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## **WOOD – mother nature’s answer for home heating**

**Tarriffs and other economic mechanisms are being considered to make using fossil fuels more expensive and renewable energies much cheaper<sup>1</sup>  
Wood heating is cheaper and better for the environment**

All forms of home heating effect the environment, however the long term consequences of heating your home with fossil fuels can increase global warming and could be devastating!

Global warming is of great concern to all. It is caused when coal, oil and natural gases are burned, emitting a great deal of carbon dioxide and gases such as methane, chloride, ozone and nitrogenous oxygen which all contribute to the earths rising temperature.

Using wood to heat your home means less fossil fuels burned, less greenhouse gas emissions and a healthier environment.

Woodheaters are one of the lowest producers of greenhouse emissions and have the added benefit of being a renewable resource.

The Australian Home Heating Association in conjunction with the wood heating industry have donated over a quarter of a million dollars in funding to grow viable, environmentally sustainable firewood lots as part of a continuing relationship with Landcare Australia.

Well managed forests can be a renewable, sustainable source of energy that helps provide a positive future for wood heating, while helping to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

In a report by Dr. John Todd<sup>2</sup> the benefits of wood heating extend to the fact that wood heating is Carbon Nuetral which is another important climate change benefit associated with firewood use and that relates to the possibility of actually removing carbon from the atmosphere faster than it is released when firewood is burnt. This situation occurs when new plantations are established on previously cleared land with a view to using the harvest fully or partially as fuel.

By choosing an Australian Standards approved appliance you can be sure that you are not causing unnecessary damage to the environment.

<sup>1</sup>Australia-State of the Environment 2006

<sup>2</sup>Comparison of Residential heating Costs and Greenhouse Gas Emissions for Firewood, Gas and Electricity by Dr. John Todd June 2005

Burning seasoned firewood purchased from a reputable supplier will assist the productivity of your wood heater so ask your retailer for advice. Alternatively log onto [www.homeheat.com.au](http://www.homeheat.com.au) for an overview of all things related to the wood heating industry and stay warm this winter.

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