



Bushfire Assessment Report

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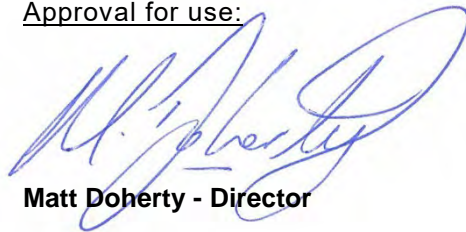
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

MJD Environmental has been engaged by SNL Building Constructions to prepare a Bushfire Assessment Report to accompany a Development Application to Maitland City Council for a proposed 1 into 15 Lot residential subdivision at 27 Lang Drive, Bolwarra Heights NSW.

This assessment has considered and assessed the bushfire hazard and associated potential threats relevant to the Proposal, and to outline the minimum mitigative measures which would be required in accordance with *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019* (PBP), as adopted through the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Amendment* (Planning for Bush Fire Protection) *Regulation 2020*.

In order to determine whether the proposed development is bushfire-prone, and if so, which setbacks and other relevant Bush Fire Protection Measures (BPM) will be appropriate, this assessment adhered to the methodology and procedures outlined in PBP (2019) via assessment of acceptable solutions as outlined in Chapter 5 of PBP (2019) and APZ modelled via AS3959 Method 2.

The site and subdivision proposal was previously assessed by the NSW RFS (DA20231005004405-Original-1) who supported the findings of this assessment. The assessment has been provided herewith with amendments to the subdivision arising from engineering and planning outcomes. The proposal now involves a 1 into 15 lot subdivision rather than the previously assessed 1 into 14 lot and includes minor amendments to lot boundaries. As such mapping has been amended and the revised subdivision proposal has been included as **Appendix A**. All other outcomes including access, services, APZ and BAL remain unchanged from that previously assessed and approved by the NSW RFS.

This assessment has been made based on the bushfire hazards in and around the Site at the time of site inspection and report production.

The assessment found that hazard vegetation types occur within 140m of the Site. The risks occur from a mosaic of Grassland and Short Heath vegetation surrounding the site predominately located to the south, west and north-east of the site. The current primary risk occurs from the Hunter Macleay Dry Sclerophyll Forest hazard to the south and has been assessed as having the greatest effect on bushfire behaviour. The slope under the primary hazard vegetation to the south is upslope. Additionally, a 2nd order water course runs through the centre to the lot from east to west, vegetation within the riparian zone has been assessed as Coastal Floodplain Wetlands. While the water course is currently managed land, it has the possibility to be revegetated to return to a rainforest riparian zone that meets appropriate APZ and IPA standards and regulations. In the case of revegetation and management this would become the primary hazard in the form of a rainforest (riparian) hazard vegetation. The vegetation and slope classification has been assessed in this manner. The slope under this primary hazard vegetation varies from upslope/ flat to -7.2° Downslope.

The site has been split into two portions: the North-Western Portion includes land to the northwest of the watercourse; and the South-eastern Portion refers to the land situated north of the watercourse to the southeast.

In summary, the following key recommendations have been generated to enable the proposal to comply with PBP (2019).

Asset Protection Zones

- A 14m APZ is required from the Hunter Macleay Dry Sclerophyll Forest hazard to the south of the Site.
- APZ management across the site and outside of the riparian corridor is to achieve the IPA performance criteria outlined in Appendix 4 of PBP (2019).
- Assessment of BAL based on AS3959 Method 2, has shown that any future development on the site will be able to comply with this standard.

Access

- A non-perimeter internal through road will be constructed from Hilldale Drive to Lang Drive. All lots have direct frontage to the new road to be constructed. Notably the access is partly approved (but not constructed) as part of the 4-lot subdivision. The road to be constructed will be formed sealed public

road and comply with the width, grade, curve radius and vertical clearance set out in Table 5.3b of PBP 2019 namely general and internal road requirements.

Services – Water supply, Gas and Electricity

- Reticulated water supply shall be extended and augmented within the site.
- Services are to be provided and connected to the site in accordance with PBP (2019) as summarised and assessed in Chapter 3, Section 3.3 of this report.

Landscaping and Fuel Management

- Careful consideration of future site landscaping and ongoing fuel management must occur to minimise the potential impact of bushfire on the site.
- All landscaping and fuel management must provide due consideration of PBP (2019) Appendix 4.

