

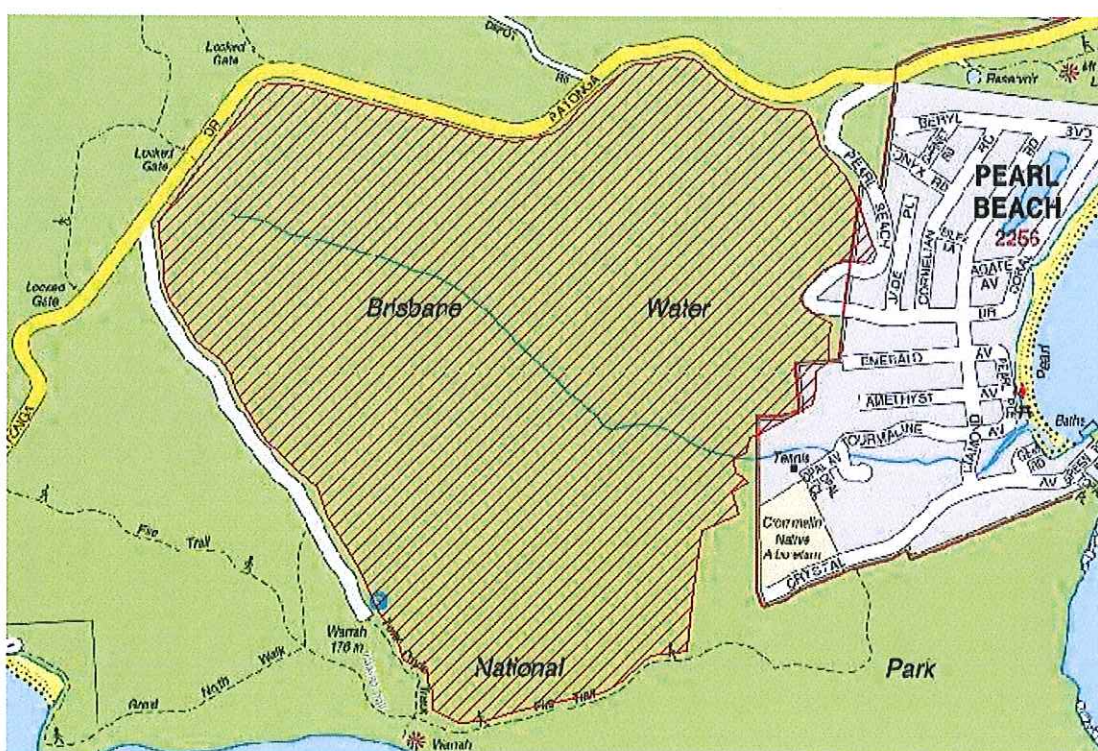


Dear Park Neighbour

Re: Hazard Reduction Burning – Brisbane Water National Park

The NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service in conjunction with the NSW Rural Fire Service will be undertaking a hazard reduction burn in your area on **Thursday 22nd September 2011**. Unsuitable weather conditions may postpone the work to a later date.

The controlled burn will be approximately 240 ha in size and is located in Brisbane Water National Park to the south of Patonga Drive and west of Pearl Beach township.



The work is part of the annual program approved by the Gosford Bush Fire Management Committee. The purpose of the burn will be to reduce fuel loads in order to protect property and assist with control of summer bush fires.

Please note, there will be varying degrees of smoke, ash and radiated heat generated from the fire. To reduce these impacts it is suggested that you consider:

- Closing all windows and doors to keep smoke out;
- Removing washing from clothes line;
- Protecting or removing items which may be affected by ash, smoke or radiant heat (e.g. outdoor furniture, fences, plastic items, plants, watering systems, pets etc.)
- Clearing accumulated leaf litter away from items such as dividing fences or retaining walls and to delineate your property boundary from the adjoining reserve;

- If smoke affects your personal health please consider ways to alleviate your situation.

Tracks and trails within and leading into the burn area will be closed until further notice.

We recognise that there may be some inconvenience caused by this activity, however, there will be considerable benefits in reducing the intensity of subsequent unplanned fires, protecting property and wildlife habitat. Your assistance in allowing access to the rear of your property if required, would be appreciated.

If you have any inquiries regarding this matter, please contact Ranger Laurie Pasco on (02) 4320 4200.

Yours sincerely,



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Area Manager Gosford
Central Coast Hunter Range Region
for Director General
Date: 19.09.11