

Smoke Watch 17.3.2010

Fri Mar 19, 2010 11:04 pm

Smoke has been increasing since the burn season started on the 12/3/2010

Today it was really bad across the northern parts of Tasmania as you can see from the pics and the air monitoring readings provided by the EPA Division.



Exeter covered in smoke. Match it up with the air quality readings below
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Launceston had disappeared in the smoke. This city of over 100,000 people was nowhere to be seen.
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Launceston Weather



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Wednesday		Wind	Rain	HumidTemp
Morning	Mostly Sunny. Cool.	12 km/h NW	- 59%	23
Afternoon	Mostly Sunny. Mild.	13 km/h W	- 61%	25
Evening	Light Rain. Mostly Sunny. Cool.	9 km/h WSW	1mm (30%)	79% 18
Overnight	Haze. Cold.	4 km/h SE	- 86%	15
Thursday		Wind	Rain	HumidTemp
Morning	Sunny. Cool.	6 km/h NE	- 78%	17
Afternoon	High Level Clouds. Cool.	12 km/h NNW	- 62%	21
Evening	Light Rain. Mostly Cloudy. Cold.	10 km/h NW	1mm (33%)	79% 14
Overnight	Light Rain. Broken Clouds. Cool.	20 km/h NW	3mm (42%)	86% 17

Launceston's weather @ 08:53:26
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CURRENT BLANKET DATA



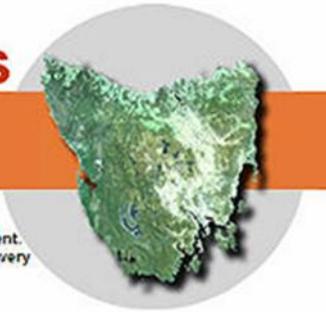
(Most recent data)

Station	Date DD/MM/YYYY	Time AEST	PM ₁₀ μg m ⁻³	PM _{2.5} μg m ⁻³
> Derby	17/03/2010	11:30	117	94
> Lilydale	17/03/2010	11:30	111	99
> Scottsdale	17/03/2010	11:30	105	94
> St Helens	17/03/2010	11:30	115	95
Fingal	17/03/2010	11:30	31	19
Geeveston	17/03/2010	11:30	30	11
Huonville	17/03/2010	11:30	12	3
Judbury	17/03/2010	11:30	13	4
> Exeter	17/03/2010	11:30	151	123
Bryn Estyn	17/03/2010	11:30	21	6
Gretna	17/03/2010	11:30	16	7
> W.Ulvstone	17/03/2010	11:30	51	36
Emu River	17/03/2010	11:30	32	15
Sheffield	17/03/2010	11:30	29	17

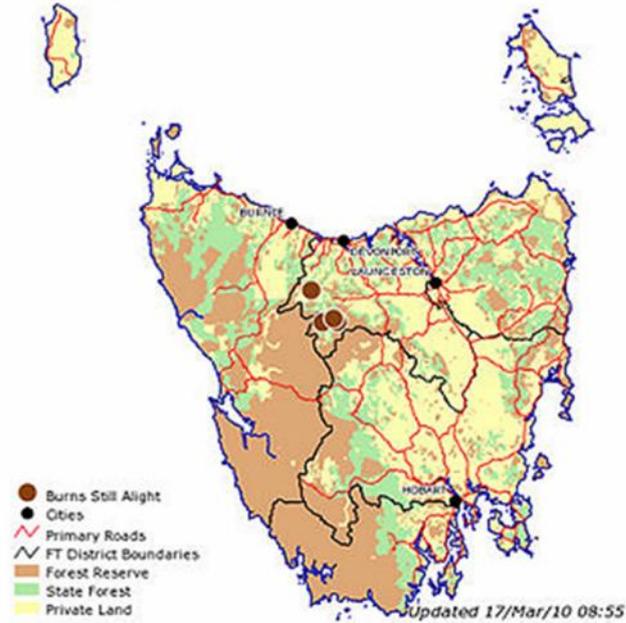
Real-time indicative air quality readings
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Tasmanian Forest Industry **PLANNED BURNS**

Forestry Tasmania burns
alight as at 16/03/2010



This map shows the burns which Forestry Tasmania has alight at present. The map is updated at 5 minute intervals between 7:00am and 7:00pm every day. The date and time of the last update is shown beneath the map.



