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Papakura Local Board feedback on the draft Air Quality Bylaw for Indoor Domestic Fires

Background

The Papakura Local Board promotes the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of current and future communities in the Papakura area. Therefore the Local Board has considered the draft air quality bylaw for indoor domestic fires and submits the feedback as outlined below.

On the Statement of proposal

- The Papakura local board supports the re-establishment of regional rules through a bylaw (Option A2 as set out in the Statement of Proposal) to address the current regulatory gap regarding the use of indoor domestic fires in the Auckland region.
- The board also supports the use of the urban zones as described in the Unitary Plan to define the urban air quality area (Option B3 as set out in the Statement of Proposal).
- The board notes that there is no mention made in the Statement of proposal as to how Council is planning to make the public aware of this (potential) new bylaw. The board would like to see a strong public awareness raising campaign being run, if this bylaw gets established. This campaign should include informing the public about which materials should/should not be used for indoor domestic fires.

On the draft air quality bylaw for indoor domestic fires

- The Papakura local board considers Part 3 of the bylaw (enforcement, offences and penalties) to be relatively weak and questions how Auckland Council will be able to proactively enforce compliance.

Conclusion

The Papakura Local Board is overall supportive of an Air Quality Bylaw for Indoor Domestic Fires however would like to see this, if established, complimented by a strong public awareness campaign.

Yours sincerely



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