

Consultation name: Updated fire control laws for Norfolk Island

Comment:

With the recent upgrade of barbeque facilities on Norfolk Island by the Commonwealth and NIRC (under the stimulus) to include gas bbq's housed in rotunda's at most of the Islands picnic and recreational areas, looking at the proposed legislation it would seem that these would not be able to be utilised by the public during a "total fire ban" as they would not be within 20 metres proximity of a residence – despite the bbqs being in compliance with section 21A(2)(a) , they would fail to meet the additional requirement of section 21A(2)(b).

They are also on reserves, to which section 21A(3) may be applicable.

As a total fire ban is likely to be called within our most prominent tourism period December/January these areas are likely to be at their peak usage and will not be able to be utilised.

Is this the purpose of the relevant sections?

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