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What do you think are the best value actions listed in the statement that are likely to help improve future air quality?

Monitoring pollution. At the moment the EPA does not monitor all areas. In Toolangi where there are burns in the forest by DELWP and Vic Forests these do not get monitored.

Listen to the people of Victoria who suffer daily from breathing issues from air pollution.

How would you build on or vary these actions?

- Monitoring 24/7 by EPA
- Stop planned burns just for the sake of them (in Toolangi home of a wet forest burns are not necessarily conducive)
- Stop clearfell logging coupe burns. These are started with incendiaries that in themselves are poisonous and pollute the atmosphere.
- Plant seeds in logging coupes rather than burn. This is what other farmers do to harvest.
- Do not allow bio mass incinerators
- Ensure wood fire heaters being sold are regulated.
- Stop ignoring the public and using PR to do burn offs in our area
- Buy land and start planting and using plantation trees for paper and timber

Do you have any suggestions for further actions?

- Minimise pollution. Stop being hypocritical as if you care about the air when you are condoning polluting of the air with bio-mass, clearfell logging burns, safety burns, coal burning
- Increase and strengthen the Environmental Protection Act 1970 and be respectful on wildlife right to live and right to have their habitat safe
- Do not renew Regional Forestry agreements. This in itself is contradictive to the Government's stance on climate change
- Ensure the EPA can challenge self conflicted Government organisations from polluting

Are there any air quality actions you believe should be avoided? Why?

- Regional Forestry Agreements - because the more Victorian forests are logged the more the air quality becomes less than good enough. The beautiful wet forests are no longer storing carbon as they have gone to paper.
- Post logging burns must be stopped – In May this year I suffered for the 2nd time in my life severe asthma trauma. (The first time was in the 2009 bushfires). I am now on Ventilan and Asthma preventer for the rest of my

life. I am 65 and to get asthma this late in my life should have been avoidable. I have a copy of my health plan included.

I cannot emphasise how sick I was with the burns this year. The 2009 fires were traumatic enough with my property burning but to live through this year after years is insane. These burns have affected the rest of my life. I shouldn't have to leave the house because you and Vic Forests burn off! I expect and should have the right to a safe environment to live in. Children suffered, animals suffered, there was NO AIR.

- Safety burns must be less frequent as the air quality is so bad we are warned about going outside. We have to stay inside and shut our windows on beautiful spring and autumn days when we should be outside enjoying life and being able to conduct work on our land.
- Biomass for Brickworks and Australian paper is ridiculous. Incinerators have been banned in Victoria forever. These furnaces will increase the warming of the atmosphere.

Are there particular areas of air quality (either pollution sources or geographic regions) you think the government should target for improvement? Why?

- Central Highlands – burning off must stop
- Gippsland – coal fired stations. The suffering of the people in the Latrobe Valley is well known and health issues are well documented.
- Anglesea where Alcoa has constantly polluted the air for decades and now has blown up a building that may have had asbestos. Stop corporations undermining Victorian taxpayers.

Living in the Central Highlands is becoming a health hazard.

- Logging trucks roaring past our homes with no one checking the filth coming out of their exhaust systems.
- Post logging burns
- Wet forests logged when they can keep the air clean
- So called safety burns with DELWP when they are creating a less safe environment to breath in.

Are you able to provide any data or information that will help government?

Please find enclosed my medical health care plan that occurred on the most shocking day of burns in Toolangi than ever before. No one could breath.

I can supply on request information from Australian universities (ANU), climate change organisations, local naturopaths, and doctors

Do you have other suggestions on how to secure a clean air future?

- Make it law that Governments have to follow the laws put in place.
- Set up a legal service where locals can sue the Government for breach of health

- Fund EPA to be able to honestly monitor all across Victoria and not just cities
- Enable EPA to fine and take to court Government organisations that are responsible for polluting the air.
- Leave coal in the ground
- Plant seedlings where logging has occurred instead of burning off
- Plant seedlings in failed regeneration coupes
- STOP BURNING OFF
- Get on board with renewable energy.
- Get the Victorian people on board with climate change and renewable energy
- Stop corporations polluting and wasting our resources i.e. French owned coal station, Japanese owned paper mill and stop subsidising corporations who pollute.
- Start a moratorium on logging of native forests as trees are the most important factor to our air quality
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