



Premier & Cabinet

Ref: A4022663

Mr David Blunt
Clerk of the Parliaments
Legislative Council
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Mr Blunt

Order for Papers – Boundary Clearing of Vegetation

I refer to the above resolution of the Legislative Council under Standing Order 52 made on 21 October 2020 and your correspondence of 22 October 2020 concerning boundary clearing of vegetation.

Enclosed at **Annexure 1** are certification letters from the following officers certifying that, to the best of their knowledge, no documents covered by the terms of the resolution and lawfully required to be provided are held:

- Chief of Staff of the Office of the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- Secretary, Department of Communities and Justice
- Commissioner, NSW Rural Fire Service.

Should you require any clarification or further assistance, please contact Ms Kate Boyd, General Counsel, on telephone (02) 9228 4393.

Yours sincerely

Tim Reardon
Secretary
4 November 2020

*Correspondence received
at 9.40 am Thursday
5 November 2020*



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

Mr Matt Hare
A/Executive Director, Legal
Office of General Counsel
Department of Premier and Cabinet
Level 14, 52 Martin Place
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Your ref: A3982496
Our ref: M20/6(006)

4 November 2020

Dear Mr Hare

Standing Order 52 – Order for Papers – Boundary clearing of vegetation

I refer to your correspondence dated 23 October 2020 in relation to the Legislative Council resolution under Standing Order 52 concerning documents relating to boundary clearing of vegetation.

Certification

I certify to the best of my knowledge that no documents covered by the terms of the resolution and lawfully required to be provided are held by the NSW Rural Fire Service.

Yours sincerely



Rob Rogers AFSM
Commissioner

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Mr M Hare
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Dear Mr Hare

Standing Order 52 – Order for Papers – Boundary clearing of vegetation

I refer to your letter dated 23 October 2020, reference A3982496, advising of the above Order of the Legislative Council, dated 21 October 2020.

The resolution of the Legislative Council called for the following documents in the possession, custody or control of the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Department of Communities and Justice or the NSW Rural Fire Service relating to boundary clearing of vegetation:

- (a) all advice by the NSW Rural Fire Service and the NSW Bushfire Inquiry that led to the decision to allow rural landowners to clear up to 25 metres of vegetation on their property from the boundary, and
- (b) any legal or other advice regarding the scope or validity of this order of the House created as a result of this order of the House.

I advise that relevant enquiries conducted confirm that no documents caught by paragraphs (a) – (b) of the Order referred to above are held within the Department of Communities and Justice.

I certify to the best of my knowledge that no documents covered by the terms of the resolution and lawfully required to be provided are held by the Department of Communities and Justice.

The time taken to respond to this Order by my Department has been estimated at one hour, at an approximate cost of \$100.00 as per the attachment enclosed.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Lida Kaban, General Counsel, Department of Communities and Justice, by email at Lida.Kaban@facns.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Michael Coutts-Trotter
Secretary

28 October 2020

Encl.



The Hon. David Elliott MP
Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Mr Matt Richards
A/Executive Director, Legal
Office of General Counsel
Department of Premier and Cabinet
Level 14, 52 Martin Place
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Re: SO52- Boundary clearing of vegetation

Dear Mr Richards,

I certify to the best of my knowledge that no documents covered by the terms of the resolution and lawfully required to be provided are held by the Office of the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rommel Varghese', with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Rommel Varghese for

Tanya Raffouli
Chief of Staff
Minister for Police and Emergency Services

02 November 2020