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SUBMISSION TO THE DRAFT AIR QUALITY BYLAW FOR INDOOR DOMESTIC FIRES

The Greater East Tamaki Business Association ('Association') welcomes the opportunity to make this submission to the Auckland Council Draft Air Quality Bylaw.

The Association believes that the Auckland Council should re-establish Auckland's regional rules for indoor domestic fires (Option A2). Re-establishing the regional rules would help the council to manage Auckland's air pollution levels, particularly in winter when the city's air pollution levels are higher and the risk of exceeding the national air quality standards is greatest. The Association supports the Council's proposal to have the bylaw in place for winter 2017. This is in line with the Association's submission to the Unitary Plan and addresses a major source of air pollution.

The Association supports the council's proposal to update the definition of the Auckland Urban Air Quality Area for the draft bylaw to reflect the urban zones in the Unitary Plan and the Auckland Council District Plan: Hauraki and Gulf Islands (Option B3). This option: most accurately reflects Auckland's urban form as it is today; aligns well with the intentions of the former Regional Plan, one of which is to regulate the use of new indoor domestic fires in the urban area so as to protect urban air quality; is the easiest to keep up-to-date as the city continues to develop. The draft bylaw includes transitional provisions for properties that would be re-categorised as urban under the updated definition. Under Option B3, approximately 5639 properties would be re-classified as urban for the draft bylaw. They would have to meet the urban standards in the bylaw for new indoor domestic fires. Those 5639 properties are mostly within six local board areas, where there has been significant urban development over the last few years: Franklin; Henderson-Massey; Rodney; Upper Harbour; Waiheke; Waitakere Ranges.

We wish to speak at any hearing.

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