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Subject: Fw: **Re Smoke Grindelwald and Tamar Valley 3.4.2009**
Date: Sat, 11 Apr 2009 19:08:56 +1000

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Subject: Fw: **Re Smoke Grindelwald and Tamar Valley 3.4.2009**
Date: Sun, 12 Apr 2009 16:49:50 +1000

Mr. Warren Jones
EPA

Dear Sir,

I am writing further in regards to unacceptable environmental planned burn smoke which occurred right throughout the Tamar Valley on the 3/4/2009 and resulted in me suffering further breathing difficulties.

My complaint was taken and recorded at that time by Environmental and Public Health, The Environment Division, and the FPA.

I now have a report from the FPA claiming the smoke was not as a result of **forestry practices in the Tamar Valley**, however, you will notice from my emails this was not what I asked the FPA.

The smoke was so widespread and of such magnitude that I believe it did come from planned vegetation burns upwind of the Tamar Valley.

You only need to look at the attached photos taken on that day to realize the extent of the fine particle pollution we are being forced to breathe.

We now have the situation where the FPA does not accept responsibility for the smoke, however, it did not just happen by itself.

I am now writing to ask for your report in regards to the complaint I lodged with your department at the time, and if any action was taken by you in regards to it.

Pic 2474 is a view from Grindelwald looking towards the Tamar River below and Launceston to the right. Both have been blanketed by heavy smoke.

Pic 2460 is a view from Brady's Lookout on the West Tamar Highway North of Grindelwald looking North. The smoke is in the distance and coming right up into the trees below.

Pic 2465 is a pic from Brady's Lookout towards Launceston. The city is normally visible beyond the trees but it is completely blanketed.

Pic 2466 is a pic from Brady's Lookout towards Grindelwald on the hill. It is only 2Km away and is obscured by smoke.

Pic 2462 is a pic looking across the Tamar river. Details have been lost by the smoke. No mountains are visible.

The smoke went as far north as the eye could see and extended well past Launceston to the south. It had claimed the whole Tamar Valley and east of the valley.

I look forward to hearing what you have to report, thank you.

Yours faithfully,

Clive M. Stott

----- Original Message -----

From: [Mick Schofield](mailto:Mick.Schofield)

