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Dear Shane,

I strongly recommend that the council consider that new houses use non-polluting sources of energy instead of wood-heaters in accordance with health authorities [eg Aust. Lung Fokundation].

Sincerely, Hani

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Ex resident of Allingham St (Name and Address Supplied)

I wish to tell you about my family's experience with woodsmoke.

We lived for fifteen years in Allingham St ,between Brown and Mann .From two years of age my daughter suffered respiratory illness every year. It started in early May each year approximately two weeks after wood fires were lit, and continued until the end of winter when the fires stopped .This occurred until my daughter was twelve years old, which is when we moved to a house above the smoke line on South hill. Since then she has not suffered from the same respiratory illness. It just stopped! We did not have to go to the Doctor or buy any more medication .During the same time my son suffered from a persistant cough during winters ,this also stopped when we moved house. Note our Allingham St house was heated by a wood fire our new house is not.

Otherwise nothing changed We have always had a good diet and our children participated in several sports. The only thing that changed was our moving out of a house that had a wood heater in an area that was in a heavy smoke zone into a non wood heated house out of the smoke zone. Note our decision to move house was not driven to get out of the smoke, but we were surprised in the dramatic change in our children's health when we did.

Resident of Markham St (Name and Address Supplied)

"I do not think enclosed wood-burning appliances should be permitted in new homes within Armidale where they are likely to add to the existing unacceptable pollution problem. New homes should be designed so they can be economically kept in a healthy liveable temperature range without need for wood heating or more than limited heating from non-renewable energy sources."