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Your story

I am very critical of the 10/50 ruling brought in by the NSW Government in the guise of protecting residents from potential harm from flaming trees and vegetation. Due to the wording of the ruling: "The rule allows people in a designated 10/50 Vegetation Clearing Entitlement Area to: Clear trees on their property within 10 metres of a home, without seeking approval; and Clear underlying vegetation such as shrubs (but not trees) on their property within 50 metres of a home, without seeking approval." This gives residents living in a bushy area with a low potential bushfire rating and wishing to open up a potential view carte blanche to remove trees without involving the local council. The potential effect is to remove habitat from native animals - habitat that is increasingly becoming rare in the urban environment. I believe the 10/50 ruling should be a guideline only and that there must be professional assessment given to the position of the tree in its environment and a rating given to the tree determined by its expectation to act as a danger during a

bushfire event. The historic outcomes of this 6 year ruling has meant hundreds of mature remnant trees have been removed from our urban environment unnecessarily with many of these being unfairly targeted by people opening up potential views to improve their house value. There needs to be better outcomes for our remnant trees from this inquiry that do not impinge on the safety of the community

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