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Reducing Wood Heater Emissions.

I have read the discussion paper and am horrified that the proposal is to allow the continued use of wood heaters in homes.

I propose that the use of wood, coal, coke and other similar fuel be banned in all residential properties in metropolitan areas except for homes that use these fires as the primary form of cooking.

There are no reasons put forward in the discussion paper that support the retention of wood heaters in the home.

Also there is no information that suggests that there is not a large number of highly efficient alternatives.

Totally banning wood burning heaters would have a very minor impact on consumer choice, no economic impact on the economy as consumers would simply choose other forms of heating etc.

The total banning of wood heaters on the other hand would have a major positive impact on air quality, reduce odours and visibility issues and improve home safety.

Modern people live in homes not caves. Home require environmentally friendly heating.

Ban the installation of all wood heaters from January 2014.

Ban the use of all wood heater from January 2015.

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