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**My comments**

Regarding Section 5: Fire Management.

My 100 plus hectare of wet sclerophyll native forest was severely damaged during the Pretty Gully firestorm of December 6-7, 2019, to the point where I do not foresee any further forest yield for possibly 30 - 40 years.

The draft code concentrates very heavily on plan preparation covering vegetation, wildlife and landscape protection, but simply passes off fire protection to "responsible authorities".

Given the severity of damage evidenced during a severe fire, I would expect a native forest management code would first and foremost establish the basis for a fire protection regime that would ensure that the environmental resource being protected and closely managed remained viable. Secondly, that the native forest resource on a given property was not an uncontrolled hazard to neighbours.

Achieving reasonable fire protection would first require the property owner to submit a plan identifying hazard reduction land units and the location of surrounding fire control access trails. After approval, the cost of establishing the fire trails could be offset by relaxing the forest management plan for a one-off harvest and sale of all timber on the identified fire control unit perimeters.

A basis would then be established for following hazard reduction procedures to reduce, if not eliminate, the wholesale destruction of vegetation and wildlife that otherwise occurs in wild fires.

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