Company Contact Details

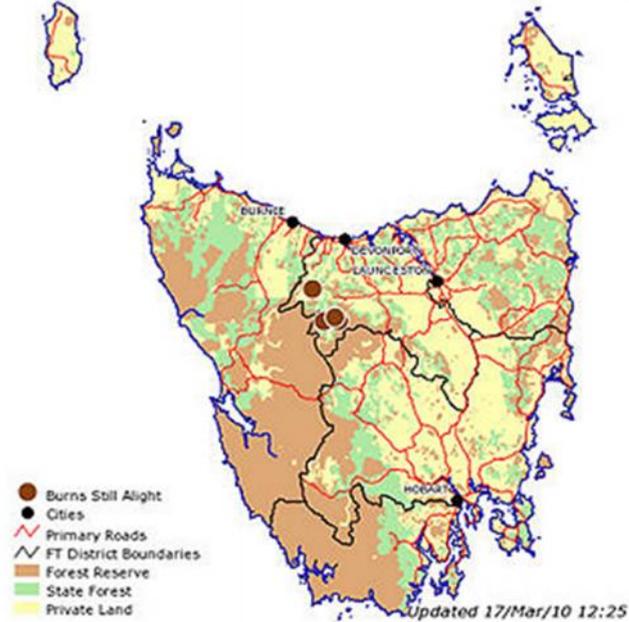
At 08.55 hrs this day there were 4 burns still burning from the day before, ie, on the 16/3/10
currentFT burns17.3.10small.jpg (256.1 KiB)

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- Burns Still Alight
- Cities
- Primary Roads
- FT District Boundaries
- Forest Reserve
- State Forest
- Private Land

Company Contact Details
Forestry Tasmania (FT)

[See Website](#)

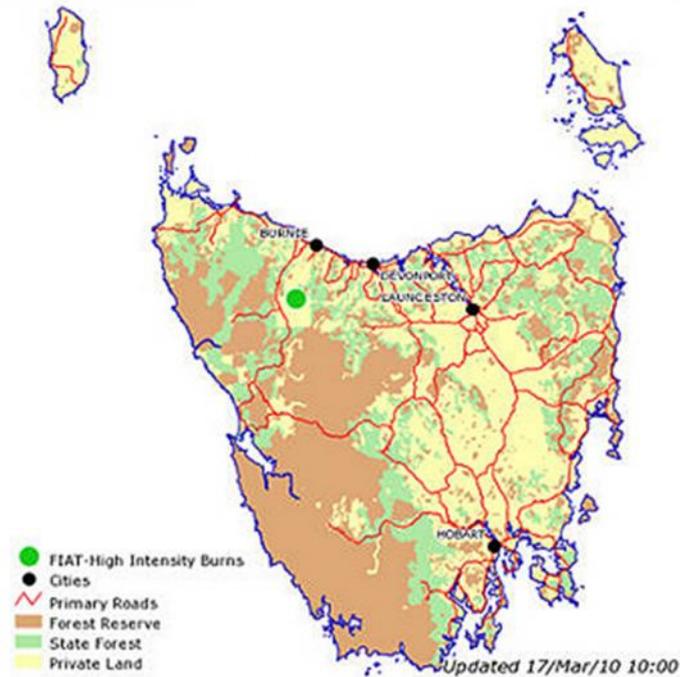
These burns were still burning at 12.32pm
currentFT burns 17.3.10....12.32small.jpg (263.86 KiB)

Tasmanian Forest Industry **PLANNED BURNS**

Proposed Planned Burns for 17/03/2010



Planned burning is dependent on suitable weather conditions. The burns shown may not all be undertaken today. If no burn symbols appear on this map when it has loaded there is nothing wrong with your system or this Web site, it simply means no burns are planned for the day.



This map is updated daily between 10:00 am and 10:05am and at other times as required to reflect operational changes. The date and time of the last update are shown at the foot of the map.

Disclaimer: Planned burns are part of an industry-wide program. These are the approximate locations of burns planned by [Forestry Tasmania \(FT\)](#) and members of the [Forest Industry Association \(FIA\)](#).

At 10am there was another burn proposed whilst the previous 4 were still alight, but in actual fact there were 5 burns lit according to Forestry Tasmania in the Examiner newspaper the next day
plannedburns 17.3.10..12.27small.jpg (325.28 KiB)

ABC-NEWS¶
Updated Thu Mar 18, 2010 10:38am AEDT¶
¶
The company [Forestry Tas] says it did not conduct any ¶
fuel-reduction, or regeneration burns in the region yesterday.¶

Forestry claim they did not burn today
ABC18.3.10.jpg (13.49 KiB)

The Mercury newspaper ¶
MICHELLE PAINE ¶
Thursday March 18, 2010 06:26am ¶
¶
Forestry Tasmania said it had no burns yesterday and the five burns on Tuesday
"contributed little if anything to smoke in the North-East". ¶

It was quoted in the Mercury newspaper there were no Forestry Tas. burns today.
Mercury18.3.10.jpg (10.77 KiB)

Examiner newspaper 18.3.2010

Although Forestry Tasmania has started its controversial autumn burn off season, it said that five planned burns yesterday in the Mersey district did not produce a large amount of smoke.

Forestry Tas admits to five burns in the N/W of the state
five burns17.3.10 small.jpg (25.15 KiB)

Re: Smoke Watch 17.3.2010

by GarryStannus on Mon Mar 22, 2010 5:34 pm

Hi Oximeter,

If you have another look at the burns that were happening on that Wednesday, and enlarge the map a bit you'll see actually there are four (one symbol is super-imposed almost on top of another) This, plus the 'proposed burn', would then make up the number of five. Keep up the good work, Garry