

## Question on Notice

Risk Assessment of Trees and Bushes on the Northern Beaches in relation to bushfire and falling due to storms

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1. When was the last time Council undertook a Risk Assessment as to trees and bushland in the Council area (or former Council areas), particularly in relation to the risk of fire or trees and their branches falling during storms?
2. How regularly does Council:
  - a. What are the main areas in the last 12 months where Council has cleared noxious weeds, dead trees and branches?
  - b. What are the main areas in the last 12 months where Council has cleared drains and stormwater drains?
3. In the last 12 months, how many:
  - a. Development applications have been lodged to remove trees/bushes on private land?
  - b. Of those development applications in (a) how many were approved and how many refused?
  - c. In the last 12 months how many requests have been received from the public for Council to remove trees and/or bushes on public land?
  - d. In the last 12 months how many requests from the public in (c) were acceded to and carried out by Council?
  - e. In the last 12 months, how many requests have been received by Council to prune or remove trees following Ausgrid or any other Network Service Distribution provider trimming trees or bushes?
4. Following Ausgrid or any other Network Service Distribution provider pruning a tree on a nature strip/public land, that company liable for any damage should the tree or branches fall or is Council?
5. Is Council or Ausgrid/Network Service Distribution provider responsible for pruning the rest of a tree if it becomes unstable following original pruning by Ausgrid/Network Service Distribution provider?

See photos attached



