

The Secretary,
House of Representatives,
Select Committee on the Recent Australian Bushfires,
Parliament House,
Canberra, ACT 2600.

Dear Sir,

Narrawallee Beach Reserve – Potential Fire Hazard, Shoalhaven Council.

I am submitting my concerns in relation to the potential fire danger at the above Reserve.

This Reserve is heavily timbered with overgrown weed infestation, masses of self-seeded banksias, many dead trees, fallen trees and branches which I consider a fire danger in its present state to the houses bordering this Reserve.

To reduce costs of mowing the grass areas of this Reserve, the Shoalhaven Council proposes to plant more trees and shrubbery therefore increasing the danger further.

Now that the Shoalhaven Council has obtained a tritor, this machine would be a very cost effective method of removing the unwanted growth, thus eliminating the need to ever backburn.

The variety of large trees on this Reserve are beautiful and should be retained. My only concern is the present neglect of the excessive undergrowth which increases the fire risk.

Yours faithfully,



E. H. Manning.