

Health Impact Assessment
of Environment Canterbury's
Air Plan Review

- The HIA acknowledged existing evidence of the adverse impacts of air pollution on health



Smog in Timaru

- Appraisal Focused on potential health impacts wood burning for households due to further restriction of wood burner use

Findings:

- Wood burning is one of the most affordable forms of heating in New Zealand, used by nearly 24,000 Christchurch households



- Heating method is one of many factors that play a role in and winter warmth and wellbeing
- Further restriction of wood burner use may increase fuel poverty levels if not accompanied by supporting measures

Recommendations reflected in the new Air Plan:

- Sufficient time must be allowed for households to make changes



CEA Insulation Installer

- An inter-agency approach is needed to deliver supporting measures, such heating and insulation subsidies, to mitigate possible adverse health impacts of wood burner restrictions