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**Re: Review of the Practicability of a 10 Minute Sulfur Dioxide Standard**

Dear Ian,

Healthy Cities Illawarra is a NGO that has a long history of protecting public health in the Illawarra region. Notably in the area of environmental health, Healthy Cities Illawarra has, in recent times, been lead agency of a Dioxin and other Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) Campaign, and a study of industry radionuclide emissions and the impact of those emissions on human health.

The Illawarra region presents unique pollution problems due in part to the topography of the region, and the proximity of heavy industry to residential populations. It is of utmost importance that all available measures are taken to protect public health in this region, and in particular to protect public health from industrial emissions.

I wish to extend my support for the implementation of a 10 minute sulfur dioxide standard. I believe the most appropriate form for this standard would be option 3 as outlined in the Review of the Practicability of a 10 Minute Sulfur Dioxide Standard - Issues Paper.

I attended the information session on the review in Wollongong, as well as reading the Issues Paper. The content of the information session, and in particular that of the technical data presentation, in conjunction with the content of the Issue Paper, leads me to believe that of the three options presented in the Issues Paper, option 3 would provide the greatest benefit to the local community.

I look forward to a decision on the issue that considers public health the highest priority.

Sincerely,

Ben Grounds