

# Otago Regional Council Regional Plan: Air

## Clutha District Council area

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As from public notification of a change to the Air Plan on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2007 all new or replacement domestic heating appliances<sup>1</sup> installed in a building:

- (i) within the area of either Airshed 2 or 3, or
  - (ii) on a property less than 2 hectares outside of Airsheds 2 and 3,
- must meet an emission rating of less than 1.5g/kg and a thermal efficiency rating of not less than 65%.

Maps of Airsheds in Clutha<sup>2</sup> can be found on the ORC website, at public libraries, Otago Regional Council offices, or at the District Council's public counter.

No emission or thermal efficiency standards apply to the use of domestic heating appliances on properties 2 hectares or greater outside of the Airshed 2 and 3 areas.

Note: If you are installing a domestic heating appliance between 14<sup>th</sup> April 2007 and when the Air Plan becomes operative, and you do not take heed of the proposed emission rate and thermal efficiency standards, you run the risk of needing to replace it with a domestic heating appliance that does meet the emission rate and thermal efficiency standards required by the rule in the operative Air Plan.

For more information about this plan change, air pollution in Otago, discharge from heating appliances, lists of approved burners and National Environmental Standards for Air Quality, refer to:

- ORC Website [www.orc.govt.nz](http://www.orc.govt.nz)
  - Ministry for the Environment Website [www.mfe.govt.nz](http://www.mfe.govt.nz)
- or contact the resource planners at ORC, 474 0827.

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<sup>1</sup> "Domestic heating appliance" is defined as: "A combustion appliance, with a heat generation capacity of up to 35 kW, in which solid fuel is burnt for heating or cooking, and is primarily used in residential dwellings. It includes, but is not limited to, any open fire, woodburner, multifuel, pellet or coal burning heater, coal range or cooking stove."

<sup>2</sup> Milton is Airshed 2; Balclutha is Airshed 3.