

**INQUIRY INTO HEALTH IMPACTS OF EXPOSURE TO
POOR LEVELS OF AIR QUALITY RESULTING FROM
BUSHFIRES AND DROUGHT**

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A very short contribution- I have been complaining for years to no effect that smoke from domestic wood fires used for heating in winter does make air pollution. In any area, this could be blowing across parks and streets, or settling in a geographic basin. It has been going on for years- and even in coastal suburbs where it never becomes really cold.

(Wood heating is not even carbon-neutral, unless you grow the trees in your own backyard. Fossil fuels are used to harvest and transport it from forest to homes)

Sydney Morning Herald 28 June 2014 "Wood fire heaters: the hidden killer" by Heath Gilmore.
<https://www.smh.com.au/national/nsw/wood-fire-heaters-the-hidden-killer-20140627-zsop8.html>

Please take this air pollution into account during your inquiry. Ban all domestic wood fires and outdoor fire pans.