

To: SCEW Secretariat
Subject: Federal Government Wood Heater Consultation Regulation Impact Statement

Dear Sir,

I live upstairs in a 2nd storey Unit on a hill in [REDACTED] NSW, [REDACTED].

All around me, lower by one floor, I can see Houses with Chimneys, their silver, mostly blackened with soot.

On any cold nite, thick wood smoke is around my Unit. At Ground level, there is none.

I am line of site with three Chimneys from my bedroom window.

I am forced to wear surgical masks at times, to breathe or go out.

When I go out, I go downstairs thru it.

I complain and the council says they can't find anything wrong as they search at ground level. OR say it's just something you have to put up with living in a city(!)

On a foggy nite, it mixes with the fog and creates a clinging paste that sticks to things and the smell is horrible and I wonder - what is it doing to my lungs and to those of babies and children?

No wonder asthma is on the rise.

On the other side of me, I overlook [REDACTED] that is under investigation for Stinks that makes people sick.

Mix those two poisons together, what is it doing to us?

As all Coal powered statons are heavily regulated with scrubbers, etc to clean their smoke, what has a private house with a chimney has ? Nothing.

Belching poisons into the air is what a wood/ coal chimneys do.

As indonesia suffers from smoke from forests fires being burnt for greed, the domino effect of pollution overwhelming an area is what is going to happen over Australia as the craziness of having an in efficient wood heater in private homes.

Apart from poisoning themselves, they are poisoning their neighbours, when they could have a cheaper, cleaner energy in their homes from a pollution reduced, tightly regulated Power stations.

People cannot be trusted to keep a 'clean' fire in their homes and not SIGNIFICANTLY POLLUTE.

Banning incinerators in city limits was done 40yrs ago, but every wood/coal chimney is really an incinerators, unregulated, poisoning our air.

we have banned smoking from many places, due to Health Concerns, we must move to really clean up pollution in our towns and cities and that means starting AT HOME FIRST.

Sincerely,

