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Amendment C112
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**Amendment C112 to the Bayside Planning Scheme:
Planning Permit Exemptions for Bushland Reserves**

This submission by Beaumaris Conservation Society Inc. fully supports the introduction of the above [Amendment C112](#) to the Bayside Planning Scheme, whose purpose is to amend the [Schedule 2](#) to the Vegetation Protection Overlay in that scheme.

The Society recognizes well the need to remove from the bushland reserves specified in the Amendment invasive species, which may be species that are native to Australia, or even species that are indigenous to areas close to the bushland reserve in question, but that are not species that form part of the specific vegetation association or community for which the reserve is being maintained.

Beaumaris Conservation Society Inc. was an original proponent for the creation of the [Gramatan Avenue Heathland Sanctuary](#) - which it leased from the former Sandringham City Council for the thirty years from 1960 to 1990 - and managed during those decades. A task it completed successfully then was to remove nearly all of the invasive Coastal Tea Tree (*Leptospermum laevigatum*) that had surprisingly quickly come to occupy certain parts of the Sanctuary.

The Society has great respect for the competent and well-qualified staff that have been managing Bayside's excellent bushland reserves for many years. It considers that the Council has produced good [management plans](#) for the reserves that have been made publicly available, and that soundly guide the staff in their management work. The present requirement for applying for a Planning Permit for removal of inappropriate species from the reserves produces an unnecessary impediment to good management, and unhelpfully diverts resources from that management.

The Amendment C112 would remove that requirement, and is therefore fully supported.

Yours sincerely,

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cc. All Bayside City councillors; CEO, Bayside City Council; all Southern Metropolitan MLCs; Mr Murray Thompson MLA; Hon. Matthew Guy, Minister for Planning; Mr Brian Tee, Shadow Minister for Planning