



PITTWATER COUNCIL

PLACE AUDIT - Assessment Exercise

Location: Barrenjoey Road from Mona Vale Road to Waratah street footpath			
Location Code: Transit 4 A			
<i>please circle</i>	<i>please circle</i>		
Day survey conducted : Mon Tue Wed Thurs Fri Sat Sun	Male / Female	Age:	
Time survey conducted: (i.e. 5pm closest 30 mins) _____ am / pm			

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Please complete one survey per activity hub .

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The information gathered in this survey is anonymous.

Please respond to the following statements for this 'activity hub '

Best aspects of this place ☺ (what things do you like most about this place?)
Aspects of this place that need improvement☹ (what things do you least like about this place?)

Instructions: For the following statements - please circle your response:

(If you do not feel a statement is relevant, leave the response blank) **1=strongly disagree 4= strongly agree**

A. Uses and Activities of this 'place'					
		Strongly disagree	disagree	agree	Strongly agree
1.	Many different types of activities are occurring in this place (What life is occurring here?)	1	2	3	4
2.	Activities are not just related to 'planned' events	1	2	3	4
3.	There are 'choices' of things to do in this place	1	2	3	4
4.	There are many different kinds of people and different age groups that use this place	1	2	3	4
5.	Uses are easily visible and inviting for pedestrians	1	2	3	4



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B. Comfort and Image of this 'place'		Strongly disagree	disagree	agree	Strongly agree
6.	It is attractive	1	2	3	4
7.	It is clean and free of litter/rubbish	1	2	3	4
8.	It is well maintained	1	2	3	4
9.	It feels safe	1	2	3	4
10.	Users have a choice of places to sit or use, either in the sun or shade.	1	2	3	4
11.	There is evidence of anti-social behaviour in this place (i.e. graffiti, signs of vandalism)	1	2	3	4
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13.	The scale of the surrounding buildings are overbearing for pedestrians.	1	2	3	4

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C. Access and Linkages to and from this 'place'		Strongly disagree	disagree	agree	Strongly agree
14.	People can easily walk to and through the place	1	2	3	4
15.	There is good connectivity to other parts of Mona Vale from this location	1	2	3	4
16.	Public transport and transport options are accessible from this place	1	2	3	4
17.	This place is conducive to bike riding	1	2	3	4
18.	Pedestrian crossings are well placed	1	2	3	4
19.	There is adequate directional signage, maps and location information	1	2	3	4

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D. Sociability of this 'place'		Strongly disagree	disagree	agree	Strongly agree
20.	Pedestrians use this place by choice	1	2	3	4
21.	You would bring people to this place	1	2	3	4
22.	People appear friendly and comfortable in this place	1	2	3	4
23.	There is a mix of ages and sexes	1	2	3	4
24.	There are people in groups	1	2	3	4
25.	There are places for people to gather	1	2	3	4

Any other comments you would like to make about this 'place':



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Place mapped: 18 Dec 2013

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Coastal Precinct - 9B Docx

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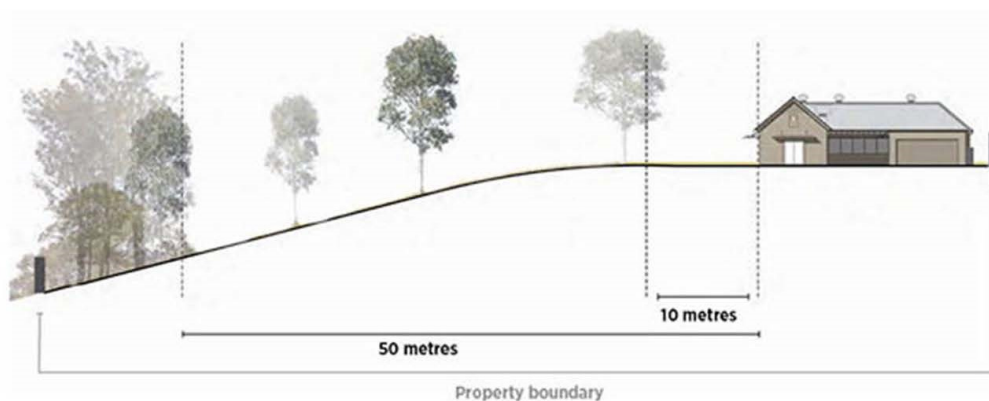
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10/50 Vegetation Clearing Code

“Putting people before trees”

The Hon. Mike Baird MP

- Location of 10/50 Vegetation Clearing Entitlement Area is unknown at this stage.



Victoria 10/50

- In most areas it is 10/30.
 - 21 Metropolitan Councils are exempt.
 - Does apply to any new homes where they have been approved under the relevant bushfire planning documents (ie. since 2009).
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- Potentially significant impacts on scenic amenity and possible the character of the Pittwater LGA (leafiest suburb?).
 - Potentially devastating for threatened flora and fauna, wildlife corridors, etc. No Threatened species
 - There are potential geotechnical issues and problems use in these area (generally upslope are higher risk).
 - There is no assessment it will be self assessed, realistically compliance will fall to Council.
 - Highlights issues associated with current bushfire prone land mapping, are coastal bushland areas as significant as inland areas, ignores slope and aspect.
 - There has been no consideration of impacts on the development system, will Council need to assume all vegetation under 3m will be removed on average housing lots and all trees within 10m of the building. Current landscaping controls can not be implemented.

