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Manurewa Local Board Feedback on the Proposal for Draft Air Quality Bylaw for Indoor Domestic Fires

The Manurewa Local Board is committed to working to develop projects and practices that will reverse some of the impacts of our development and urbanisation and protect what we have for future generations. Therefore the local board has considered the statement of proposal Draft Air Quality bylaw for Indoor Domestic Fires and provides the following feedback;

Statement of proposal

1. The Manurewa Local Board understands that the Ministry sets the national rules that provides for healthy air quality by developing national policies and tools to maintain and where necessary improve air quality.

The Ambient Air Quality Guidelines provide guidance on how to manage air quality. They set guideline values to ensure our air is clean and healthy to breathe. There is also information for the public and councils on wood burner installation requirements, and best practice wood burner use

2. The Manurewa Local Board supports Option A1: No regional rules for indoor domestic fires – the council would accept the regulatory gap and choose not to re-establish the regional rules for indoor domestic fires that were in the former Regional Plan.

On the draft air quality bylaw

Should a bylaw be initiated, the Manurewa Local Board;

- seeks the inclusion of none-regulatory actions such as rigorous public awareness campaigns to ensure that people use their fires appropriately
- seeks council continuing with an affordable 'retrofit you home' programme, also noting that insulation in homes is essential towards creating warm dry homes
- seeks the implementation of regulatory controls to endorse clean heating installation for all newly built homes

Conclusion

The Manurewa Local Board does not support an Air Quality bylaw for Indoor Domestic Fires as it is covered by the Ministry guidelines and standards to ensure that our air is clean and healthy.

Yours sincerely



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