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From: Lara de Vries <lara_blackmans_bay@tfs.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 5 July 2018 12:12 PM
To: Fire Service Act Review (TFS)
Subject: Fire Services Act Review

Dear Dr Lowy,

I am not sure whether you are still taking submissions for the Fire Services Act Review but I would like to make a quick submission.

Firstly, I believe that the current system is confusing for all stakeholders (fire, local government and the public). It does not make sense to me to have one set of legislation for one time of the year and another for the rest.

Submission 1) I would like to see the permit season become year round.

Complaints about fires would be reduced. People could easily report a non permitted fire to the fire department. It would improve air quality as properties would be inspected rather than the current ad hoc approach.

Submission 2) Local Government and the fire department need to share relevant information.

Currently, the advice I receive from the Council and the TFS is different and this makes it difficult to fix problems when they occur.

Submission 3) Keep Total Fire Ban days & focus on TFS core responsibilities:

There needs to be a better, simpler, safer system in place that allows the TFS to focus on it's core responsibilities of putting out fires and dealing with other emergencies.

Kind Regards,

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