



## **COMPLIANCE**

Policy 5.7

ALTERNATE FUEL REBATES

**Version 1**

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**OBJECTIVE:** To provide a process for providing rebates to eligible residents for the replacement of coal fired appliances with an alternate cleaner heating system.

**POLICY:**

#### 1. AIM

To provide a clear process for eligible properties with a **coal** burning appliance to receive a rebate for the replacement of the appliance with a cleaner alternative, with the aim of improving air quality in urban areas of the local government area.

#### 2. Location

To be eligible for the Alternative Fuel Rebate the property must be zoned residential R1-5 or RU5 with land area  $\leq$  2 hectares and be within a town or village in the Lithgow Local Government Area.

#### 3. Appliance

Appliance is a coal fire heater that heats water &/or heating of a residence and is currently used/in use for that purpose. An open fireplace is not considered an appliance for the purpose of this policy.

#### 4. Definition of Boiler

A water-heating system for domestic use, consisting of a drum of water mounted above a fire. A boiler is a closed vessel in which fluid (generally water) is heated. The heated or vaporized fluid exits the boiler for use in various processes or heating applications, including water heating, central heating, boiler-based power generation, cooking, and sanitation.

#### 5. Eligible systems

- To be eligible applicants must submit a completed Application for Alternative Fuel Rebate Form (Attachment 1)
- The rebate is only available for the replacement of a coal burning appliance
- All coal burning appliances must be removed from the property
- A property is only eligible to one rebate regardless of the number of appliances removed
- Before removal of the appliance Council must inspect the system to determine if it qualifies for the rebate, photos will be taken for Council records

## 6. Removal

Coal burning appliances must still be installed to be eligible for the rebate. If you have already replaced or are in the process of replacing an eligible coal fired appliance, you are not eligible for a rebate.

The Coal burning Appliance must be removed and deposited at the Lithgow Solid Waste Facility for metal recycling and Council provided with the receipt of disposal.

## 7. Installation

- Replacement of the coal burning appliance must be with an electric, flued gas or alternative approved heating appliance
- A new system can be installed up to 6 months before or after the removal of the coal burning appliance
- Replacement systems must be installed and operated in accordance with relevant Australian Standards, Building Codes, Local Government Requirements and manufacturer's specifications
- Council will inspect & take photos of the replacement system in place prior to the approval of the rebate

## 8. Rebate

- If Council determines the application is approved for the rebate, domestic household will receive \$1000 and a pensioner \$1400<sup>1</sup>
- Pensioners must provide a Pension Card Number
- Payment to made within a reasonable time frame

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<b>Attachments:</b>	Alternate Fuel Rebate Application Form				

<sup>1</sup> This amount may vary by Council resolution. If so, the amount/s in this policy will be adjusted without the need to place the Policy amendments on public exhibition.  
Lithgow City Council Policy

## Attachment 1



### ALTERNATE FUEL REBATE APPLICATION

### CONVERSION FROM COAL BURNING APPLICANCES

#### Applicant's details

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address for correspondence \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

#### Address where the coal heater will be replaced

Location of the coal heater (the coal heater being replaced must be located in a property within the Village areas of Lithgow, Portland, Wallerawang, Lidsdale and Rydal.)

Are you: (please tick)     Owner/occupier     Landlord/Agent     Tenant (if tenant, has the owner agreed to participate in the program and co-signed this application?)  
 Yes     No (unfortunately you are not eligible)

Address where the coal heater is located \_\_\_\_\_

#### Description of the system to be installed

Which of the following systems do you plan to replace your old coal heater with?

- Ducted gas central heating     Fixed electric heater with thermostatic controls  
 Fixed flued gas heater     Other  
 Reverse-cycle air conditioner

#### Evidence of pensioner status (if applicable)

What is your Pensioner card number? \_\_\_\_\_

I, We Have read and understand the conditions and have not provided any false or misleading information:

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Co-signature of owner/agent, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_

#### PRIVACY & PERSONAL INFORMATION PROTECTION NOTICE.

By completion of this form you may be providing Council with personal information. Council will collect the information only for a lawful purpose directly related to the function of Council. We will take reasonable care not to disclose personal information. Exempt documents may come under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009.

## APPLICATION CONDITIONS

### Location details:

- To be eligible for the Alternative Fuel Rebate the property must be zoned residential R1-5 or RU5 with land area  $\leq 2$  hectares and be within a town or village in the Lithgow Local Government Area.
- Residents in rental properties can apply for incentives provided that the tenant and the property owners agree and both sign the application
- All coal heaters must be removed and only one cash incentive is available for each premises

### Eligible systems:

- To be eligible applicants must submit a completed Application for Alternative Fuel Rebate Form
- The rebate is only available for the replacement of a coal burning appliance
- All coal burning appliances must be removed from the property
- A property is only eligible to one rebate regardless of the number of appliances removed
- Before removal of the appliance Council must inspect the system to determine if it qualifies for the rebate, photos will be taken for Council records.

### Installation and disposal:

The replacement heating system must be installed in the same property as the heating system being replaced.

- Replacement of the coal burning appliance must be with an electric, flued gas or alternative approved heating appliance
- A new system can be installed up to 6 months before or after the removal of the coal burning appliance
- Council will inspect & take photos of the replacement system in place prior to the approval of the rebate.

### Required standards:

Replacement systems must be installed and operated in accordance with relevant Australian Standards, Building Codes, Local Government Requirements and manufacturer's specifications.

### Retrospective incentives:

If you have already replaced or are in the process of replacing an eligible coal heater, you are not eligible for a rebate, unless the coal heater/s is still installed.

### Disclaimer:

There is no warranty given or implied by Council on any aspect of the replacement heating systems funded throughout the Rebate. Council accepts no responsibility for the adequacy or quality of heating systems for which a rebate is approved, nor do they accept any responsibility for any damage or injury arising from the removal of old heaters and installation of new heating systems and the operation of these new systems.