

## Environmental Health Referral Response - Solid Fuel Heaters

<b>Application Number:</b>	DA2019/1534
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Gareth David
<b>Land to be developed (Address):</b>	Lot 104 DP 6208 , 24 Kitchener Street BALGOWLAH NSW 2093

### 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

Environmental Health has assessed this referral with regard to the installation of a wood-fired heater. Council is adverse to the installation of solid fuel heaters in developments due to the potential to create more air pollution issues.

The application provides some detail in regards to siting, of the fireplace however, given that there is a lack of information about the type of unit to be installed, Council will require this information before the final Occupation Certificate can be released.

### Recommendation

APPROVAL - subject to conditions

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

### Recommended Environmental Investigations Conditions:

#### **CONDITIONS TO BE SATISFIED PRIOR TO THE ISSUE OF THE CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE**

#### **Section 68 Local Government Act application**

The installation of a fireplace will require a separate application under Section 68 of the Local Government Act 1993

Reason: To ensure compliance with relevant standards and fulfill statutory provisions

#### **CONDITIONS WHICH MUST BE COMPLIED WITH PRIOR TO THE ISSUE OF THE OCCUPATION CERTIFICATE**

#### **Installation of solid/fuel burning heaters**

Installation work must be carried out by an appropriately experienced and qualified person and in accordance with the relevant provisions of AS2918:2001 – Domestic Solid Fuel Burning Appliances – Installation

Reason: To ensure the installation is completed in a legislatively compliant manner.

#### **Certification of solid fuel burning heaters**

A certificate from an appropriately qualified person indicating the system is compliant with all relevant legislation, Building Code of Australia, Australian Standards, Specifications and manufacturer requirements is to be submitted to Council prior to the operation of the solid fuel heater.

Reason: To ensure the system operates in a legislatively compliant manner.

### **ON-GOING CONDITIONS THAT MUST BE COMPLIED WITH AT ALL TIMES**

#### **Operation of solid fuel burning heaters**

You are requested to take all practicable measures to prevent the likelihood of causing smoke and/or odour nuisances. Such measures should include:

- Using dry seasoned hardwood
- Storing wood in a dry well ventilated place
- Having a hot and well oxygenated fire
- Ensuring that the chimney flue is clean
- Checking the chimney at different stages of the fire to see if there is any smoke

Reason: To ensure that works do not interfere with reasonable amenity expectations of residents and the community.