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Subject: West Belconnen- Rezoning Issues- G Bugg.
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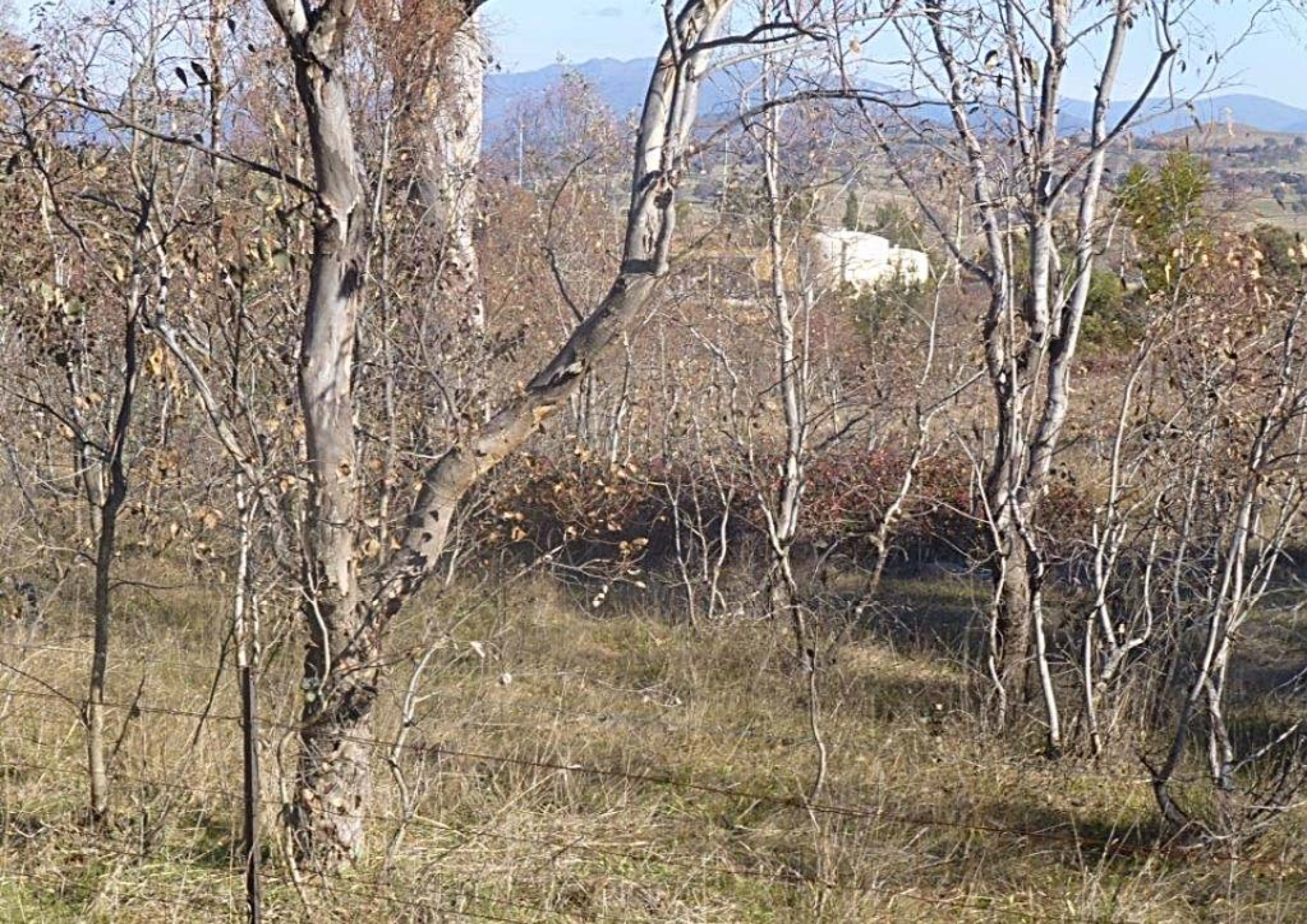
















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Attachments: DeeksPlayground.jpg

I retained this classic illustration of our blackberry heritage for a future hazard reduction campaign.
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Sandy Hollway and Chief Minister Jon Stanhope inspect the area to be rehabilitated, replanted and renamed Deeks Forest Park.

Picture: GARY SCHAFER

Recreation back on track with Deeks Forest Park

**By Scott Hannaford
Assembly Reporter**

Burnt-out former pine forests at the base of Mount Stromlo could become home to multi-million-dollar international-standard cycling, running and recreation facilities.

area, popular with a range of users including joggers, dog-sledders and cyclists.

The relocated Deeks Forest Park, named after former Australian marathon great and well-known Canberra Robert de Castella, will combine on-road and off-road cycling

said the project, probably costing \$12-\$15 million in total, would become a recreation area for all Canberrans to enjoy and a facility capable of hosting a range of international-standard competitions. It would also be an excellent

everything we can to enhance and regenerate this area [near Mount Stromlo]," Mr Stanhope said. "I see a great future for this place and I'm determined to drive it to make it happen."

