

Environmental Health Referral Response - Solid Fuel Heaters

Application Number:	DA2025/0545
Proposed Development:	Demolition works and construction of a dwelling house
Date:	22/05/2025
Responsible Officer	
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 15 DP 14048 , 31 Ralston Road PALM BEACH NSW 2108

Reasons for referral

This application requires detailed consideration of solid fuel heaters. And as such, Council's Environmental Investigations officers are required to consider the likely impacts.

Officer comments General Comments

Approval is sought for a solid fuel heater in association with the living room of the proposed dwelling house. No details have been provided in relation to the height or location of any flue associated with the fireplace, nor has any detail been provided as to the make, model, or specifications of the heater proposed to be installed.

Despite this, it is considered that the installation of the proposed heater, and presumed location of any flue associated with the heater, would be likely to create unreasonable smoke impacts.

Such impacts would largely be experienced by the neighbouring property to the east, given the topographical relationship of this property to the subject site in conjunction with prevailing westerly winter winds.

The applicant is strongly encouraged to consider alternative fuel sources to wood.

Recommendation

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The proposal is therefore unsupported.

Note: Should you have any concerns with the referral comments above, please discuss these with the Responsible Officer.

Recommended Environmental Investigations Conditions:

Nil.