



Memo

Parks and Recreation

To: All Councillors

Cc: Chief Executive Team

From: Steven Lawler
Executive Manager, Parks and Recreation

Date: 17 December 2019

Subject: Item 13.4 - Outcome of Public Exhibition and adoption for the trial use of McCarrs Creek Reserve by Castle Tribe Inc

Record Number: 2019/731205

Dear Councillors

After advice from the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS), Council staff recommend the below addition to the recommendation of Item 13.4 - Outcome of Public Exhibition and Adoption for the trial use of McCarrs Creek Reserve by Castle Tribe Inc.

“Given the current fire conditions and RFS advice, no open fires are permitted at this site until Council has received further advice from the RFS”

Please see attached for a copy of the RFS email correspondence to Council.

Should you require any further information about matters raised in this memo please contact my office on 9970 1372.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Lawler".

Steve Lawler
Executive Manager, Parks and Recreation

Attachment 1

Subject: Open Fires in McCarrs Creek Road

Good afternoon

Yesterday we received a concern from Karen Gonzales who lives near McCarrs Creek Reserve, Church Point regarding the 'Castle Drive Drummers' proposed cultural event and fires. Currently NSW is experiencing a significant drought event and an increase in large bush fires. There are no bush fires currently on the Northern Beaches but we are providing RFS resources every day to support at surrounding fires.

McCarrs Creek Reserve is located across McCarrs Creek Road from heavily fuelled vegetation that has an uphill run into Ingleside. Even though the proposed cultural fire is permissible under the Rural Fires Act & Regulations it is not appropriate given the current risk and I request that Council consider suspending their permission for this event until the current bush fire current threat eases. Further to this I also recommend that McCarrs Creek Reserve fire places be closed as well again until the current threat abates.

Please contact me if you require further information.

Thanks

George



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