

Smoke from Burn-offs – Community Health

Dr WOODRUFF question to MINISTER for HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH and WELLBEING

This is a question from my constituent David in Geeveston, who contacted me and said: I am being seriously affected by the amount of smoke from burn-offs in the Huon Valley. I have asthma and smoke makes it hard for me to breathe. As a resident of Geeveston, I know very well we need to have fuel reduction burns to protect us from bushfire risks, but I was horrified to learn that Forestry Tasmania also adds a huge amount of smoke by burning logged sites. This adds a huge smoke load which is terrible for people like me and others with respiratory conditions. The amount of smoke last Sunday was so extreme I couldn't even go outside to mow the lawn or go to the shops, and I spent the day in the house. Will you put the community's health first and stop these unnecessary forestry burns?