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Dear Ms Palmer,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Gas Appliance (Carbon Monoxide) Safety Strategy.

Housing NSW supports the investigation on the performance of indoor domestic gas appliances to mitigate the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and ill effects of hazardous combustion gases.

Housing NSW supplies and installs flued gas space heaters in dwellings located in areas designated as 'cold towns'. At other locations, where natural gas is available, gas bayonet outlets are provided in accordance with NSW regulations, to enable the occupants to connect their own appliances. The most common type of space heater used by tenants is the portable gas heater.

The proposal to better control the gas appliance design, selection, installation and maintenance is supported by Housing NSW. However, with regards to the use of carbon monoxide alarms and oxygen depletion sensors, Housing NSW suggests that a risk assessment in conjunction with a cost and benefit analysis be carried out.

Housing NSW also suggests that the final recommendations include clear advice and guidelines on how new controls, if any, would apply to existing dwellings and appliances.

Housing NSW looks forward to the Regulatory Impact Statement and the opportunity to provide feedback on the next round of consultation.

Yours sincerely

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