



Submission on the Proposed Canterbury Air Regional Plan

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Form 5: Submissions on a Publicly Notified Proposed Policy Statement or Regional Plan under Clause 6 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991

Return your signed submission by 5.00pm, Friday 1 May 2015 to:

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- a) adversely affects the environment; and
- b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

Please tick the sentence that applies to you:

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- ☒ I could gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission. **If you have ticked this box please select one of the following:**

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- ☐ I do not wish to be heard in support of my submission; or
- ☐ I do wish to be heard in support of my submission; and if so,
- ☒ I would be prepared to consider presenting your submission in a joint case with others making a similar submission at any hearing

To accompany my submission to the Proposed Canterbury Air Regional Plan.

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Due to our late involvement in this process, the following are probably more points of clarification but I would appreciate your time and consideration.

From the S32 Report.

*Pg 107. How can Air-plan changes to the Timaru air shed be approved when there is greater public opposition than support? (39% oppose and 24% approve).

*Pg 106. All burners that are greater than 15yrs of age are to be replaced. If a burner that is greater than 15 years old, be proven to meet 'low emissions' why does it have to be replaced?

- This replacement policy is creating guaranteed business for manufactures and installers of new burners. Will these be monitored by the Commerce Commission for fairness and non monopolistic trading?

- We believe that the responsibility of how a burner is operated is by the household it serves. We agree, and are a member of the ECAN Good Wood scheme, that consumer education is important so the correct fuel is stored and used to benefit not only their home but the wider community.

*Once a current day ultra low/low emitting burner is greater than 15 years old (ie post 2025) is it subject to the above replacement rule?

*There are many comments throughout this report of wood burners and heat pumps being the same cost to a household. Does this account for the fact a fire's output is useful three times and is guaranteed in a power cut? Has it included that heat pumps are causing increase health issues/costs due to dehydration?

*Fuel poverty. I believe this is a condition of our 'instant generation'. There is plenty of fuel and options out there for households to be warm in the winter. We need to encourage being prepared and financial education. We currently have a society that doesn't take responsibility for its actions and waits/expects a Government or social agency to bail them out.

I agree that the aim of this report is to provide a cleaner 'air space' in Canterbury. Has there been any consideration to the 'air space' inside a home having any affect on health issues? One example I would like to highlight is free standing gas heaters.

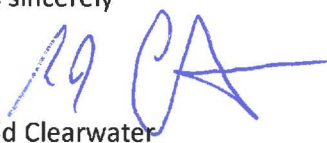
- They heat with an open flame (fire risk to the occupants and their contents).

- It is recommended they are used in a ventilated area (toxic fumes, open window to let in fresh cold air and let the heat out).

- They produce moisture as a product of combustion. (This makes a damp home. Dampness produces mould, this can lead to respiratory issues that are probably lumped into the statistics of a winter home heating health problem).

I appreciated your effort with the intention and compilation of this plan. I also thank you for reading and considering my above points.

Yours sincerely



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