

## Air pollution Inquiry

### YOUR SUBMISSION

#### **Submission:**

As a life time non-smoker, I woke up on the 20th April to a distinct smell of smoke in our house and to find my breathing was hindered. Looking out the window I discovered the FFM had once again lit up the forest as smoke was evident all around us.

Checking if any windows were open, I was alarmed to find our en suite window was slightly ajar which had the effect of allowing smoke to penetrate our home.

Apart from the devastating affect these fires have on the flora and fauna (the breathing for birds and animals and their loss of habitat) the impact on people can be extreme. As a person who suffers bronchial asthma at times I had to use Ventolin to ease my breathing and then had to remain indoors and not meet a commitment I have every Tuesday morning until the smoke eased. Even this morning my breathing is being impacted and requires Ventolin which I don't normally have to use on a daily basis.

From what I have read about the effects of smoke on the body, it is not at all good for the health of residents in the area and I fear intensely for the health of our birds and animals who have been hugely impacted with the catastrophic 2020 fire event.

Please stop FFM from burning and causing serious health issues for humans and other life.

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