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Canterbury Regional Air Plan Hearing

Dear Commissioner

I wish to put forward my concern for the current proposal of your air plan.

I do hope that you use a common sense approach when you set out these proposed laws of our land.

My biggest concern is not just for ourselves, but for the generations that follow. Do you realise that there are going to be generations of children who have absolutely no idea how to live or survive in the event of a disaster. Being able to light a fire to cook, and keep warm is a basic human right. I cannot see that any of your laws can take this away from those of us that depend upon having a fire to cook, heat water and keep us warm.

Children need to be taught at an early age, the benefits of fire, and the dangers of fire. Your clean air and no fireplaces have taken away a basic educational human survival skill. Along with being taught about fires, under supervision, because fires are only now used by a minority, you will see more arson attacks, like what is happening around in ChCh at present, because of the inability to provide supervised, safe and controlled environments that people can lawfully teach the younger generation. An arsonist will have a fixation on fires and no concept of the heart ache they cause.

Where can you take your children to have a bonfire, and toast marshmallows, cook potatoes and toast. We are not allowed to have bonfires on the beach below high tide even.

You cannot guarantee Power, or even guarantee that it will be affordable for all.

You certainly will not stop any disaster, and let's face it, Christchurch only had a little shake last time. There will be others for sure, and more than likely much bigger and have a longer lasting impact.

We are be legislated away from what nature has provided for us. People in cities, are so far removed from reality. It is time to look back to a few basics and realise that moving too far away from the basics will cause a lot more harm to City folks than to those on the land, who have to deal with reality on a daily basis. Stop living in this fantasy world. Wake up and smell the roses, preferably ones not sprayed.

It is not smoke that should be the concern here. You could be creating a far more detrimental world for all.

We like many, do not have the luxury of having an insulated house or the means to rebuild. Or to replace our existing fire, which burns just as efficiently as expensive new ones. Why do want to outlaw older fireplaces, I do not see your justification, in financially crippling the most vulnerable. When just having dry wood would be the first aim.

Wood is in excess since the Sept 2013 winds and a renewable source.

Also your clean air proposal was a task that most would find impossible to read. Funny how you make it so that you need a degree to read it.

You have also lost any romance and pleasures of this world. Do you understand what it is like to make love beside the fire on a cold night, don't seem to get the same nostalgic feeling in front of a heat pump.

I suppose that I have lost enough sleep over something that I will not have to worry about for much longer myself, as I have lived further than I will live into the future. Since none of us get out alive, I bid you farewell. Time to do something positive in this life, rather than dwell on the immediate threats that people in high rise offices, on large salaries, making decisions for the peasants on the land, who will outlaw us or make criminals of us.

Yours faithfully



Adrienne Saunders