

Disclosed Information

In assessing the information for disclosure, I am exercising powers delegated to me by the Principal Officer of DPFEM under Section 21 and 24 of the *Right to Information Act 2009*.

I disclose nine (9) pages (attached) of relevant information in response to your application.

Further to the disclosed information/documents, I can advise that there were three (3) burns cancelled in or around the Swansea area between the 1 January 2016 and 1 January 2019. These were:

- TEZ002BU Dolphin Sand Melrose 45ha. The land owner was initially keen to have a FRB on his property but subsequently decided against it due to a perceived negative response from the greater Dolphin Sands community. This was a phone call between Bernard Plumpton (Regional Planner BRU) and the land owner. There is no written record.
- TEE202BU Bluemans Creek. This burn was split into 2 sections. Section 1 (147 ha) was burnt in autumn 2018. Section 2 (298 ha) was scheduled to be burnt in the following 12 months, however a significant landowner was concerned about the level of scorch in Section 1 and withdrew his permission to conduct the burn. See attached email chain between Dan Hoar and the land owner.
- TEE241BU Dry Creek. This burn was approximately 2255ha and located to the west of Swansea. Craig Chivers (Station Officer, Bushfire Reduction Unit) was the lead on planning this burn and spent considerable time undertaking both field visits and desk top planning. The burn was unable to be advanced as a landowner on the northern end of the burn clearly stated that he did not want any burning on his land. Whilst this was a small section of private property relative to the burn size, due to the location of the property boundaries (steep and rough) his property could not easily be excluded from the burn so nothing further was progressed. Efforts were then turned to other strategically important areas in the Southern Region. I have attached a map of the proposed burn boundary, showing the land owners property, and email that Craig Chivers sent to Dan Hoar (then Regional Planner BRU) after speaking with owner.

The Tasmania Fire Service, which forms part of DPFEM, is the custodian of the information you seek and therefore is required to comply with the Act and the *Personal Information Protection Act 2004*.

Kind regards

Lee Taylor

Sergeant No. 1801

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From: Hoar, Daniel
Sent: 24 March 2020 15:23
To: s. 36 - Exemption
Subject: FW: fuel reduction burn at Bluemans Creek

From: Hoar, Daniel (TFS)
Sent: Wednesday, 22 May 2019 9:55 AM
To: s. 36 - Exemption Applied
Subject: RE: fuel reduction burn at Bluemans Creek

Hi s. 36 - Exemption

Thanks for getting back to me. If over time your thoughts on this matter change feel free to get in touch.

All the best

Dan Hoar
 Planning Officer
 Bushfire Risk Unit

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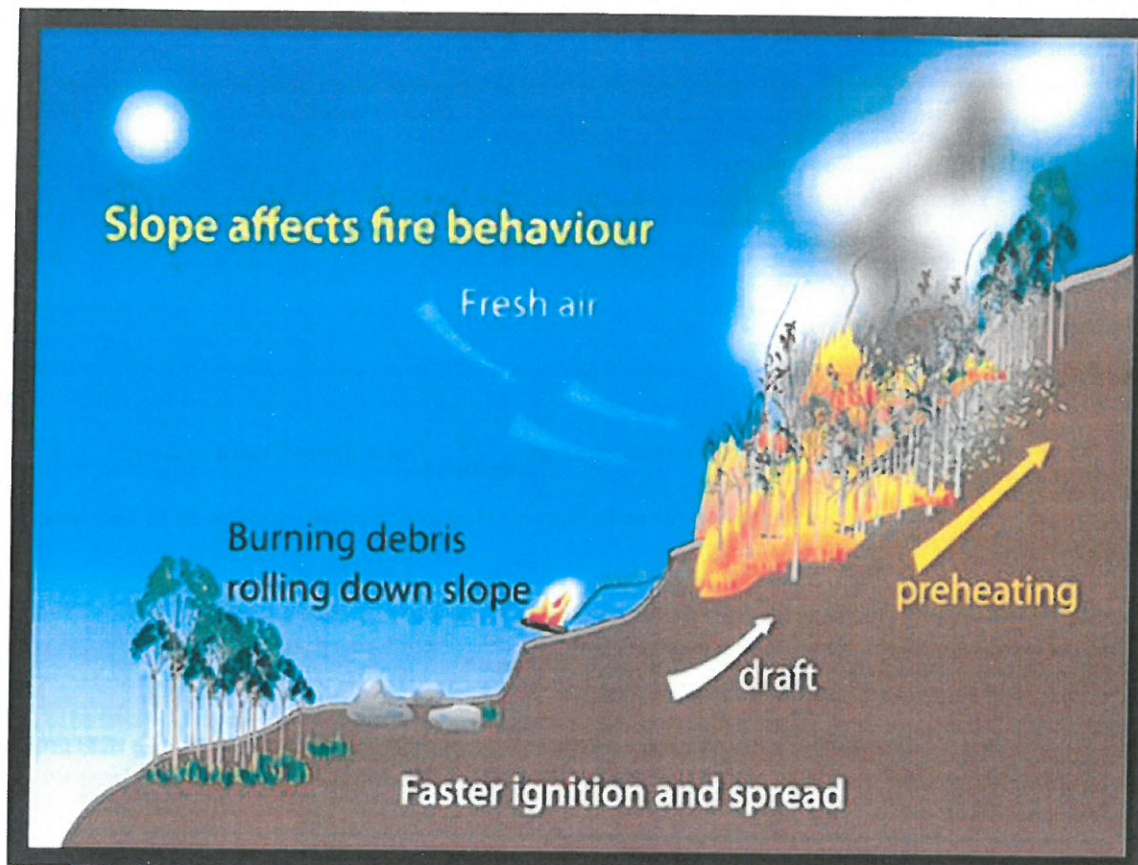


