

RESULTS OF SAFETY INVESTIGATION OF ETHANOL FIREPLACES AND DECORATIVE BURNERS

Australian Consumer Law (Qld) section 130 (1)

I, Jarrod Bleijie MP, Minister for Justice and Attorney-General, publish this notice pursuant to section 130 (1) of the Australian Consumer Law (Qld).

This notice relates to the outcomes of an investigation into the safety of unvented ethanol fuelled fireplaces and decorative burners for domestic use that do not require professional installation.

The investigation has shown that these type of goods have the capacity to cause injury if used incorrectly. Although no regulatory action is proposed at this point in time some intervention by product safety regulators is required to reduce the risk of consumer injury.

A national working party has been formed between the Office of Fair Trading and the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission which is currently developing strategies to reduce the risk of consumer injury associated with the use and reasonably foreseeable misuse of these types of products.

Consumers or suppliers of these goods are advised to contact the Office of Fair Trading via email at: safety@justice.qld.gov.au or on 07 3008 5983 if they have experienced a safety incident with these products or wish to raise any issues concerning their safety.

Dated this:

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