

Dear neighbor at 19 Northcott Ave,

We (your neighbors) recently discovered that the air quality of our living area is deteriorating! After further investigation, it appears this odor/smell is caused by the chimney from your backyard – see photo below:



According to Parramatta Council regulation, this is categorized as “Nuisance Smoke” under the **Clean Air Amendment Regulation 2022**. This NSW regulation requires us to communicate with you directly to seek a resolution before they would step in for further action. As a neighbor with goodwill in this community for over 10 years, we hope a courteous conversation/communication can help us achieve the goal of clean air.

Wood fire smoke has a series of hazardous effects on human health, Airborne pollutants from wood smoke include benzene, butadiene, formaldehyde and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). Health effects from these pollutants range from eye irritation and headaches to more serious damage of the respiratory, nervous, reproductive, developmental and immune systems. These substances can have serious health consequences for all of us, especially for children, the elderly and individuals with respiratory conditions.

Nobody in this neighborhood wants to live in a smoky/hazardous environment. That is why I have asked around to find affected households. This list is indicative only and not exhaustive, as only a limited time and effort are available.

Each affected household would provide their signature and Street number below as an indication to join this particular action:

For more information about this regulation, please visit the following web site:

[https://www.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/wood-fire-heaters#:~:text=Therefore%2C%20an%20approval%20is%20required,Solid%20Fuel%20Heaters\)%20Regulation%202022.](https://www.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/wood-fire-heaters#:~:text=Therefore%2C%20an%20approval%20is%20required,Solid%20Fuel%20Heaters)%20Regulation%202022.)