

**2. SUBMISSIONS ON CANTERBURY REGIONAL COUNCIL'S
DRAFT AIR PLAN - CHRISTCHURCH CLEAN AIR ZONE 2000** RR 8272

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The purpose of this report is to present the recommended submissions of the Council, as prepared by the working party appointed by the Committee at its meeting on 22 July 1998, to the Canterbury Regional Council's *Draft Natural Resources Regional Plan Part A: Air - Christchurch Clean Air Zone 2000*.

INTRODUCTION

The working party took into account in its deliberations the views of the Council expressed when it considered the *Take a Deep Breath - A Discussion Document about the Improvement of Christchurch Air Quality* and the booklet *Now's the Time to Speak Out About Winter Air Pollution* produced by the Regional Council in 1997, and the comments that were made on those proposals. The comments were forwarded to the Regional Council, following their acceptance by the Special Committee meeting of the Council on 3 October 1997.

THE DRAFT NATURAL RESOURCES REGIONAL PLAN PART A: AIR

This is a formal draft plan produced under the provisions of the Resource Management Act 1991 and will, among other things, apply only to that portion of the Canterbury Region within the territorial limits of the City of Christchurch, excluding the Coastal Marine area. This will be referred to as the "Christchurch Clean Air Zone 2000.

The Plan proposes to regulate the following activities through regional rules which will address: [page 3 of the Draft Plan]

- (a) *The discharge of contaminants to air from solid fuel-burning devices which meet specific emission criteria*
- (b) *The discharge of contaminants to air from existing solid fuel-burning devices (except those meeting specific emission criteria) 15 years after original installation in any dwelling or other building*
- (c) *The discharge of contaminants to air from open fires in any dwelling or other building*
- (d) *The discharge of contaminants to air from the combustion of fuel in any domestic heating device*
- (e) *The discharge of contaminants to air from the combustion of coal or coal derivatives in any domestic heating device*

- (f) *The discharge of contaminants to air from domestic heating devices resulting in objectionable or offensive smoke or odour detectable beyond the property boundary*
- (g) *The discharge of contaminants to air from fuel-burning equipment used by industrial or trade processes*
- (h) *The discharge of contaminants to air from the combustion of any material in the outdoors.*

Further analysis of the proposals has been undertaken to determine the extent to which the Plan reflects the comments made previously by this Council and to provide the submissions to reflect the Council's views. The closing date for submissions is 28 August 1998 and this has some statutory force in any consideration of submissions. The recommended submissions are attached.

Recommendation: That the Council adopt the attached submissions on the Canterbury Regional Council's Draft Natural Resources Regional Plan Part A: Air (Christchurch Clean Air Zone 2000), June 1998, and forward these to the Canterbury Regional Council, subject to amendments being made in respect of:

- Canterbury Regional Council be requested to investigate the PM₁₀ emissions of industrial and trade sources.
- Support be given for any complying appliance, burner, irrespective of the type of fuel used.