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Your submission

I am concerned about the impact on air quality of lifestyle property burn-offs.

With the proliferation of lifestyle properties throughout Canterbury I believe there has been a considerable increase in air pollution resulting from people on lifestyle blocks burning household rubbish, garden rubbish, hedge clippings and so forth. In my experience such burn-offs frequently create nuisance, smell, visual pollution and health hazards, for example, triggering asthma and other respiratory complaints. At certain times of year they also create fire hazard. In my opinion there are now too many lifestyle properties, in close proximity, for this practice to be allowed to continue unabated.

Your proposal mentions complaints about the nuisance and driving hazard of smoke from rural burn-offs (by that I assume you mean farms not lifestyle blocks) and stubble-burning. I have not found rural burn-offs from farms to present any issues in my area and I do not see it as a priority for Ecan. Rural burn-offs from farms are relatively infrequent in my district. Furthermore, alternative practices are not always available on farms whereas lifestyle properties have the option to dispose of rubbish by alternative means, for example gate-side rubbish collection and council drop-off.

What do you want Environment Canterbury to do?	I would like Ecan to ban the burning of household rubbish on lifestyle properties and to require stricter management of burn-offs of green waste on lifestyle properties.
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