

Environmental Health Referral Response - Solid Fuel Heaters

Application Number:	DA2019/1176
Responsible Officer	Adam Urbancic
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 101 DP 9999 , 43 Beatrice Street BALGOWLAH HEIGHTS 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

It is noted on the plans submitted that:

1. An existing fire place is shown on the original approved dwelling which is not part of the application.
No further comment.
2. A pizza oven is proposed externally in the new work. Pizza ovens-wood fired(generally) have been the source of complaints to Council where smoke t is blown into the windows of neighbouring premises. The structure as such does not require approval to install externally.

The Protection of the Environment Operations (Clean Air) Regulation 2010 which prohibits burning anything states:
in Clause 12

It is not an offence under this clause:

(a) to cook or barbecue in the open, or to light, maintain or use a fire for recreational purposes such as camping, picnicking, scouting or other similar outdoor activities, so long as only dry seasoned wood, liquid petroleum gas (LPG), natural gas or proprietary barbecue fuel (including a small quantity of fire starter) is used,

The intention clearly is " for recreational purposes such as camping, picnicking, scouting or other similar outdoor activities" clearly not replacement for an internal cooking appliance, where daily use may be expected.

Therefore Environmental Health has no objections to the pizza oven subject to the following conditions.

Recommendation

APPROVAL - subject to conditions

Recommended Environmental Investigations Conditions:

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

Use of Pizza Oven structure

The use of the Pizza oven if "burning wood" shall only be used , using dry seasoned wood, for occasional recreation use with out nuisance to adjoining premises.

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Reason: To ensure the use of the pizza oven does not create a smoke nuisance to neighbouring premises.