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Subject: FW: ABC Media Request
Date: Friday, 16 August 2019 10:16:21 AM

Hi all

FYI – I have sent the response below to an enquiry from [REDACTED], National Consumer Affairs Reporter, ABC regarding vehicle smoke emissions.

Cheers

Sarah

From: Media (EPA)
Sent: Friday, 16 August 2019 10:14 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: StateGrowth - Media Team <DIERmediateam@stategrowth.tas.gov.au>
Subject: RE: ABC Media Request

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks again for your enquiry to the EPA regarding vehicle smoke emissions. After following up your request, I have found that in Tasmania it is the Transport Division in the Department of State Growth that manages complaints regarding nuisance smoke from vehicles operating on public roads. Under Vehicle Call-ins on their website at https://www.transport.tas.gov.au/vehicles/specifications/vehicle_call-ins, they request that complaints about unroadworthy vehicles be forwarded to the Department of State Growth, GPO Box 1002, Hobart, Tas 7001 or vehiclecallins@stategrowth.tas.gov.au.

Therefore, I suggest you contact the Communications and Marketing section of State Growth on 6165 5258 or email diermediateam@stategrowth.tas.gov.au in order to expedite your request.

Kind regards

Sarah

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 15 August 2019 2:22 PM
To: Media (EPA) <Media@epa.tas.gov.au>
Subject: ABC Media Request

Dear Tasmania EPA,

I've just left a message on the media mobile of your department, and am following up with this email.

I'm the ABC's National Consumer Affairs Reporter, and my colleagues and I am working on a story about cars blowing excessive white smoke. We are collecting information from all State and Territory EPAs on this issue, with information already supplied by Qld, NSW and Victoria EPAs. We recently reported on this issue in a story we did on [Toyota cars with potentially faulty DPFs](#), and have had many people write to us to tell us they had been warned by various state and territory EPAs regarding smoke coming out of their cars.

I am seeking information about the following from the Tasmania EPA:

1. How many reports of excessive smoke from a vehicle (car) has the Tasmania EPA received in the last financial year?
2. How does this compare to previous years?
3. Is there a breakdown of the type (make/model) available?

The deadline for the story is early next week but if you are able to send through some info by Friday, it would much appreciated.

Thanks and Regards,



[Redacted]
National Consumer Affairs Reporter
ABC News, Analysis & Investigations

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Notification Date	Suspect/Incident Location				Incident Details															
	Name	Street Number	Street Name	Suburb	Topic	Incident Type	Other Description	Time	Date	Incident Description	EPA Issue? (Yes/No)	Urgent Issue (Yes/No)	Incident Referred to:	Level 2 Activity (Yes/No)	Permit Number/ EPN	EPA Section	EPA Action	EPA Attendance (on-site)	Date Incident Closed	Call closed - Action Complete (Yes/No)
03-December-2016				Huonville	Air_Pollution	Excessively smoky vehicle	Callers need to email State Growth to report smokey vehicles: vru@stategrowth.tas.gov.au			Note call registered as being made Friday at 1600, but didn't appear until 10:30 Saturday, suspect maybe problems with roaming as callers mobile normally based in Vic. Rang incident reponse number to check functionality and OK.	Yes	No		No	N/A	N/A	No Action	No	07-Dec-16	Yes
02-March-2017	unknown			Launceston	Air_Pollution	Excessively smoky vehicle	Nissan Utility Vehicle	17:15hrs	02-Mar-17	Driving on Lin. Dale drive Launceston. Saw excessively smoky vehicle	Yes	No	Litter Officer (AS)?	No	N/A		AS to follow-up	n	02-Mar-17	y
09-June-2017	Vehicle smoke			Launceston	Air_Pollution	Excessively smoky vehicle	NA			Caller complaint re very smokey vehicle (neighbour)	No	No	State Growth	No	N/A	N/A	Referred caller to Dept of State Growth email address	No	09-Jun-17	Yes
16-December-2017	Vehicle		Huon Highway Saddles pass	Huonville	Air_Pollution	Excessively smoky vehicle		15:50:00	14-Dec-17	smoke billowing from exhaust of car	no	no	state growth	no			referral to State Growth; TES@stategrowth.tas.gov.au	no	16_Dec_2017	Yes

05-June-2018					Air_Pollution	Excessively smoky vehicle	Tampering with vehicle emissions systems			Hi Epa, Not sure if your department is the right people to deal with this issue or it needs to go through transport. I'm a diesel technician and was recently asked to block off a EGR system when I refused the owner got very upset and said they will just go elsewhere. Upon doing some research found can be fined upto \$10,000 for tampering with a emissions control system. I have also found a large number of vehicle for sale	No		Air Section		EON	Forwarded to Air Section for any necessary action	No	05-Jun-18	Yes
06-December-2018					Air_Pollution	Excessively smoky vehicle			06-Dec-18	Reporting a truck with excessive exhaust smoke	No	No	CIR	No	CIR	Responded to complainant with details of State Growth email to report	No	10-Dec-18	Yes

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