ATTACHMENT 8 Leading and Learning Minutes

SUBJECT: Submission on the proposed 10/50 Vegetation Clearing Code of practice

Meeting: Natural Environment Committee

Date: 4 August 2014

STRATEGY: Flora & Fauna

ACTION: To sustainably manage urban forest tree canopy and native bushland

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To present for the consideration of Council a submission in response to the proposed 10/50 Vegetation Clearing Code of Practice, prepared by the NSW Rural Fire Service (refer **Attachment 1**).

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The draft 10/50 vegetation Clearing Code of Practice is in response to property loss associated with the bushfire in the Blue Mountains in 2013.
- 1.2 The code was on exhibition for four weeks with comments being received up until 21 July 2014. Council staff have forwarded a submission (refer **Attachment 2**) regarding concerns to the Manager Community Planning, NSW Rural Fire Service.
- 1.3 The Code allows for the removal of trees for 10m and any vegetation less than 3m for 50m from any residential structure.
- 1.4 Compliance with the code supersedes all other “clearing legislation” for example Council’s tree preservation order.

2.0 ISSUES

- 2.1 The actual locations of 10/50 Vegetation Clearing Entitlement Areas have not yet been provided to Council. The impacts cannot then be fully understood.
- 2.2 Depending on the location and uptake by property owners there are potentially numerous impacts, these include:
 - Loss of scenic amenity and change to the character of Pittwater
 - Impacts on flora and fauna,
 - Geotechnical problems.

3.0 SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT

3.1 Supporting & Connecting our Community (Social)

The submission on the 10/50 vegetation Clearing Code is an opportunity for Council and the community to provide comment on the legislation that may significantly affect the aesthetic significance of our sense of identity, culture and place.

3.2 Valuing & Caring for our Natural Environment (Environmental)

The review of the 10/50 vegetation Clearing Code is an opportunity for Council to advocate for our desired environmental outcomes and express concerns regarding environmental conservation and management that may be affected by implementation of the code.

3.3 Enhancing our Working & Learning (Economic)

The review of the 10/50 vegetation Clearing Code will have minimal impact on the local economy, employment or educational opportunities.

3.4 Leading an Effective & Collaborative Council (Governance)

The review provides an opportunity for Council to be proactive and clearly outline the issues and concerns we foresee before the state wide implications are imminent and certain.

3.5 Integrating our Built Environment (Infrastructure)

The review of the 10/50 vegetation Clearing Code provides Council an opportunity to raise concerns with the NSW Rural Fire Service regarding the recommendations and deficiencies in the code.

4.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 4.1 The Code allows for the removal of trees for 10m and any vegetation less than 3m for 50m from any residential structure. The draft code is provided as **Appendix 1**. Council staff has forwarded a submission (provided as **Appendix 2**) regarding concerns to the Manager Community Planning.
- 4.2 Depending on the location and uptake by property owners there are potentially numerous impacts, these include:
- Loss of scenic amenity and change to the character of Pittwater.
 - Impacts on flora and fauna.
 - Geotechnical problems.
- 4.3 The actual location where 10/50 Vegetation Clearing Entitlement Area have not yet been provided to Council. The impacts cannot then be fully understood.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the information provided in the report be noted.
2. That the submission outlined in **Attachment 2** to the Manager Community Planning, NSW Rural Fire Service, be endorsed by Council.
3. That Council make representations to Minister of Environment and the Minister for Emergency Services on the potential impacts of the draft code.

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APPENDIX 1

Submission on the proposed 10/50 Vegetation Clearing Code of practice



10/50 VEGETATION CLEARING CODE OF PRACTICE

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1 Introduction

This Code of Practice is known as the 10/50 Vegetation Clearing Code of Practice for New South Wales (the 10/50 Code) and has been prepared in accordance with section 100Q of the *Rural Fires Amendment (Vegetation Clearing) Bill 2014*.

This 10/50 Code has been developed to provide for vegetation clearing work to be carried out in certain areas near residential accommodation or high risk facilities to reduce the risk of bush fire.

It permits landowners in the 10/50 vegetation clearing entitlement area to clear on their own land, vegetation that is adjacent to an external wall of a building containing habitable rooms that comprises or is part of residential accommodation or a high-risk facility.

This draft 10/50 Code is released for a 21 day public exhibition period and will commence on a date yet to be determined.

The Commissioner of the NSW Rural Fire Service may review this 10/50 Code at any time.

2 Definitions

Expressions defined in Division 9 of the Rural Fires (Vegetation Clearing) Amendment Bill 2014 have the same meaning for this 10/50 Code.

A definition within the Rural Fires Act 1997 applies to this 10/50 Code, except where the terms defined in Division 9 of the Rural Fires (Vegetation Clearing) Amendment Bill 2014 apply.

For the purpose of this 10/50 Code the following definitions apply:

10/50 vegetation clearing entitlement area: land determined by the Commissioner of the NSW Rural Fire Service to be a 10/50 vegetation clearing entitlement area, and is identified as such on a map published on the NSW RFS website;

External wall: see Section 6.2

Habitable room: See section 6.3

Tree: a perennial woody plant having:

- (a) a single stem or trunk
- (b) is 3 or more metres in height, and
- (c) the trunk, at a height of 1.3 metres above the ground, has a circumference of more than 0.3 metres.

A tree does not include a shrub, which is a small low growing woody plant with multiple stems, or a vine which is a woody plant that depends on an erect substrate to grow on.

3 Links

The following Acts, Instruments or other documents are referred to in this Code of Practice:

- > *Rural Fires Act 1997*
- > *Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998*
- > *Education Act 1990*
- > *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*
- > *Local Government Act 1993*
- > *National Parks and Wildlife Act 197*
- > *Native Vegetation Act 2003*
- > *Native Vegetation Conservation Act 1997*