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Policies and laws protecting individuals from the effects of recreational wood burning are out of date and causing significant unnecessary health impacts and pollution. Councils are in round about ways allowing residents to burn wood in high density living areas, and putting the onus on victims to do the work to remove the polluting source. Why isnt the EPA putting stricter èlaws in place regarding wood burning. These things have been done for cigarette smoking yet people can have fire pits (and fireplaces installed) which per 1 kg of wood burnt is equivalent to 6000 cigarettes. **The government and councils** are ignoring pleas from those who are impacted greatly by pollution and they are ignoring associations such as Asthma Australias advice to remove these firepits and phase our wood heaters. You must consider growing population, pollution, bush fire risks etc and make laws to protect us. Your current laws regarding smoke nuisance are outdated and don't factor in new evidence and old, growing population, population density, fire pit trends becoming common and ignorance regarding them. EPA monitoring stations do not pick up poor air quality that is more localised. It is unfair we are suffering and wood burning users can pollute local air, but all the pressure is put on smoke pollution victims to report etc it.

Fire pit burning and wood burning in high dense living areas needs to stop, this is worse then cigarette smoking and is getting out of control.

Thanks kindly,

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