

CAMDEN COUNCIL

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Improving Air Quality in Camden

Councillor Theresa Fedeli, along with State Member for Camden, Chris Patterson MP, met with the Minister for Environment, Robyn Parker on Monday as she announced a \$41,820 grant for Camden Council to help address wood smoke pollution in the Local Government Area.

The Wood Smoke Reduction Program, which is administered by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA), aims in assisting local communities in raising awareness about the effects of wood smoke on individual's health as well as the environment.

The grant presented will assist Council in educating the Camden community on the effects of solid wood heaters and wood smoke as well as undertake smoky chimney surveys in the Camden Local Government Area. This is the second grant Camden Council has received under this program.

Mayor of Camden, Councillor Lara Symkowiak thanked the EPA and Minister Parker for visiting and announcing the grant.

"I sincerely thank Minister Parker for coming to The Australian Botanic Garden to make this announcement. This funding is very important to the people of Camden and will go a long way to helping improve our air quality and our environment".

"Camden Council made a commitment in 2012 to attempt to improve air quality in the Camden Local Government Area and this funding will help Council deliver education programs, policies and initiatives to our residents" she said.

Camden Council was one of 17 individual councils to be awarded grants under the Wood Smoke Program.

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