

To: SCEW Secretariat
Subject: Wood Heaters

Dear Sir/Madam,

I see that consultation is in progress on wood heater emissions. One issue that is relevant is the need or otherwise for such heaters.

An issue for me is, that given a preference, I would like to have an independent wood fuelled source of heat. Why?

At present our home is supplied with gas and electric heating. In the event of a power outage we have no heating at all! (The gas heater relies on power to be operated).

Gas and electricity costs are rising disproportionately to our pensions, hence there is also a potential economic issue

ACTEW, the electricity supplier in Canberra, has several times elected to have all day power outages in the middle of winter for routine maintenance, thus making our home uninhabitable on these occasions. Thinking about this and the potential problems of a major failure of supply, the back-up of a wood heater would be highly desirable and if we had one we certainly would wish to keep it.

Thus one issue to emphasise in consideration of reducing/controlling wood heater emissions is the reliability (and economy if it comes to that) of alternative arrangements.

Regards

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