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Dear Mr Stott

Thank you for your letter of 21 September 2012 regarding back yard burning I have recently become aware of this issue regarding legal interpretation of legislative powers relating to back yard burning.

I think it likely that I will need to take further legal advice on the matter before I can determine an appropriate response. I will deal with the matter as soon as practicable but doubt that I will be able to clarify the situation quickly.

I will advise you further when I have something more concrete to offer.

Yours sincerely

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