

# CAMDEN COUNCIL

## Media Release

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### Wood Smoke Reduction Program

Camden Council is offering cash rebates of up to \$100 for residents who have their wood heater and flue professionally cleaned.

Wood heating systems eligible for a rebate under Council's Wood Smoke Reduction Program include:

- Open fireplace with chimney/flue
- Conventional wood heater (including potbelly stoves and older-style slow combustion heaters) with chimney/flue and cowl (if present)
- Controlled combustion heater with chimney/flue and cowl (if present).

Mayor of Camden, Councillor Lara Symkowiak said the cleaning of wood heaters and flues was essential in helping ensure the air quality in Camden remains as clean as possible.

"Given the impact of wood smoke on air quality, and its impact on community health, Council will continue with its efforts to help raise awareness on the issues of wood smoke pollution and how the community can use wood heaters more efficiently".

"A clean flue will not only assist your wood heater to operate more efficiently, providing the most heat for your home, but also means less smoke for you and your neighbours" she said.

Cleaning your wood heater and flue every year helps prevent a build-up of creosote, a flammable tar-like substance.

The wood heater and flue cleaning cash rebate is available through Camden Council's participation in the NSW Environment Protection Authority's (EPA) Wood Smoke Reduction Program 2014.

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