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## **INQUIRY INTO HEALTH IMPACTS OF AIR POLLUTION IN THE SYDNEY BASIN**

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**Subject:**

**Summary**

I am very concerned with the continued use of solid-fuel combustion heaters in the Sydney metropolitan area. We have several neighbours in close proximity to our home in Concord who use wood heaters and the obnoxious smell and particulates that are discharged during the winter months is disgusting and should not be permitted in the City. The wind conditions during winter months are generally very still and therefore there is little distribution of the smoke and odours from these heaters. This causes localised air pollution and affects our residential amenity. Even with design improvements to improve their efficiency and reduce particulate emissions as required by the EPA, these types of heaters are totally unsuitable in a built-up area. The Government should introduce legislation to prohibit the installation of new heaters with a date (say 5 years) requiring all existing heaters to no longer be used and/or decommissioned. This will go a long way towards improving Sydney's air quality during the winter months.