

Email Message to:

Housing Corporation New Zealand

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World Fire Safety Foundation Message
Warning about the Ionization Alarms Installed in Housing
New Zealand Corporation Homes throughout New Zealand

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Subject: New Zealand Herald Story: 'Alarms Focus on Fire Service Probe'

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c.c.: "David Isaac | Owner, Fire & Safety Technologies, Standards Australia FP002 Committee Member, Toukley, NSW, Australia"

Housing New Zealand Corporation

Gez Johns, Northern Region Communications Manager,
Robert Galvin, National Maintenance Manager,
Cassandra Rivers, Public Relations & Communications

Dear Gez, Robert & Cassandra

Follow Up: New Zealand Herald Story: 'Alarms Focus on Fire Service Probe'

Cassandra, thank you for your time on the phone.

I am writing further to yesterday's New Zealand Herald story, '[Alarms Focus on Fire Service Probe](#)' where one of your tenants, an 18 month old toddler was taken to hospital after a fire in a Housing New Zealand Corporation home which allegedly was fitted with a working smoke alarm. He is [still in a critical condition](#).

The New Zealand Herald stated: "*Why the alarms did not alert the family to the fire earlier is under investigation.*"

The ionization type of smoke alarm in most New Zealand homes has been proven by Australian government (CSIRO) and Consumer New Zealand scientific testing (by BRANZ), to have life-threatening defects. Please see the link from page 8 of the **attached** 'Smoke Alarm Warning' report to the New Zealand Consumer tests.

The 60 Minutes exposé, 'The Alarming Truth' which aired in New Zealand two weeks ago, shows the defects inherent in all ionization alarms. The **attached** report contains links to the 60 Minute's story and the latest news from New Zealand, Australia and the U.S. on this issue.

On Friday of this week the Queensland Coroner is scheduled to hand down recommendations following Australia's worst ever house fire (the subject of the 60 Minutes story). We are hoping, as a minimum, he will recommend photoelectric alarms to be made mandatory in all Queensland homes. I will keep you posted when he hands his findings down.

Mr David Isaac from the Standards Australia committee that oversees the Australian Smoke Alarm Standard has been copied on this message. He is also a New Zealander. Mr Isaac is Australia's leading fire safety expert and the main protagonist in the 60 Minutes story.

Thank you for taking the time to check this out. It is encouraging to know the NZFS is now promoting 10 year photoelectric alarms. However, we have long argued that people have a right to know that the ionization alarms in their homes have proven, life-threatening defects.

Please advise if you know what percentage of HNZN homes have ionization alarms fitted in them. I would appreciate the opportunity to work with HNZN in any way possible including producing a custom version of our 'Smoke Alarm Warning' report for HNZN tenants.

Please advise.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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The following document was sent to HNZC as an attachment to the WFSF's email of 25 Nov 2014. The complete 15 page document is at: www.Scribd.com/doc/333688198

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Smoke Alarm Warning

Why a Growing Number of Fire Fighters are Absolutely Convinced Your Ionization Smoke Alarms May Not Save You



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