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What organisation are you from? Lakeside Residents Group (Pakenham)

What do you think are the best value actions listed in the statement that are likely to help improve future air quality?

Reducing the occurrence of air pollutionWhilst the others all help, this has to be the initial focus. If we reduce the occurrences, a lot of the issues would not become a problem.

How would you build on or vary these actions?

Direct funding from emission penalties and waste levies towards these initiatives. Without government support, many would not be able to fund the improvements.

Do you have any suggestions for further actions?

Start new hazardous industrial zones further out, with improved pollution controls. These areas must have amenity buffers around them, assuring that inappropriate industries are not located too close. Industries to be ranked to create a measurable buffer requirement. Financially assist the polluting industries to upgrade and move further out, and do not allow upgrades to existing facilities other than in emergencies. However, strict policing is required to ensure that the companies that do not improve their methods in case they are forced to move.

Are there any air quality actions you believe should be avoided? Why? No

Are there particular areas of air quality (either pollution sources or geographic regions) you think the government should target for improvement? Why?

Hazardous industrial zones, need to be gradually relocated to further out areas. To protect the industries and the people that could be affected by their emissions.

Are you able to provide any data or information that will help government assess the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of air quality management actions? No

Do you have other suggestions on how to secure a clean air future?

As per 2 above and continue the good work being done by the government and its authorities to work towards this aim.