

To: SCEW Secretariat

Subject: Submission re Consultation regulation impact statement for reducing emissions from wood heaters

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As a householder who has no vested interest in the heating industry, but uses a wood heater, I would urge that any proposed action should take into account the impact on householders, particularly those with low incomes.

Wood heating provides an economical form of heating for many households. This is an increasingly important consideration, in view of the recent dramatic increases in the cost of electricity and other fuels. Thus I would urge that special care be taken that any proposed regulatory changes do not make it uneconomical for lower income households to install and operate wood heaters.

Furthermore, I would point out that the supply of firewood is a source of income for many. This is especially important in rural areas where local employment opportunities are very limited.

I would also point out that firewood is a renewable resource, unlike gas or coal-generated electricity. Thus I would suggest that the use of wood heating should be encouraged, rather than restricted.

Thank you for considering this submission.

Yours sincerely,

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