

The Australian Home Heating Assoc Inc is the peak industry body representing manufacturers, retailers, installers, maintenance companies and the firewood sector of the wood heating industry which employs over 10,000 Australians nationwide.



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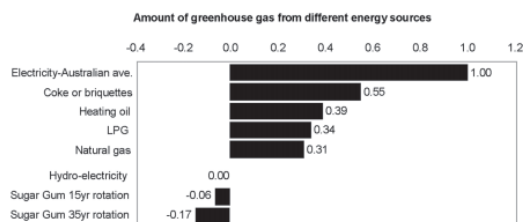


FACT: Wood heating emits less Greenhouse Gases than other forms of home heating.

“The use of wood for energy production results in relatively little net carbon emissions. The use of sustainably harvested wood to generate energy thus eliminates greenhouse gas emissions that would have resulted from the use of fossil fuels”.

Forests, Wood and Australia's Carbon Balance; Australian Government; Forest and Wood Products Research and Development Corporation; Cooperative Research Centre for Greenhouse Accounting

http://www.fwpa.com.au/content/pdfs/new%20pdfs/FWPA_CarbonBro%2008_WEB.pdf



Comparison of CO₂ released per unit of energy produced (kg CO₂ kWh⁻¹) for different sources of domestic heating.

Source: AGO, Sept 2003 "Life Cycle Assessment of Greenhouse Emissions from Domestic Woodheating"

www.greenhouse.gov.au/nrm/publications/firewood.html AGO, Sept 2003



FACT: Firewood is a renewable source and the AHHA lists reputable firewood suppliers on its web site and runs education campaigns on the correct use of wood heaters.



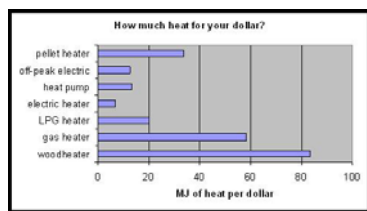
FACT: NSW Department of Planning BASIX program states:

A wood heater has an equivalent impact on the BASIX score as a 4.5 star fixed-flue gas heater rated in accordance to the Australian Standard (AS 4553)

Source: basix@planning.nsw.gov.au



FACT: Wood heaters deliver the lowest cost energy for home heating.



Comparison of Residential Heating Costs and Greenhouse Gas Emissions for Firewood, Gas and Electricity—Dr. John Todd June 2005



FACT: Over 900,000 Australian Families prefer to enjoy wood heating.

According to the ABS (2005), about 909,000 Australian households use firewood as their main heating fuel or about 11.6 per cent of all our households. A further 300,000 use firewood as an occasional or secondary heating fuel according to Research Institute of Sustainable Energy www.rise.org.au/info/Res/wood/index.html



FACT: A wood burning heater bathes your room with a rich, soothing warmth that no other energy source can equal.



FACT: Wood heating is the most reliable form of domestic heating.

Storms and disasters often rob householders of gas and electricity and the world energy crisis is set to worsen reliability of supplies. The 1998 Longford gas plant explosion forced Victorians to endure 20 days of cold showers and chilly nights and Auckland suffered a five-week long power outage leaving about 74,000 people cold, hungry and in darkness. A small supply of firewood can keep wood heated households warm and provide cooked food and hot water.

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