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Submission from Tuggeranong Community Council
Review of
The National Environment Protection
(Ambient Air Quality) Measure

1. In view of the compelling and ever growing scientific evidence that particle pollution particularly PM_{2.5}, has serious impacts on the health of the elderly and very young, especially those with existing heart and lung conditions, the Tuggeranong Community Council calls on all Governments to take immediate action against the harmful effects and factor in all costs (social, health and environmental) when examining the costs and benefits of introducing measures to reduce the emission loads on ambient air quality.
2. All governments should update sampling protocols so that representative monitoring sites are employed for the monitoring of PM_{2.5} in key areas and that they are statistically representative of the whole area and be open to public scrutiny.
3. Review emissions and ambient levels of pollutants every three years taking account of existing and new data on the social, health and environmental impacts and applying world best practice.
4. Minimise situations where some states and/or territories may determine the lowest common denominator of environmental performance and ambient levels of pollutants thus eroding community expectations of governments' responsibility to protect the health and well being of people and to reduce the overall costs on society.

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