PETITION - Bushfire Protection

To the Prime Minister, the Premier of N.S.W. and Members of State and Federal Parliament.

We the undersigned ask that you please assist in protecting our Urban Areas from Bush Fire by implementing the following resolution of Shoalhaven City Council (MIN20.29)

To assist in protect our Towns and Villages from future bushfire attack, Council resolve to mount a campaign to have the NSW or the Commonwealth Government carry out the following actions as they may apply to them and the same provisions also be applied to any Local Government Council where appropriate.

1. To exempt hazard reduction burns and the construction of asset protection zones, required as a result of a duly adopted standard, from the provisions of the EPCB Act and the NSW Environmental Legislation, internal Government Agency Policies, or any other limitations within other Acts or Regulations which restrict any authorised authority from constructing and maintaining APZs or undertaking hazard reduction burns.
2. To have the NSW State Government adopt as a general policy that Urban settlements requiring the provision of an APZ at the interface with natural areas, such APZ be at least 200m and to have such APZs managed as Park Lands.
3. To either repeal or create an easement over any section of a National Park where part of the Park falls within a 200m APZ and vest the management of that land in the local Council.
4. To enact Legislation to require a private land holder (including Aboriginal Land) create and maintain a parkland like cleared area of generally 200m to act as an APZ between the subject land and the interface with any urban development requiring the provision of an APZ, where a property owner fails to comply with this requirement an authorised authority may carry out the work and charge the land holder for the works, with the exception of Aboriginal Land where the clearing will remain a cost on the authority.
5. To require any Government Authority who manages forested areas to properly maintain and improve the construction of fire trails, this is to include the removal of any obstructions other than locked gates.
6. To consider the construction of strategic fire breaks through forested areas including National Parks of a similar width to a major electricity easement.

Name	Address	Signature

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