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Hello Team

This email came in through our Customer Services email. Can you please workflow?

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Customer Services

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Tick the box if you wish to discuss your submission in person  Yes

Your submission

My submission relates to the necessary use of extremely low-emission wood burners in modern homes in certain parts of greater Christchurch.  
I live in a suburb high above the seal level of Christchurch. It is also an area where we experience higher than normal wind flows both easterly and southerly. These flows constantly blow away any chance of unacceptable air conditions as experienced by the low lying areas of the city. I believe that extremely low emission wood burners have a place in this greater elevated coastal area and are far above the below sea level suburbs that have issues with smog and fuel emissions that give Christchurch it's reputation and low air standards.

In addition, family members in my household have allergies that alternative heating options aggravate. These allergies are heightened in their impact by unnatural heating options such as heat pumps/air conditioning units.

Natural burning of high quality, dry wood in modern, high tech wood burners is the best option for my household such as we have experienced in Scandinavia, Northern U.K. and Canada.

What do you want Environment Canterbury to do?

To amend the current rules involving wood burning as a means of heating a home to include modern, low emission/non-emission burners in areas of Christchurch in those suburbs of high elevation. Those areas where smog/car emissions tend to not disperse via wind due to their low sea-level do require more thought but areas such as Upper Cashmere right round to the upper slopes of Scarborough should not have to adhere to the same rulings.

To expedite their current statements surrounding high quality low emission burners and introduce them to the parts of Christchurch that are not in danger of having serious air conditions due to their elevation above the city which in turn means that the greater wind flow disperses the causes of the poor air as experienced in the lower areas of the city.

To assist those manufacturers of modern, low-emission burners to introduce them to the Christchurch market. Making them readily available for introduction into existing modern homes at reasonable cost.