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Dear COAG,

I send this message after recently reading COAG's stance of wood fire smoke. I live in [REDACTED] and I dread every winter because I live in an area that has several properties with wood fire heaters. I have sealed my property (even double glazed the windows) - but the wood smoke particles still seem to enter my home. I have been in discussions with the [REDACTED] city council over the last three years about this matter and have recently been told to keep a diary. a diary on the smoke and how its making my family feel. You see my neighbour has been educated on how to use their wood fire heater - but we still are breathing in smoke particles (the only difference is that they are now white instead of grey/black as they come out of the chimney) So why this email?

i am slightly alarmed that COAG have received evidence that prolonged exposure to wood fire smoke may lead to serious health issues - and a ban is not being considered??, instead an education program is being put forward - so our health is put at risk and the risk is lower if our neighbours are educated.. How are you going to mandate that the use in proper?? request neighbours report breaches??

If COAG looks to protect and resolve issues - I strongly recommned that you don't do nothing (and wait for the problem to go away - one of the options put forward). As those of us who are exposed to this smoke should not be treated as collateral damage.

kind regards

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