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WOOD HEATERS WRONGFULLY PLACED IN THE FIRING LINE

**You live in NSW and you want to install a wood heater; but do
State regulations allow them? Absolutely!**

NSW is the most densely populated State in Australia, and more people equals higher greenhouse gas emissions. Global warming is becoming an increasing issue but by making smart heating choices we can all help to reduce the greenhouse effect. According to research¹, wood heaters emit less greenhouse gases than most other heating appliances; making them a viable option for environmentally concerned home owners.

Through communication with the Australian Home Heating Association, the Department of Planning's BASIX programme continues to allow wood heaters in new homes. BASIX is a great tool for ensuring all new homes are energy efficient and not releasing more harmful gases than is environmentally acceptable. New home owners choosing to install a wood heater can still fall well within the energy requirements of the programme.

The current BASIX tool includes wood heaters as a heating choice and will continue to do so says the NSW Department of Planning.

In fact, the biggest culprit for greenhouse gases is hot water use! Water heating is the second largest source of greenhouse gas emissions after transport². So as well as opting for environmentally responsible heating appliances; taking shorter showers is one of the best ways to save up to half a kilogram of greenhouse gas per minute.

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In order to sustain the earth's resources and reduce the greenhouse effect we can all spend less time in the shower, be mindful of not using too much electricity, and opt for environmentally responsible heating options - like firewood - that have the ability to reabsorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere via the forestry cycle.

¹ Comparison of Residential Heating Costs and Greenhouse Gas Emissions for Firewood, Gas and Electricity by John Todd 2005.

² www.greenhouse.gov.au

REMEMBER: WOOD IS GOOD

- Trees absorb carbon dioxide which helps reduce greenhouse gases.
- Modern certified wood heaters are clean burning.
- Ensuring your wood heater has a blazing fire will produce less smoke.
- Trees are continually being planted for firewood which makes wood heating one of the few sustainable heating options.
- Never burn treated or painted timber - it releases harmful chemicals into the atmosphere.

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