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Dear Mr Vermey

Thank you for your constituent enquiry relating to fuel reduction burns.

Fuel reduction burns are undertaken to reduce bushfire fuels. Reducing these fuels can decrease the intensity of bushfires, help protect communities, and make it safer for firefighters to contain and extinguish fires.

Fuel reduction burns have recently been completed in nearby areas of South Hobart and Ridgeway, along with the establishment of fuel breaks in Fern Tree.

More information about fuel reduction burns, including locations where burns are scheduled this spring, is available on the [What's Burning Now?](#) page on the Tasmania Fire Service website www.fire.tas.gov.au.

Bushfire safety is a shared responsibility, and it is important for households to prepare both their properties and themselves for bushfire. There are several simple actions that can be undertaken now in preparation for the fire danger period, including clearing vegetation and other combustible materials from around the home, developing a bushfire plan, and knowing where to access emergency information.

Further information on preparing your property and family for bushfire season is available at www.fire.tas.gov.au.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Felix Ellis", written over a light blue circular stamp.

Hon Felix Ellis MP
Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management

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Copy to: Laura Ross, Clerk of the House of Assembly