While still bleak and uninviting, the fire-scarred landscape is due to be

which now rings the suburbs.

Mr Stanhope said the Government already had about \$3 million in insurance money from the fires which was ready to be spent on the park, and 500,000 plant seedlings had been ordered, ready for planting, once the weather

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Subject: Emailing: Historic grass fire
Attachments: 67M14Rokeby.jpg; 67M13Rokeby.jpg

A grass fire classic.

These pictures from the 1967 Hobart fires should illustrate that killer fires do not depend on high "fuel loads".

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West Macgregor- update of Gininderra Creek Landscapes after recent development.
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Attachments: P1050767.jpg; P1050770.jpg; P1050772.jpg; P1050775.jpg; P1050785.jpg;
P1050787.jpg; P1050791.jpg

Watching developments closer to home.

The creek looking towards Dunlop remains somewhat neglected downstream from the ford.

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Head of the gully below Straithnairn.
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Attachments: P1140255.jpg; P1140256.jpg; P1140257.jpg; P1140258.jpg; P1140259.jpg;
P1140261.jpg; P1140262.jpg; P1140263.jpg; P1140265.jpg

Some country over the bank from the Gininderra Falls. I reckon it looks quite barren.
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Subject: Fwd: River Landscape Uriarra Rd-Woodstock Res
Attachments: P1140584.jpg; P1140356.jpg; P1140401.jpg; P1140402.jpg; P1140415.jpg;
P1140555.jpg; P1140560.jpg; P1140561.jpg; P1140563.jpg

Please attach to my recent submission

I hope these pics selected from several hundred taken lastweek prove a number of issues, 1 the remnant bush is most is mostly scrub and weeds, 2 the bushfire hazzard is growing, 3 wild life habitat is seriously degraded after a decade of recovery.

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From: gbnp [gbnp@bigpond.com]
Sent: Wednesday, 1 July 2015 8:36 AM
To: Terrplan; westbelconnen@elton.com.au
Subject: Coppins Crossing- after bushfire 2003 G BUGG
Attachments: Danger Sign.jpg; Coppinc Crossing 1.jpg

Re West Belconnen, please add to my submission-

These photos were taken several days after the 2003 bushfire from the Belconnen side of Coppins Crossing looking towards the western slopes of Mt Stromlo. The aim was to capture any contrast in the ground fire progress assuming the wind on the day was over my RH shoulder and from the direction of the Murrumbidgee in NSW.

This assumption required the fire to have travelled through the treeless pastures seen from William Hovell Drive. This end of the fire front was still on Pig Hill about 10 am Saturday as seen from Goodwin Hill trig in Macgregor.

River She-oaks like pines were almost entirely wiped out by this event.

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FIRE DANGER TODAY

LOW MODERATE HIGH VERY HIGH EXTREME

NO FIRES WITHOUT A PERMIT



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Attachments: P1140268.jpg; P1140271.jpg; P1140275.jpg; P1140286.jpg; P1140291.jpg;
P1140295.jpg; P1140298.jpg; P1140307.jpg; P1140325.jpg; P1140366.jpg;
P1140369.jpg; P1140443.jpg; P1140554.jpg; P1140564.jpg

Territory Plan Comments: Please add to my other submissions.

In my opinion, the ACT Government does not have the manpower and the community does not have the authority to manage our expanding urban fringe on a season to season basis. Any change to the Territory Plan must allow for a broader attack on the constant weed regrowth in remaining woodlands and pastures. Handing the bushfire risk to developers should include selling the risk to future residents on larger blocks round the interface. All residents should have an obligation to promote enduring wild life populations by encouraging suitable habitat. ACT authorities should ensure the region remains fertile by a constant watch on soils and water in the absence of farmers and traditional owners.

Perhaps I should add; the above applies to both sides of the river.

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Subject: Emailing: Ginninderra Creek, no willows
Attachments: P1040705.jpg; P1040713.jpg; P1040714.jpg; P1040724.jpg; P1040728.jpg;
P1040738.jpg; P1040744.jpg; P1040748.jpg; P1040753.jpg; P1040754.jpg;
P1040763.jpg; P1040774.jpg

Re; Terrplan Var351-Submission G Bugg

These photos confirm the crumbling creek gutter banks from the Macgregor ford to the big elbow below West Macgregor under the transmission lines from NSW.

Dam SHAME!!

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Supplementary Comments re points 1 to 10 above, Molonglo Valley observations:

- 1) Our river corridor woodlands are at best; a thin line of younger trees with large patches of scrub in often inaccessible places.
- 2) Our landscape post bushfires is essentially rough pasture dominated by weeds
- 3) A decade on, these weed crops again represent a major fuel component of future wild fires
- 4) Two photos show impacts of recent burns for contrast
- 5) Several photos show the impact of the 2003 fire on larger vertical stems including a fence post.

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