



**Nillumbik Pro Active Landowners (PALS)**

**SUBMISSION TO  
NILLUMBIK SHIRE COUNCIL**

**Bushfire Mitigation Implementation Plan  
Bushfire Mitigation Strategy**

29 April, 2019

**Nillumbik Shire Council ("NSC")  
Draft Bushfire Mitigation Strategy ("DDBMS")  
DBMS Development Information Provision**

To Craig Lapsley - 29 April 2019

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**Nillumbik Pro Active Landowners ("PALs")**, as the representatives of the majority of Nillumbik Shire landowners, who, together with **Nillumbik Shire Council ("NSC")** bear most of the responsibility for the Nillumbik landmass and for the foundation and ongoing management of its treasured Green Wedge along with the majority of its unique and valuable environmental assets, are pleased to provide to Craig Lapsley (as the consultant responsible for the development and settling of the **NSC Bushfire Mitigation Strategy ("BMS")** and the resultant **NSC Bushfire Mitigation Implementation Plan ("BMIP")**), this digest of PALS contribution to and recommendations for this critical suite of strategic documents and initiatives.

## REFERENCE INFORMATION

Mr Lapsley and his consultancy team are referred to NSC actions and PALS representative initiatives and its library of information and submissions, which will comprehensively inform this landmark project in relation to the political background and prevailing community views on responsible and appropriate land management in the context of bushfire risk management including but not limited to:

1. Abandonment by NSC of proposed **Planning Scheme Amendment C101** which required VCAT proceedings, resulting in **Parsons v Nillumbik SC [2016] VCAT 1898 (11 November 2016)**  
VCAT REFERENCE NO. P1007/2016
2. Refusal by Victorian Planning Minister, The Hon Richard Wynne to approve proposed **Planning Scheme Amendment C81** after PALS direct intercession, given 1 above.
3. Report by Mr Christopher Wren QC on the NSC investigation into the abandonment of proposed **Planning Scheme Amendment C101** - <https://www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/files/assets/public/council/governance/report-of-the-investigation-into-the-abandonment-of-nillumbik-planning-scheme-amendment-c101.pdf>
4. PALS submission on **Victorian Native Vegetation Clearing Regulations Review ("NVCRR")** [https://engage.vic.gov.au/download\\_file/3078/455](https://engage.vic.gov.au/download_file/3078/455)
5. Exemptions to planning permit requirements in Cl 52.17 to the **Victorian Native Vegetation Clearing Regulations**, which incorporate a number of PALS recommended exemptions [https://stfpbsprodapp01.blob.core.windows.net/amendmentfiles/0d1b7122-6c70-e811-a860-000d3ad0ed15\\_d005c481-c675-4beb-b23b-b4bc6e3f53b7\\_VC138%2052\\_17%20Final%20Schedules.zip](https://stfpbsprodapp01.blob.core.windows.net/amendmentfiles/0d1b7122-6c70-e811-a860-000d3ad0ed15_d005c481-c675-4beb-b23b-b4bc6e3f53b7_VC138%2052_17%20Final%20Schedules.zip)



6. PALS submission to the **Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry Into Fire Season Preparedness**  
[https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/images/stories/committees/SCEP/Fire\\_Season\\_Preparedness/Submissions/Submission\\_59\\_-\\_Nillumbik\\_Pro\\_Active\\_Landowners.pdf](https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/images/stories/committees/SCEP/Fire_Season_Preparedness/Submissions/Submission_59_-_Nillumbik_Pro_Active_Landowners.pdf)
7. PALS supplementary submission to the **Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry Into Fire Season Preparedness**  
[https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/images/stories/committees/SCEP/Fire\\_Season\\_Preparedness/Submissions/Submission\\_59\\_-\\_Nillumbik\\_PALS-Att\\_1.pdf](https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/images/stories/committees/SCEP/Fire_Season_Preparedness/Submissions/Submission_59_-_Nillumbik_PALS-Att_1.pdf)
8. Final report of the **Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry Into Fire Season Preparedness**  
[https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/images/stories/committees/SCEP/Fire\\_Season\\_Preparedness/Report/EPC\\_58-11\\_Text\\_WEB.pdf](https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/images/stories/committees/SCEP/Fire_Season_Preparedness/Report/EPC_58-11_Text_WEB.pdf)  
  
Refer to pp84ff in relation to PALS and NSC
9. PALS submission on the **Victorian Inquiry Into Fire Services Restructure**  
[https://crockgroup-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/damian\\_crockgroup\\_onmicrosoft\\_com/EaKFWmf2CNFApYc2CCghp3wBpS8oXrLVYRC23RdECwpcvQ?e=OyVRZ3](https://crockgroup-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/damian_crockgroup_onmicrosoft_com/EaKFWmf2CNFApYc2CCghp3wBpS8oXrLVYRC23RdECwpcvQ?e=OyVRZ3)
10. PALS submission to the **NSC Green Wedge Management Plan Review Community Panel**  
[https://crockgroup-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/damian\\_crockgroup\\_onmicrosoft\\_com/Ed1K1nr\\_FvxFrPeyynS5Wj0BlmUDezZLjvYvsPjQTS7tYw?e=Qp5O0X](https://crockgroup-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/damian_crockgroup_onmicrosoft_com/Ed1K1nr_FvxFrPeyynS5Wj0BlmUDezZLjvYvsPjQTS7tYw?e=Qp5O0X)
11. PALS **Open Letter to NSC and all NSC residents 12 October 2018**  
[https://crockgroup-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/damian\\_crockgroup\\_onmicrosoft\\_com/Ee4GBg1k7W1HrARpPl8HJAABPgAvgmQOAlx8t10evCergQ?e=dFE8g8](https://crockgroup-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/damian_crockgroup_onmicrosoft_com/Ee4GBg1k7W1HrARpPl8HJAABPgAvgmQOAlx8t10evCergQ?e=dFE8g8)
12. PALS submission to the **NSC Draft Bushfire Mitigation Strategy 2018**  
[https://crockgroup-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/damian\\_crockgroup\\_onmicrosoft\\_com/Ed1K1nr\\_FvxFrPeyynS5Wj0BlmUDezZLjvYvsPjQTS7tYw?e=Qp5O0X](https://crockgroup-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/damian_crockgroup_onmicrosoft_com/Ed1K1nr_FvxFrPeyynS5Wj0BlmUDezZLjvYvsPjQTS7tYw?e=Qp5O0X)

We strongly commend this suite of information and thank you for the opportunity to contribute meaningfully to this vital initiative. PALS also undertakes to prepare a comprehensive submission to the NSC DBMS once it is put out for public consultation.

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**Chair**  
**Working Group**  
**Nillumbik PALS**  
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