Dear Sir/Madam

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED CANTERBURY AIR REGIONAL PLAN

We are writing to you because you are a resident, ratepayer, or resource consent holder in the Canterbury Region and therefore could be directly affected by the Proposed Canterbury Air Regional Plan (Proposed Air Plan), that will be publicly notified on 28 February 2015.

The Canterbury Regional Council (Environment Canterbury) is publicly notifying the Proposed Air Plan as part of its review of the current Air Plan for Canterbury (Chapter 3 of the Canterbury Natural Resources Regional Plan). Once the Proposed Air Plan becomes operative, Chapter 3 of the Natural Resources Regional Plan will be revoked.

The Proposed Air Plan regulates the discharges to air within the Canterbury Region, including air pollutants, smoke, dust and odour. The Proposed Air Plan contains the objectives, policies and rules relating to discharges from a wide range of activities, including: outdoor burning; industrial, trade and large scale discharges; rural discharges; and, space heating (including home heating).

In June 2014, an Air Plan Review Discussion document was released for consultation outlining some of the proposed changes and inviting community feedback. A series of community meetings were held in Christchurch, Ashburton and Timaru. This feedback has helped inform our planning process.

Formal submissions on the Proposed Air Plan are now being called for and a copy of the Public Notice is enclosed. The Public Notice enclosed sets out how you can view or obtain copies of the Proposed Air Plan, make a submission on the Proposed Air Plan, and the process that will be followed after notification and the closing of submissions.

If you wish to comment on the Proposed Air Plan, you will need to make a submission to Environment Canterbury by 5:00pm on 1 May 2015.

Please accept our apologies if you have received more than one copy of this letter. Environment Canterbury is required to notify all people in the area that in its opinion are likely to be directly affected by the Proposed Air Plan. This may mean some people receive multiple copies of this notice.

If you have any questions or require further information please contact Customer Services on 0800 329 276 or by email to ecinfo@ecan.govt.nz.

For more information about the Proposed Canterbury Air Regional Plan visit: www.ecan.govt.nz/airplan.

Yours sincerely

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Dean Sirs, and a few Madams no doubt,
I would focus on some basic principles.
Do we have rule by the people, for the people?
Hardly - yet is it not that the vaunted aim of Democracy?
If you ask the PEOPLE of Canterbury how they want to heat their homes, and cook and heat water as well, they will, by overwhelming majority, say 'by the Primeval sacred Principle of Fire'.
Yet we, a speck far-flung in the grim chill immensity of the Southern Ocean, just adjacent to Antarctica, are expected to submit to rules imposed by Central Government in the Sunny North, probably because of something they have signed up to on the other side of the world.

* Self-sufficient home heating, that is not dependent on any corporate entity, must be considered a HUMAN RIGHT. This is a human rights issue!

All the statistical claptrap to the contrary, attributing numbers of respiratory related deaths to atmosphere is quite theoretical, while death in one night, due to no heating, for financial or technical reasons, is a very stark reality.

The right to use the most convenient and efficient, not to mention sustainable, means to heat home, water and food, needs to be enshrined in LAW.
We need laws made by the People, for the People, NOT imposed by Corporate or Government powers, from here or the other side of the world. Look at a globe - that little blip in the big blue is us. Regional council should be managing public forests, and