From: s. 36 - Exemption Applied
Sent: Tuesday, 21 May 2019 9:44 PM
To: Hoar, Daniel (TFS) <Daniel.Hoar@fire.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Re: fuel reduction burn at Bluemans Creek

Hi Daniel, I have had a good look at the burn-offs done along the Lake Leake Highway. Unfortunately this has only further confirmed my concerns of what it will do to our property. I was initially led to believe that the burn off will only burn the undergrowth and not touch the trees. I have now seen that this cannot be guaranteed and I would definitely not want this damage to occur to our property. I apologise for this decision and the inconvenience it might cause.

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From: "Hoar, Daniel (TFS)" <Daniel.Hoar@fire.tas.gov.au>
Date: Friday, 14 December 2018 at 12:36 pm
To: s. 36 - Exemption Applied
Subject: RE: fuel reduction burn at Bluemans Creek



From: [REDACTED] s. 36 - Exemption Applied
 Sent: Monday, 3 December 2018 11:04 PM
 To: Hoar, Daniel (TFS) <Daniel.Hoar@fire.tas.gov.au>
 Subject: fuel reduction burn at Bluemans Creek

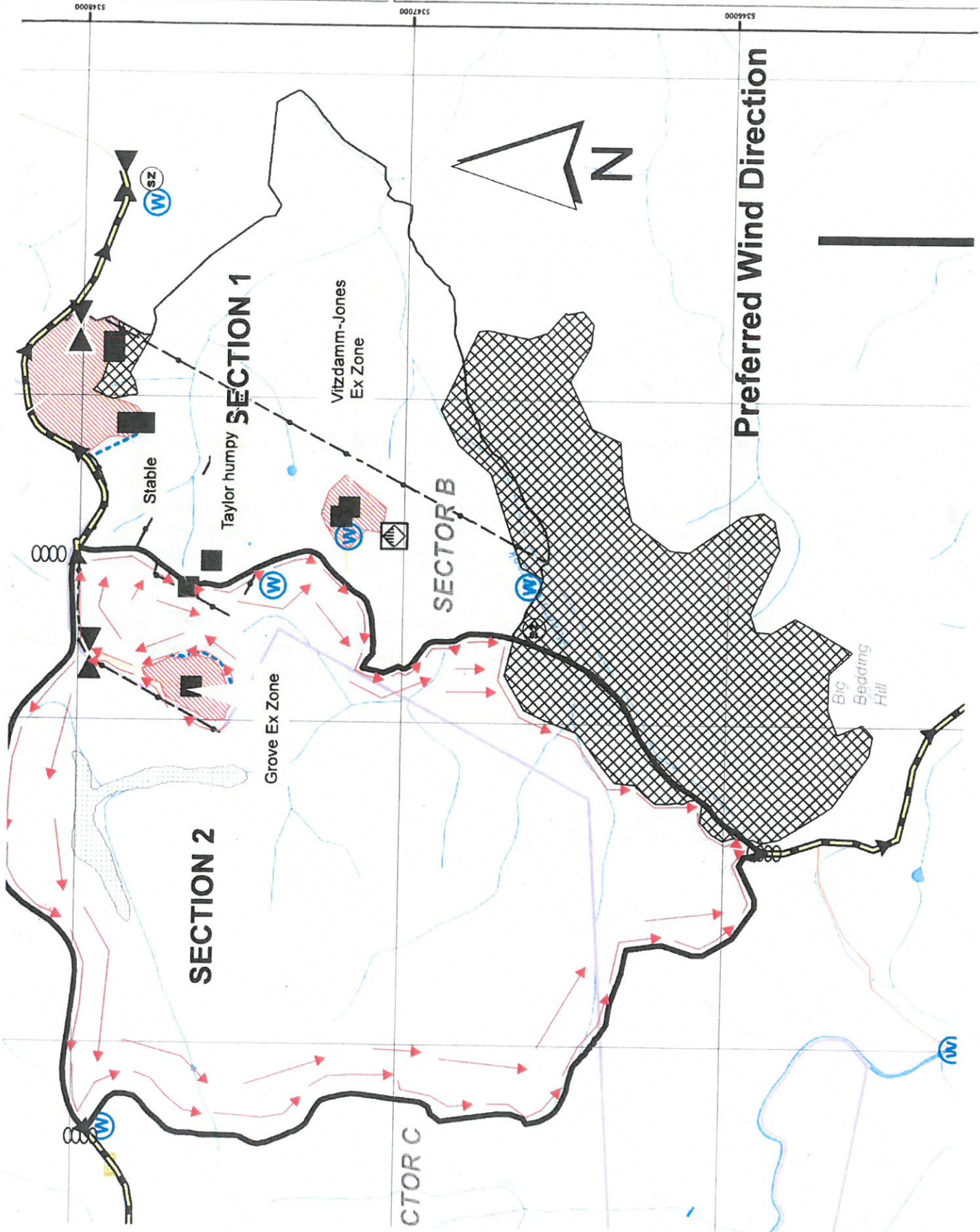
Dear Daniel

After seeing many large trees die from the burn off on the side of the road along Lake Leake Highway near our property I have changed my mind and do not wish the burn on our property to proceed. I fear that the large established trees will be likely affected and that is not the outcome I want. I was led to believe that only the ground cover would burn leaving the taller established trees to live – this is definitely not what has happened to trees in the recent burn – they appear well and truly destroyed and I would be very surprised if they will recover.