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Term/ Abbreviation	Meaning
API	Aerial Photograph Interpretation
APZ	Asset Protection Zone
AS2419-2005	Australian Standard – Fire Hydrant Installations
AS3959-2018	Australian Standard – Construction of Buildings in Bush Fire Prone Areas
BAR	Bushfire Assessment Report
BCA	Building Code of Australia
BC Act	Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016
BMP	Bush Fire Management Plan
BPA	Bush Fire Prone Area (Also Bushfire Prone Land)
BPL	Bush Fire Prone Land
BPLM	Bush Fire Prone Land Map
BPM	Bush Fire Protection Measures
BTA	Bushfire Threat Assessment
DoE	Commonwealth Department of the Environment
DPI Water	NSW Department of Primary Industries – Water
EPA Act	NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979
EPBC Act	Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999
FDI	Fire Danger Index
FMP	Fuel Management Plan
ha	hectare
IPA	Inner Protection Area
LGA	Local Government Area
LLS Act	Local Land Services Act 2013
NCC	National Construction Code
OPA	Outer Protection Area
OEH	NSW Office of Environment and Heritage
PBP or PBP (2019)	Planning for Bushfire Protection 2019
RF Act	Rural Fires Act 1997
RF Regulation	Rural Fires Regulation
RFS	NSW Rural Fire Service
TSC Act	NSW Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 (as repealed)

1 Introduction

MJD Environmental has been engaged by SNL Building Constructions to prepare a Bushfire Assessment Report to accompany a Development Application to Maitland City Council for a proposed 1 into 15 Lot residential subdivision at 27 Lang Drive, Bolwarra Heights NSW. Hereafter referred to as the 'site'. Refer to **Figure 1**.

This assessment aims to consider and assess the bushfire hazard and associated potential threats relevant to the Proposal, and to outline the minimum mitigative measures which would be required in accordance with *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019* (PBP), as adopted through the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Amendment* (Planning for Bush Fire Protection) *Regulation 2020*.

In order to determine whether the proposed development is bushfire-prone, and if so, which setbacks and other relevant Bush Fire Protection Measures (BPM) will be appropriate, this assessment adheres to the methodology and procedures outlined in PBP (2019) via assessment of acceptable solutions as outlined in Chapter 5 of PBP (2019) with APZ and BAL determined via assessment of performance solutions as outlined in AS 3959 (Method 2). This assessment has been made based on the bushfire hazards in and around the Site at the time of site inspection (September 2022 and July 2023) and report production.

The site and subdivision proposal was previously assessed by the NSW RFS (**Appendix C**) who supported the findings of this assessment. The assessment has been provided herewith with amendments to the subdivision arising from engineering and planning outcomes. The proposal now involves a 1 into 15 lot subdivision rather than the previously assessed 1 into 14 lot and includes minor amendments to lot boundaries. As such mapping has been amended and the revised subdivision proposal has been included as **Appendix A**. All other outcomes including access, services, APZ and BAL remain unchanged from that previously assessed and approved by the NSW RFS.

1.1 Description of Proposal

The proposed development involves a 1 into 15 lot residential subdivision on the site. A one into two subdivision has been lodged with Council and the site benefits from an existing four lot subdivision fronting Hilldale Drive that included the construction of a road of Hilldale Drive (Council Ref: DA 93-439). The site has a second order watercourse running from the north to the south-west and the proposal includes the construction of a culvert leading to a through road to Lang Drive in the east.

A copy of the proposed Site Plan, is enclosed as **Appendix A**.

1.2 Aims & Objectives

This BAR addresses the aims and objectives of PBP 2019, being:

- Afford buildings and their occupants protection from exposure to a bushfire;
- Provide for a defensible space to be located around buildings;
- Provide appropriate separation between a hazard and buildings which, in combination with other measures, prevent the likely fire spread to buildings;
- Ensure that appropriate operational access and egress for emergency service personnel and occupants is available;
- Provide for ongoing management and maintenance of bushfire protection measures; and
- Ensure that utility services are adequate to meet the needs of firefighters.

Chapter 5.2 of PBP 2019 specifies the following objectives to be applied in relation to access, water supply and services, and emergency and evacuation planning for developments of this type, applicable to the proposal:

- minimise perimeters of the subdivision exposed to the bush fire hazard (hourglass shapes, which maximise perimeters and create bottlenecks should be avoided);

- minimise vegetated corridors that permit the passage of bush fire towards buildings; provide for the siting of future dwellings away from ridge-tops and steep slopes, within saddles and narrow ridge crests;
- ensure that APZs between a bush fire hazard and future dwellings are effectively designed to address the relevant bush fire attack mechanisms;
- ensure the ongoing maintenance of APZs;
- provide adequate access from all properties to the wider road network for residents and emergency services;
- provide access to hazard vegetation to facilitate bush fire mitigation works and fire suppression; and
- ensure the provision of an adequate supply of water and other services to facilitate effective firefighting.

