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Second hand wood heaters

## Dear Mr Stott

Thankyou for your enquiry in regard to the EPA's position on the sale of second hand wood heaters.

The relevant regulations concerning wood heater compliance is the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control (Distributed Atmospheric Emissions) Regulations 2007.* 

Currently there is no prohibition on the sale of second hand heaters. The regulations require that a person must not sell a heater unless (Reg.5(3)(a)) the model of heater complies with AS/NZ 4013 and that (Reg.5(3)(b)) a plate is affixed to the heater containing the information required under AS/NZS 4013.

Essentially this information confirms that the wood heater model has been assessed against the standard and its emissions are within the prescribed limits.

The plate is affixed to the wood heater by the manufacturer and should be present on the body of the fire box (usually at the rear of the wood heater).

Consequently if a second-hand heater complies with the regulations it can be sold.

The regulations are clear that if a non-compliant heater is sold then monetary penalties may apply.

The responsibility for regulation of the manufacture, importation into Tasmania for sale, and sale of fuel burning heaters in the responsibility of the EPA Division. Decisions about the application of enforcement measures under the Environmental Management and Pollution Control (Distributed Atmospheric Emissions) Regulations 2007 are made with reference to the EPA Division Compliance Policy, a copy of which can be found on our web site.

As part of the EPA Division's communications to the public the requirements of the Regulations in regard to the sale of second hand heaters are periodically advertised in the major Tasmanian newspapers.

I hope this answers your questions. Please contact me again if you have any further query.

## Regards

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