

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 800m² 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 800m² 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 ?*
