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The General Manager
Mr Craig Wrightson
Lane Cove Council
Cc: Martin Terescenko, Executive Manager Open Space & Urban Services,
The Mayor, and All Councillors

Dear Mr Wrightson, Mr Terescenko, and all Councillors,

**Submission: Notices Of Motion Relating to Bushland , Council Meeting November 2022
from the Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society**

The LCBCS is pleased to see the Notices Of Motion Relating to Bushland on the papers & supports the actions for each of the three, Light Spill, the Western Side of the Golf Course & Encroachments on Public C2 land, with some comments:

Light spill

Although the DCP requirement for a 10m buffer from bushland is required of all developments in Lane Cove, this does not adequately protect nocturnal wildlife & habitat when 6 or 7 stories or more of high rise shine their personal lights into it.

The Society welcomes the Incorporation of controls into DCP Part H and into the standard development consent conditions, but controls are urgently needed now and should be reviewed once drafted.

How long till the next DCP review ?

266 Longueville Road is just one example where many floors of windows face right into bushland, a wildlife corridor to the Gore Creek Valley. The Society recommends Council design measures that can be applied now to developments on bushland, protect it from light intrusion.

The Sydney Central City Planning Panel this month has a condition for lighting for fauna, flora and powerful owls for 55 Coonara Ave, West Pennant Hills

The Northwood Slope, Bushland adjacent to the Western Side of the Golf Course.

The Society agrees with the Recommendation, whole-heartedly as it's been advocating for the naming and better protection of this bushland. However, we are horrified at the massive tree destruction we

have just seen in the C2 zone here. The bushland at the edge of the golf course is clearly not protected now.

Address Reported Bushland Encroachments by Private Users on Public C2 Land and Education Opportunities

The report focuses only on **E2 Bushland** but we believe that it was intended to and should include all public land, **both E2 and RE1**. However, the Society was expecting something much stronger from Council and asks that this is taken more seriously than it appears to be **and should be strengthened**.

The educational component and inclusion into Councils monthly 'Snapshot' is welcome. We suggest educational components include steps that residents can take & Contact details be included.

The Society were expecting from Council a must stronger & more comprehensive approach to encroachments & to enforcement of their existing rules without exceptions. There are so many examples around bushland where Council appears to turn a blind eye or has given exemptions to the 10m setback and below is an example we find quite shocking:

TREE DESTRUCTION AROUND THE GOLF COURSE:

The Society is aghast at the number of trees that have been felled to stumps on the East & West sides of the Golf Course in the C2 zone, meters up into it, including very large trees. It is estimated that around 30-40 trees on the Northwood Slope C2 zone alone, have been felled to stumps.

this was advertised on the Golf Course website as 'Tree Trimming'- it is nothing of the sort, the stumps tell the story, including several trees felled on the golf course & logs dumped on constructed wetland!

WHO is responsible for directing, approving and supervising this Council funded tree destruction in an environmental protection zone ?

How were contractors allowed meters up into the C2 zone ?

Were Bushland Managers consulted about the extent of tree removal?

Photos have already been sent to you.

Yours sincerely,
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