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### **10/30 Right Runs Out on 31<sup>st</sup> of August**

There has been confusion and concern from some residents about Yarra Ranges Council's interpretation of the State Government's 10/30 bushfire prevention fuel reduction right in recent weeks according to Liberal Member for Evelyn Christine Fyffe MP who is today setting the record straight.

The "10/30 Right" which expires on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2010 permits landholders to clear any vegetation on their own property, including trees within 10 metres of a house and any ground fuel within 30 metres of a house "as of right" without a permit.

"It is absolutely clear that anyone who wishes to reduce fuel by removing or lopping vegetation around buildings used for accommodation, adjacent to existing fences and on property boundaries in the Yarra Ranges can do so until the 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2010," Mrs Fyffe said.

"After this date a council permit will be required," Mrs Fyffe said.

However, Mrs Fyffe has also urged caution for anyone planning to remove vegetation from their property.

"It is vitally important that anyone removing vegetation from their premises seek advice if living in a land slip area to prevent the unsafe movement of rock, debris and soil," Mrs Fyffe said.

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