**From:** Clive Stott
**Sent:** Tuesday, 27 October 2015 10:44 AM
**To:** Whight, Sandra (TFS)
**Subject:** Fuel Reduction Unit

Sandra Whight

Manager

Tasmania Fire Service

State Fire Management Council

Dear Sandra,

Thank you for the time to talk to me last week.

Following on from our conversation can you please advise what the position is with regards to the following;

Air monitoring:

Is air monitoring during the course of and after a fuel reduction burn being undertaken by anybody?

If so can you please advise who does this and what the procedure is?

Mechanical fuel reduction:

You mentioned that you were unable to find out who to apply to for some of the allocated Federal funds for this purpose.

Can you please advise where this matter stands at present?

I mentioned that in separate discussions with FMU staff mechanical means were not even considered for the proposed Bridgenorth burn.

Potable water:

I raised this matter with staff and have not received an answer.

Are any of the water sources shown on the plan I received used for potable purposes please?

How far away from the burn area is the nearest potable water source?

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Clive Stott

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**From:** Whight, Sandra (TFS)
**Sent:** Tuesday, 3 November 2015 9:05 AM
**To:** Clive Stott
**Subject:** RE: Fuel Reduction Unit

Dear Mr Stott,

Thank you for your recent email.

In answer to your specific questions, air monitoring is undertaken by the Environmental Protection Authority.

The trial of mechanical treatment of fuel is funded by the Federal Government, and the Australian Forest Production Association is coordinating this work, however Tasmania is not part of the trial.

There is one dam and two water tanks that have been assessed as part of the burn planning. Both of the water tanks are covered.

The dam owner has been spoken to. This water is used for gardening purposes only and they have no concerns with any ash they may go into the dam from the burn.

The South Esk river catchment boundary is over 4km from the burn.

Sincerely,

**Sandra Whight**

**Manager**

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**From:** Clive Stott
**Sent:** Tuesday, 3 November 2015 11:16 AM
**To:** Whight, Sandra (TFS)
**Subject:** RE: Fuel Reduction Unit

Dear Ms Whight,

Thank you for your reply.

**Air monitoring:**

When you say the EPA are undertaking air monitoring in relation to fuel reduction burns, are you saying just the state-wide BLANkET system is being used, or is there additional site-specific monitoring undertaken in the course of fuel reduction burns?

For example, for the proposed Bridgenorth/Grindelwald burn is this to rely solely on air monitoring results from the nearest BLANkET stations at Exeter and Ti Tree Bend, or are additional site -specific air monitors employed prior, during, and following the burn?

This question would apply to all other fuel reduction burns.

**Water:**

There are several dams on the map I was provided with. Have those been assessed as part of the burn planning?

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Clive Stott

**From:** Whight, Sandra (TFS)
**Sent:** Wednesday, 4 November 2015 5:00 PM
**To:** Clive Stott
**Subject:** RE: Fuel Reduction Unit
**Importance:** Low

Dear Mr Stott,

For questions relating to the specifics of air quality monitoring, these would need to be raised directly with the EPA.

Through the engagement and assessment work undertaken by the team preparing this burn, no issues regarding impacts on potable water have been identified.

Regards,

**Sandra Whight**

**Manager**

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EPA has been contacted.