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Tasmania Fire Service

File No: TEE241BU

28 June 2016
Fuel Reduction Unit

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Dear Landowner

FUEL REDUCTION BURN PLANNING - DRY CREEK

The Tasmania Fire Service's Fuel Reduction Unit is working to identify areas where work is needed to lower bushfire fuel levels and lessen the chances of a large bushfire impacting on the community.

Planning for your local area by the East Coast Fire Management Area Committee has identified an area of high fuel loads that could put local residents at risk if a bushfire were to occur. This area includes property that you own (see reverse for map). For this location, the most appropriate method to reduce bushfire fuel is a prescribed burn. As well as being effective in reducing risk it is also less damaging to the environment than manual clearing.

We would like to have a site meeting with you to look more closely at your property and the possibility of including a portion of your land in a fuel reduction burn this spring and autumn. A representative of the Tasmania Fire Service will be in contact shortly to discuss this with you.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact me on [s. 36 - Exemption Applied](mailto:s.36-ExemptionApplied@tasfire.tas.gov.au) or email [s. 36 - Exemption Applied](mailto:s.36-ExemptionApplied@tasfire.tas.gov.au) Further information on the Fuel Reduction Program is on the web at <http://www.fire.tas.gov.au>

If you agree to participate, we will work with you in designing and planning the burn to your satisfaction. TFS will cover the full cost of planning and conducting the burn.

Yours sincerely

Craig Chivers
Station Officer

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