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Submission: Domestic wood fire pollution from "modern" wood heaters is a serious and growing health problem for our urban populations and is generating substantial costs for our public health systems. A figure of \$8 billion over coming years is forecast. To discourage further proliferation of wood heaters in urban built up areas and to offset some of the costs to our public health systems Councils need the power to charge a pollution fee to all citizens who burn wood.

Unfortunately, councils do not have the power to levy such charges. The Review should correct this inadequacy and give NSW Councils powers to charge licencing fees for wood heaters because of the disproportionate amount of health-hazardous pollution they produce.

thank you,
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