
NOM19/012 BUSHFIRE FUEL REDUCTION PROTOCOLS

Responsible Officer: Rob Pollock - Councillor

Attachments: Nil

Councillor Rob Pollock has given notice that at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 10 December 2019, he will move the following motion.

MOTION

THAT Council write to the Premier, The Honourable Gladys Berejiklian with a copy of the letter to the Member for Bega, and Minister for Transport Andrew Constance, NSW Rural Fire Service Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons, Minister for Energy and Environment Matthew Kean, the NSW Forest Corporation and Ministers responsible for the Corporation, seeking an urgent review of the current bushfire fuel reduction protocols and planning practices with the view of achieving a more efficient process for Government and private property owners, more frequent and regular hazard reduction burning in the State Forests and National Parks of NSW and a commitment of resources by the NSW Government to ensure that required hazard reduction burns can be undertaken as and when required.

BACKGROUND

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Current control and protocols have limited regular and effective hazard reduction within and beyond Eurobodalla.

The current seven-year cycle does not provide adequate protection.

Often hazard reduction burns are regarded as being completed but in reality, have been largely ineffective. As a result, no further action for seven years.

The spread and intensity of recent fires are testimony to the need for change.

The extent of planning and necessary manpower often limits it to a very few days each year, being available for actual hazard reduction.

To preserve our bush and native wildlife, a more regular regime needs to be implemented.

'Own the fuel, own the fire'.