



City of **HOBART**

**Memorandum:** Lord Mayor  
Deputy Lord Mayor  
Elected Members

## **Response to Question Without Notice**

### **TOLMANS HILL LOCAL AREA PLAN - FLORA**

**Meeting:** City Planning Committee

**Meeting date:** 20 January  
2020

**Raised by:** Alderman Behrakis

#### **Question:**

Can the Director advise the flammability of the trees and species listed on the Tolmans Hill Local Area Plan?

Was the approved list subject to consultation with the Tasmania Fire Service?

When was the last review of the approved list carried out?

#### **Response:**

There are twelve Local Area Plans (LAPs) applying to properties in the Tolmans Hill estate. Five of the later LAPs (14, 14A, 16-20, 17A and 17B) include lists of examples of 'locally occurring native species' from the vegetation communities that plantings should be selected from to meet the relevant acceptable solutions under the LAPs.

The list of example species consists of:

- Black wattle (*Acacia mearnsii*)
- White Gum (*Eucalyptus viminalis*)
- Kangaroo Grass (*Themeda triandra*)
- Wallaby Grass (*Danthonia caepitosa*)
- Bluebell (*Wahlenbergia stricta*)
- Bulbine lily (*Bulbine glauca*)
- White peppermint (*Eucalypts pulchella*)
- Tasmanian Blue Gum (*Eucalyptus globulus*)

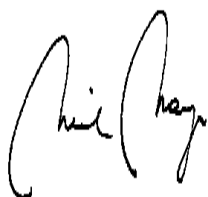
- She oak (*Allocasuarina verticillata*)
- Common heath (*Epacris impressa*)
- Honeysuckle (*Banksia marginata*)
- Stringybark (*Eucalyptus obliqua*)
- Blanket leaf (*Bedfordia salicina*)
- Silver Wattle (*Acacia dealbata*)
- Prickly Box (*Bursaria spinosa*)
- Sags (*Lomandra longifolia*)
- Bracken (*Pteridium esculentum*)
- Prickly Beauty (*Pultenea juniperina*)

Attachment A includes a table showing the flammability of these species, according to the Tasmania Fire Service document Fire Retardant Garden Plants for the Urbans Fringe and Rural Areas, and according to various other sources. This list has been provided to residents and developers of Tolmans Hill when information about plant flammability has been requested.

The Tasmania Fire Service have advised that it was not consulted about the native plant species used in the Tolman's Hill LAP and that if using high flammability species, risk to property should be addressed through careful siting and the maintenance of horizontal/vertical separation between fuels.

There has been no formal 'review' of the landscaping provisions/plant example list in the LAPs in recent times however a budget allocation is being sought for the 2020/21 financial year to review the LAP system for Tolmans Hill and its appropriateness given the bushfire risk exposure of the suburb.

*As signatory to this report, I certify that, pursuant to Section 55(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, I hold no interest, as referred to in Section 49 of the Local Government Act 1993, in matters contained in this report.*



Neil Noye  
**DIRECTOR CITY PLANNING**

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Attachment A: Tolmans Hill Landscaping Species Flammability

**Tolmans Hill Landscaping**

**Approved Species and Additional Species from Approved Communities<sup>1</sup>**

<b>Botanical Name</b>	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Flammability<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Flammability<sup>3</sup></b>
<i>Acacia mearnsii</i>	Black Wattle	Moderate	Lower
<i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>	Blackwood	Moderate	Lower
<i>Acacia dealbata</i>	Silver Wattle	High	Lower
<i>Agrostis spp.</i>	Bent Grass		
<i>Allocasuarina littoralis</i>	Black She-Oak		
<i>Allocasuarina verticillata</i>	Drooping She-Oak		Lower
<i>Astroloma humifusum</i>	Native Cranberry		
<i>Austrodanthonia spp.</i>	Wallaby Grass		
<i>Austrostipa spp.</i>	Spear Grass		
<i>Banksia marginata</i>	Silver Banksia	High	Lower
<i>Bedfordia salicina</i>	Blanket Leaf	Moderate	Lower
<i>Beyeria viscosa</i>	Pinkwood	Moderate	Lower
<i>Bulbine glauca</i>	Rock Lilly		
<i>Bursaria spinosa</i>	Prickly Box		Lower
<i>Correa reflexa</i>	Native Fuschia		Lower
<i>Danthonia spp.</i>	Wallaby Grass		
<i>Diplarrena moraea</i>	White Flag Iris	Low	Lower
<i>Dodonaea viscosa</i>	Sticky Hop Bush	High	Lower
<i>Epacris impressa</i>	Common Heath		
<i>Eucalyptus amygdalina</i>	Black Peppermint	High	
<i>Eucalyptus globulus</i>	Blue Gum	High	
<i>Eucalyptus obliqua</i>	Stringybark	High	
<i>Eucalyptus ovata</i>	Black Gum		
<i>Eucalyptus pulchella</i>	White Peppermint	High	
<i>Eucalyptus viminalis</i>	White Gum	High	
<i>Exocarpus cupressiformis</i>	Native Cherry	High	
<i>Lomandra Longifolia</i>	Sagg	High	Lower
<i>Lomatia tinctoria</i>	Guitarplant		
<i>Poa spp.</i>	Tussock Grass	High	
<i>Pomaderris apetala</i>	Dogwood	Low	Lower
<i>Pteridium esculentum</i>	Bracken Fern	Moderate	
<i>Pultanea juniperina</i>	Prickly Beauty		
<i>Themeda triandra</i>	Kangaroo Grass		
<i>Wahlenbergia stricta</i>	Bluebell		

<sup>1</sup>*Eucalyptus obliqua* dry forest (DOB), *Eucalyptus pulchella* forest/woodland (DPU), *Eucalyptus viminalis* grassy forest/woodland (DVG), *Eucalyptus globulus* dry forest/woodland (DGL), *Allocasuarina verticillata* forest (NAV)

<sup>2</sup>TFS Fire-Retardant Plant List

<sup>3</sup>Other sources

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