



Your details

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Submission details

I am making this submission as

A member of the general public

Submission type

I am making a personal submission

Consent to make submission public

I give my consent for this submission to be made public

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Your story

We live [REDACTED], Hornsby and belong to a Community Fire Unit . We are one of five in our street.

We live on a ridge surrounded by bushland which we love.

The risk of bushfire is high. Being involved with the CFU has meant that we are taught when to evacuate, how to maintain our homes and how to use the equipment provided.

The 10/50 tree and vegetation cleaning legislation is not appropriate for our area. The removal of trees using this legislation is not appropriate for two reasons.

Firstly, there are other things that people can do to reduce the effects of bushfire. Clean gutters, be prepared and evacuate appropriately with a plan.

The second reason is that many residents are abusing the legislation, using it to remove trees for many reasons other than bushfire. We have had two large trees in Manor Road removed for driveways, where driveways already exist on the properties.

While there is place for residents to choose how they use their properties I believe that the RFS should be consulted for tree removal and the local council, for us that is Hornsby council.

There could very well be grounds for removal of a tree, but could we give consideration to the removal of something which may have taken 200 years to grow? In the case of one tree removal for a driveway in our street, the property is now leased and there is a DA in place to divide the property into two. The tree was not removed for bushfire concerns. Now the residence is overgrown and weeds are in place of the tree. That tree, which was over 200 years old and 1.6 metres in diameter seems to have been destroyed very quickly and easily for reasons other than bushfire protection. The arborist admitted it was a very healthy tree.

Please can we stop the abuse of the 10/50 tree and vegetation clearing rules?

██████████ ... over 200 years destroyed for a driveway.

██████████destroyed for a driveway. Neither required council permission.

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■ Manor Road... over 200 years destroyed for a driveway.