

Every day that you send your child
into a classroom with an unflued gas
heater operating...

... you are poisoning them.



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Is obstructionism stopping the release of the list of 100 cold climate schools getting unflued gas heaters replaced?

The saga of the removal of unflued gas heaters continues, with the extra-ordinary failure of the NSW Government to honour its commitment to release publicly the list of the first 100 schools to have their poisonous unflued gas heaters removed.

C.O.U.G.H Founder Richard Kalina today called on the State Government to release the list and accused elements within the Department of Education and Training, NSW Treasury and industry of obstructing the Government's declared agenda of removing unflued gas heaters from all NSW public school classrooms.

"In the last week we have seen some extraordinary, anonymous and scurrilous attacks on the State Government and the state's children and parents. These attacks, rubbished the Government's decision to remove unflued gas heaters, unjustifiably attacked the science behind it and falsely claimed that removal of the heaters would impact on the school system's capacity to address the maintenance issues."

"Our message to the obstructionists is simple: stop the lies, stop poisoning our children and stop obstructing the Government's agenda on this matter."

"Your actions are putting the health of the State's public school students at risk and that is unacceptable behaviour."

Mr Kalina said that the global scientific consensus on the dangers of gas heaters was unambiguous, even before the findings of the Woolcock study, which found direct health implications arising from exposure to unflued gas heaters, despite being conducted during the warmest winter in history.

"Currently we have deliberate misinformation about the cost of the retrofit being peddled around to the media. We have misinformation about how the maintenance budget will be impacted. We have misinformation being bandied around about the scientific evidence for removal. And with all this we cannot even get from the Government the list of the 100 cold climate schools to be urgently retrofitted as per the government's explicit commitment."

"The lies have to stop."

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