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## **JOIN BIRDLIFE SHOALHAVEN IN CAMPAIGNING FOR A MORATORIUM ON CLEARING AFTER THE BUSHFIRES**

In the wake of the bushfire crisis remnant vegetation and habitat, both inside and outside the fire zone, needs special consideration and management to ensure the best recovery. It would be catastrophic for wildlife if any more habitat is lost until burnt areas are given time to recover. Fauna need water, food and shelter. Remnant vegetation needs a source and time for recovery and regeneration.

The basis concern of BirdLife Shoalhaven is that Council management at both a decision making and an operational level, will make decisions which are inappropriate if we are to conserve the natural environment as refugia in the context of the bushfire recovery. It cannot be business as usual at this time.

There are a number of contemporary instances in the Shoalhaven, which are subject to community concern and campaigns and can be raised in any expression of your concerns:

- \*Manyana residential development
- \*Wire Lane in the Berry Corridor
- \*Fishermans Paradise DA
- \*Urban and peri-urban tree removal and the 45 degree rule application
- \*wholesale removal of bushland for urban growth
- \*Associated destruction of habitat and corridors
- \*vandalism of dune vegetation
- \*Holloran Planning Proposals affecting Lake Wollumboola, Long Bow Point and Callala Beach
- \*Comberton Grange Shaolin Temple urban development in the Jervis Bay catchment

You can add your voice on these issues or call for a moratorium on all clearing to allow the natural environment the time it needs to recover after the bushfires:

Write to Shoalhaven Council: Mayor Amanda Findley, 'All Councillors' and CEO Mr Stephen Dunshea:  
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- You can state what you want to say in the body of the email as a letter without a separate letter being necessary.
- Briefly explain your interest in the matter and include comments regarding a specific situation.
- State whether you are writing personally or in support of or on behalf of an organization.
- Indicate if you would like a reply of acknowledgement to your email or response to your concerns.
- Keep a copy of all related mail and share with BLS and friends.
- Use this as a guide only and compose your own letter and use your own words.

If you need assistance contact Chris Grounds, BLS Conservation Officer at [solum306@gmail.com](mailto:solum306@gmail.com)

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*Birdlife Shoalhaven acknowledges the Aboriginal people of the Shoalhaven, their care of country, birds and habitat and pays respects to all Elders.*