

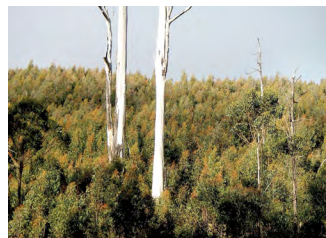
Fire & Smoke Management

Where There's Fire, There's Smoke

For many people, the sight of a high convection column from a successful 'regen' burn is a positive sign that a new forest will soon be flourishing.

But for others, excessive smoke is a nuisance – and for some, a potential health hazard.

For this reason, the Forest Practices Authority is experimenting with systems to reduce the impact on the community of smoke from planned regeneration burns.



Reducing the Hazard

Another source of smoke in the atmosphere comes from planned fuel reduction burns in bushland, woodland or grassland. These fires are not designed to encourage new growth but to reduce the hazard of uncontrolled wildfire by removing fuel before it can build to dangerous levels.

Various authorities – the Parks and Wildlife Service, Tasmania Fire Service, local councils and Forestry Tasmania – conduct fuel reduction burns. Private landowners also undertake fuel reduction burns. Like regeneration burns, these fires are planned for periods of favourable weather.

Finding out More

During the season, information about the locations of regeneration and hazard reduction burns is updated daily on the Tasmanian forest industry's website at: www.plannedburnstas.com.au

