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Air pollution levels

I write on behalf of my 40 y.o. daughter who has Down Syndrome.

She watches the News, and she has a formidable command of current events, but she is nervous about writing messages which may offend authority.

I, on the other hand, have been a reasonably high level public servant, a member of parliament and a UNESCO and UNDP project leader, so offending people is more or less my line of work.

My daughter has learned of the extreme leniency of NSW air quality standards and enforcement, and she has asked me to contact you. As the NCC points out:

- * solid particulate emissions up to 50 mg/m³ in NSW compare with 8 in the EU
- * NOX emissions up to 1500 200.....
- * Hg50 micrograms/m³4.....
- * SO₂/SO_x.....1700 mg/m³.....200.....

None of this surprises me, but I had hoped that a little of Matt Kean's enthusiasm for clean air and clean water may have rubbed off on the Department.

Mercifully I live in Tweed Heads and very little Sydney air makes it way so far north, but given that 20% of Australia lives in the Sydney Basin, it may be wise to take a look at the clean air standards which you are obliged to enforce.

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