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Last Name

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What organisation are you from?

Rutherglen Landcare

What do you think are the best value actions listed in the statement that are likely to help improve future air quality?**How would you build on or vary these actions?****Do you have any suggestions for further actions?**

Assisting country people to update their wood heaters to improve efficiency of burning. Burning wood is carbon neutral, particularly when wood is sourced from plantations that are replanted. We need to grow more firewood plantations and promote wood as a carbon neutral heat source, but we just need to ensure users are educated as to how to efficiently use their wood heaters and have high quality heaters to minimise particulate matter air pollution. Also assisting the Firewood suppliers organisation to provide low moisture content firewood. Firewood plantations can have many biodiversity benefits as well, as our native species are excellent firewood, can regrow after being cut and can be a form of income for low rainfall landholders.

Are there any air quality actions you believe should be avoided? Why?**Are there particular areas of air quality (either pollution sources or geographic regions) you think the government should target for improvement? Why?****Are you able to provide any data or information that will help government assess the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of air quality management actions?****Do you have other suggestions on how to secure a clean air future?**