRE BAN in the Northern and Southern Region(s) of Tasmania.

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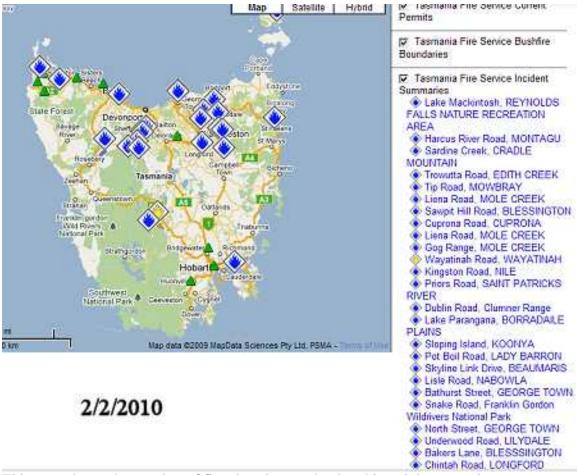
In addition, current permits to burn were in place according to the Tas. Fire Service. Tasmania Fire Senice Current Satellite Map Tasmania Fire Service Bushfre **Houndaries** ▼ Tasmania Fire Service Incident Summaries Linger Longer Road, NUGENT Barnes Road, SAINT MARYS Elephant Pass Road, SAMT Asbestos Road / Bowens Road ORK TOWN Lonnavale Road, LONNAVALE Coldstream River, WARATAH CAPE BARREN ISLAND Holley Road, HOLLEY BASIN Mcdougalls Road, LONNAVALE Calder Road, CALDER Woodsdale Back Road WOODSDALE Huon Highway, DOVER Native Corners Road, CAMPANIA Waterhouse Road, GLADSTONE Waystinsh Road, WAYATINAH Dalgarth Road, HARFORD Montumana Road, MONTUMANA Dunrobin Road, OUSE Dial Road, PENGUIN 11/1/2010 Tor Hill Road, OUSE Ben Lomond Road, BEN

With the establishment of large scale plantations in Tasmania the risk of a wildfire is very real. Containment lines are regularly breached.

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The people that put their lives at risk to go out and fight these fires do a fantastic job but it seems those in-charge just have to have fires going. Why don't they get on and put them out. If they don't have the resources who have they told? Surely they would not want to be before a Commission of Enquiry as a result of these fires not being extinguished.

The York Town fire that threatened Beaconsfield was first reported on January 2 but was not declared to be 'out' until January28 after burning more than 3050 hectares. Not only is fire a worry there is the toxic smoke. The Fire Service website warns about the dangers of smoke from bushfires and planned burns and yet they allowed us to be subjected to pernicious smoke all this time when Tasmania has the highest rate of asthma in Australia.



This map shows the number of fires burning on the day this article was written.