To: cleanair@cleanairtas.com

Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2009 8:56 AM

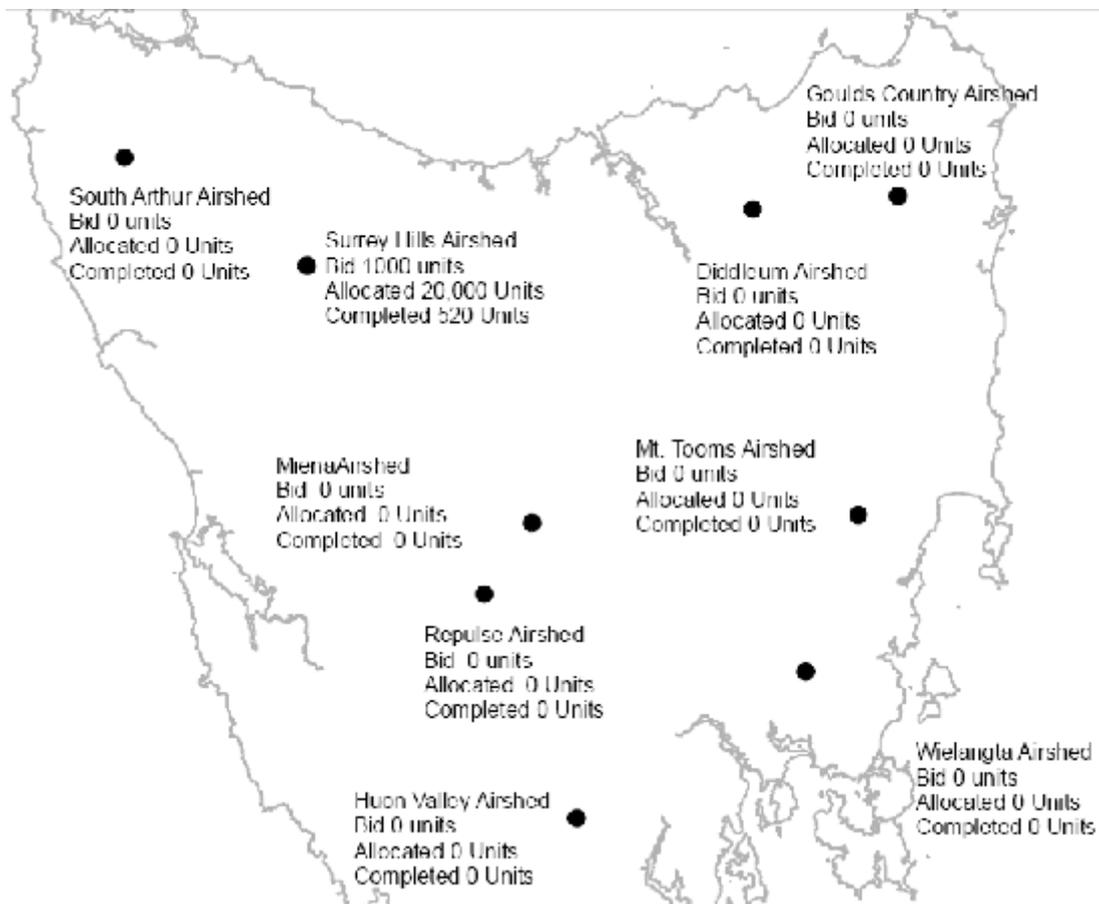
Subject: RE: Re Smoke Grindelwald and Tamar Valley

Dear Mr Stott

As per attachment there were no forestry burns in the Tamar Valley on Friday 3rd April. As the FPA is monitoring forestry burns only I cannot determine what other burning was occurring.

CSMS Registered Burns 03/04/2009

NOTE: Point data shows location of point data source for the airshed as modelled by the bureau of meteorology not the location of burns.



As you are aware the FPA is monitoring compliance with planned forestry burns as part of the co-ordinated smoke management strategy. This information, together with expert review and information from the public will be used to improve the management of smoke in the future.

This information will be made publicly available on the FPA website at the completion of the planned forestry burn season.

Thanks

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From: cleanair@cleanairtas.com [mailto:cleanair@cleanairtas.com]
Sent: Monday, 6 April 2009 8:35 PM
To: Mick Schofield
Subject: Re: Re Smoke Grindelwald and Tamar Valley

Dear Mick,

Thanks for that. Can you tell me where the burns were last Friday that resulted in me having to make that complaint please?

Thanks again,
Clive

----- Original Message -----

From: [Mick Schofield](mailto:Mick.Schofield@fpa.tas.gov.au)
To: cleanair@cleanairtas.com
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2009 10:09 AM
Subject: RE: Re Smoke Grindelwald and Tamar Valley

Hi Clive

Yes the second complaint was registered, record 20. I am to finalise a number of reports on smoke management and will likely have an opportunity to do this today and will include yours.

Thanks

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From: cleanair@cleanairtas.com [<mailto:cleanair@cleanairtas.com>]
Sent: Friday, 3 April 2009 7:23 PM
To: Mick Schofield
Subject: Re: Re Smoke Grindelwald and Tamar Valley

Mr. Mick Schofield,
Compliance Manager
FPA

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your email.

Can you please confirm my second complaint for smoke throughout the Tamar Valley on the 3/4/09 was recorded by the FPA?

As you kindly did in your last email, could you please email me the details and location of burns taking place on this day please.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

Clive Stott



2474 Launceston - the disappearing city



2460 Smoke as far as you can see; extending right up into the trees in the foreground.



2465 The landscape is not visible



2466 Only 2Km to Grindelwald on the hill. Health is put at risk again



2462 The extent of the smoke can be seen. The whole valley is covered.