

## **Ban new wood heater sales**

As I sit here on a 23-degree day with my doors and windows open watching the AFL grand final, after, of course, hanging out the weekly washing, I really must thank the delightful neighbours whose smoke from their wood heaters I can see emitting from their chimneys and smell strongly in my lounge room.

Just fantastic. I live in a circuit in Kaleen developed in the 1970s.

In the last few months, there have been at least three completely new installations, not replacements, of wood heaters, apparently all with ACT government DA approval. Lovely.

I understand that the majority of ACT residents, i.e., ratepayers, oppose the use of wood heaters in Canberra's urban areas. Then there's the science saying they're bad, too.

That the ACT government can't read the

room and won't immediately ban the use and installation of all wood fires is absolutely astounding.

At the very least, the ACT government should immediately stop DA approvals of new installations of wood heaters in urban areas and accelerate their complete banning.

My lungs would be in favour of such a move.

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