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Ban on firework

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THE federal Government has placed a temporary ban on sky lanterns.

Consumer Affairs Minister Craig Emerson yesterday announced an 18-month ban on the supply and sale of the lanterns, also known as sky candles or fire balloons. They use flammable liquid or a candle to produce hot air which inflates them and then sends them up into the sky.

While a popular part of many celebrations, Dr Emerson said they were also potentially dangerous.

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