

**Questions On Notice...** from Christopher Mills. 52 Caroline St. Council Meeting 28 Sept.

Landslip Zone at 54 Caroline St. Fire risk

**Photos of Council truck tipping wood chips down onto the landslip zone 19 March 2020.  
covering the site with 800m<sup>2</sup> of woodchips.**



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After trees stabilizing the landslip slope were cut down on Nov 5 2019, some shrubs were planted and a layer of wood chips was spread over the entire site. TASFIRE lists these plants as ***High inflammability to Moderate Flammability*** and ***“should be avoided in a Building Protection Zone.”***

As to the spreading of woodchips over the site.... TASFIRE firmly rejects this.....

***“Use non-flammable mulch, do not use woodchips or bark”***

**Question: 1.)** Blocks adjacent to my home were the subject of a Bush Fire Assessment Plan in 2018, and given a BAL rating of 12.5. Council’s recent ill advised “landscaping” invalidates that rating.

*Does the member of Staff responsible for creating this fire risk hold a qualification as a TASFIRE certified and accredited B.F. Hazard Practitioner ?*

2. If a fire starts and feeds on 800m<sup>2</sup> of dry woodchips and flammable shrubs... Floating embers ( “ember attack”) and radiant heat due to the large amount of flammable material placed there by this Administration will put homes at risk.

TASFIRE and the BAL Assessor recommend that :”*cropped lawns*” or “*mowed lawns*” will reduce fire risk ( tinder dry woodchips which have a potential to spontaneously combust are not to be spread around near homes).

**Question** *With summer coming on.....will the Coordinator of Parks & Reserves now **urgently** clear the site of the woodchips & the flammable shrubs that the Dept of Infrastructure & Works have put there, and replace with plants of low flammability and cropped lawns ?*

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