

## Air Pollutants

The Asthma Foundation rightly warns Tasmanians about the health risks of using unflued gas heaters because they release air pollutants such as carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, and others (Examiner May 20).

They say that people with asthma and respiratory conditions, heart conditions, the elderly, children and unborn babies should not be exposed to these pollutants.

That's funny, because the Asthma Foundation knows only too well forestry smoke contains these very same air pollutants on a much greater scale, and yet I have never heard them once say people should not be exposed to them. Like removing unflued heaters, forestry smoke should be stopped at the source.

It troubles me to see children especially, being put on asthma medications for life as a result of this needless pernicious pollution. Tasmania has the highest rate of asthma and non skin cancer in Australia.

I have withdrawn my support for the Asthma Foundation because the very body that is meant to be looking after its member's health should be telling the whole story and demanding the harmful burning practices stop.

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