



STOP THE CHOP

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Who are we?

STOP THE CHOP is a community alliance formed to bring the 10/50 Code to a grinding halt. We want immediate withdrawal of the Code and repeal of the enabling legislation as soon as Parliament returns. We are supported by community groups in metropolitan and regional areas, the Nature Conservation Council of NSW, the peak NSW environment group, and many other wildlife, birding and environmental groups.

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Why are low-risk and high-risk areas treated the same?

All parts of NSW are treated equally under Code 10/50. Why can't the government design a more appropriate fire risk measure so that Lane Cove Bushland Park is not in the same risk category as the Blue Mts National Park?

Even after the most recent RFS re-categorisation, the Blue Mts National Park and Lane Cove Bushland Park are still both classed as Category 1.

Council latest estimate of trees lost under Code 10/50

Ku-ring-gai	420+
Willoughby	400+
Mosman	234+
Lane Cove	314+

Note: Councils have not been able to keep track of the number of trees going under Code 10/50 as they can only rely on residents calling to complain. As a result they are no doubt grossly underestimating the impact.

STOP the CHOP estimates the real number of trees lost on the North Shore alone to be closer to 5000.

Mass Scale Tree Loss

The close proximity of whole blocks of habitable dwellings in urban areas is resulting in massive scale tree loss right across NSW. There are very few trees in urban and suburban areas that are not within 10m of a house or habitable dwelling. Tree removal is affecting local climate, property values, general outlook and the environmental value of the whole

Woodchips dumped



97% of submissions to RFS Review oppose Code 10/50

Submissions to Code 10/50 Review - Nov 2014

Total Number of Submissions	3579
Submissions asking for - Moratorium or Repeal	3078
Submissions asking for - Amend/Refine/Non support	569
	3454 97%

The Baird Govt continues to refuse to implement a Moratorium on Code 10/50 while the RFS review is conducted even in light of overwhelming evidence of misuse.

The National Trust of Australia (NSW)

“The Trust seeks a full inquiry into the impacts of the 10/50 Vegetation Clearing Code, above and beyond the current review by the NSW RFS. This inquiry should be taken by appropriately qualified individuals with expertise in vegetation management, threatened species conservation, risk management as well as fire protection and have regard to a broad range of values not simply fire protection.”



Wendy Gai Harmer ▶ **STOP the CHOP**

March 17 at 2:55pm · 🌐

The neighbours just took the chainsaw to half a dozen mature Norfolks in suburban Collaroy today. Bushfire threat? My arse.

