

Normandale Residents Association

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SUBMISSION

**TO HUTT CITY COUNCIL
on**

Proposed Fire prevention Bylaw 2008

The Normandale Residents Association wish to make the following submission on this proposed bylaw.

Overall comment

We fully support the intent of the Bylaw to regulate the starting of fires. We note that the proposed Bylaw applies only to the Urban fire district, and that the properties in Normandale at most risk from wild fires are outside this area.

Specific clauses of the proposed Bylaw

Clause 5.1

No person may:

- (a) burn vegetation.

We fully support any intent to restrict and prevent the burning of standing vegetation; but we note that the burning of diseased vegetation is the most appropriate means of disposal to prevent re-infection and spread. We therefore submit that the wording of this clause should be amended to allow for this and suggest the following:

5.1 No person may:

(a) burn vegetation except for diseased plants and / or prunings, and where such fire is contained by an enclosure of non combustible material, or an area cleared of combustible material for a distance of 2m.

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President