



Your details

Ms

Title

First name

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Last name

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Submission details

I am making this submission as

A resident in a bushfire-affected area

Submission type

I am making a personal submission

Consent to make submission public

I give my consent for this submission to be made public

Share your experience or tell your story

Your story

Our family chose to buy a cottage and live in Epping around 37 years ago because of the proximity to bushland and extensive tree canopy. We brought up our children supported the community and volunteered in community organisations to enhance the environment for the betterment of the families growing up in the area.

Sadly we have seen this tree canopy disappearing from our precious suburb and replaced by fence to fence concrete with the new dwellings erected upon the sites of the cottages and gardens.

Little regard has been paid to enhancing the area for the residents or future residents buying these dwellings.

Summers are becoming unbearably hot and dry and yet the trees continue to be destroyed despite all evidence of temperature reduction.

Please allow residents to have a say in the area in which they live and have lived for generations.

After all parliamentarians live in homes and enjoy the ambience around them too.

Terms of Reference (optional)

The Inquiry welcomes submissions that address the particular matters identified in its [Terms of Reference](#).

1.1 Causes and contributing factors

Land use planning and management and building standards, including appropriate clearing and other hazard reduction, zoning, and any appropriate use of indigenous practices.

I would urge strict caution in allowing residents residing near bush areas to use the 10/50 Clearing Code to clear their property on a self-assessment basis. Many demolition sites around me in Epping are totally cleared of trees, despite specific instructions approved to leave the trees or replace them. Even more freedom to remove trees will have a devastating impact on the already fragile tree canopy system.

Real Estate values are much higher in areas where there is shade and leaf - why reduce the value of our homes?

1.2 Preparation and planning

Please allow residents more input into these hastily assembled 10/50 Clearing Code rules in order that the area remains worthy of supporting good family communities.

Supporting documents or images
