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Dear Sir,

Smoke Inhalation – Planned Burning

Thank you for your letter of the 28th November 2008.

In my letter to you dated 24/11/2008 I wrote, ***"The issue I am concerned with is smoke inhalation from planned burning; nothing more nothing less."***

Your largest paragraph (paragraph 2) goes on about unrelated issues such as, ***"…consumer product safety and injury prevention measures, many aspects of water pollution and vehicle emission standards…"***?
These have no bearing on smoke inhalation from planned burning which is occurring in this state and is a huge public health issue.

You mention, "…***DHHS is currently participating in a smoke management working group co-ordinated by the FPA."*** It would seem to me that although DHHS's views may be welcomed by that group, the group is under no obligation to accept any of them and likewise neither are the FPA Advisory Council or the FPA Board.

Smoke inhalation from planned burning is a public health issue and yet you refer me to the FPA for answers to legitimate concerns that I have after being affected by this environmental pollution issue.

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I have contacted the FPA as you suggested in relation to some of the questions I asked in my last letter, however, as the body responsible for public and environmental health I need to know from you:-

i) Who actually is responsible for the public's health when it comes to environmental smoke inhalation from planned burning?

and

ii) What happens with regards to members of the public who are affected by smoke inhalation from planned burning whilst strategies are being worked out?

If you do not know please say so; if you do know please give me answers.

You say you agree that bioenergy from wood waste, ***"…should be encouraged as a renewable energy source."*** I hope we are in agreement that you meant your first concern is to, a) stop environmental smoke from planned burning for health and amenity reasons, and b) in doing so 'renewable energy' is a bonus?

Yours faithfully,

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