1.3 Site Particulars

Locality	The Site is situated at 27 Lang Drive, Bolwarra Heights, NSW.
Land Title	Lot 1 DP 1156433
LGA	Maitland City Council
Area	8.89 Ha (approx.)
Zoning	R5 Large Lot Residential
Boundaries	The site is situated to the west of Lang Drive. The site is bound residential dwellings to the north-west and south-west. To the south, west and north-east consists of managed land with residential dwellings in the north-east, and south-east. Vegetation in these areas include scattered remnant canopy species and regrowth vegetation.
Current Land Use	The site is predominantly cleared managed land with a residential dwelling in the east. There is a small cluster of vegetation surrounding the residential dwelling that extends south creating a fragmented corridor to the forested area south of the site boundary. A 2 nd order watercourse runs though the site north to south-west.
Topography	The site contains gentle undulating topography that overall slopes gently to the east, with the highest elevation occurring in the north-west corner at approximately 22m ASL. There are two intermittent streams located on site that includes one first order stream running from the western boundary to northern boundary and one first order stream located in the east of the site running north-south.
Climate / Fire History	The Site lies within a geographical area with a Forest Fire Danger Index (FDI) rating of 100. The site is classified as being affected by Category 2 hazard and Buffer on the Bushfire Prone Land Map (DPE 2022). Refer to Figure 2.
Environment & Cultural Significance	A search of the AHIMS register has been completed on the 31 st August 2022 and confirmed that there are no recorded Aboriginal sites or places on or near the site. The development application is informed by a Cultural Heritage Assessment.



27 LANG DRIVE, BOLWARRA HEIGHTS
FIGURE 1: SITE LOCATION

Legend

- Watercourse
- Site
- Lot

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27 LANG DRIVE,
BOLWARRA HEIGHTS

FIGURE 2: BUSHFIRE PRONE LAND

Legend

- Subject Land
- Study Area
- Cadastral Boundary
- Slope Classification Buffer (100 m)
- Vegetation Classification Buffer (140 m)

Bush Fire Prone Vegetation

- BFPV Buffer
- Category 1
- Category 3



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2 Bushfire Hazard Analysis

2.1 Vegetation Assessment

Methodology

The vegetation in and around the Site, has been assessed to 140m from the site boundary (building area), in accordance with PBP 2019. This assessment has been made via a combination of:

- aerial photo interpretation;
- on site visit (September 2022 and July 2023); and
- reference to regional community vegetation mapping.

These vegetation communities have been classified for bushfire purposes into structure and formation using the system adopted by Keith (2004) and using Figure A1.2 of PBP (2019) with due regard to Section A1.10 (low threat vegetation – exclusions) and A1.11.1 (remnant bushland – simplified approach) where present and Appendix 1 of PBP (2019).

Refer to Photos below for vegetation observed in and around the Site during site inspection.

Vegetation Classification

Vegetation classification has been presented in **Table 1** below and **Figure 5**.

Table 1 Vegetation Classification

Direction	Description	Vegetation Classification (Primary Hazard)
North-Western Portion		
North	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Managed land ▪ Established residential dwellings 	Managed Land
North-East (T01)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Grassland 	Grassland
South (T11 & T12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Watercourse containing grassland within riparian zone. To be assessed based on future potential for rehabilitation via a Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) as riparian vegetation hazard rather than current grassland hazard. 	Rainforest
South (T14)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Watercourse containing grassland within riparian zone. To be assessed based on future potential for rehabilitation via a VMP as riparian vegetation hazard rather than current grassland hazard. 	Rainforest
West (T10)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Riparian Vegetation running through residential dwellings and managed land 	Rainforest
South-East Portion		
North	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Watercourse containing grassland within riparian zone. To be assessed based on future potential for rehabilitation via a VMP as riparian vegetation hazard rather than current grassland hazard. 	Rainforest
North (T16)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Watercourse containing grassland within riparian zone. To be assessed based on future potential for rehabilitation via a VMP as riparian vegetation hazard rather than current grassland hazard 	Rainforest
North (T15)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Watercourse containing grassland within riparian zone. To be assessed based on future potential for rehabilitation via a VMP as riparian vegetation hazard rather than current grassland hazard 	Rainforest

West (T13)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Watercourse containing grassland within riparian zone. To be assessed based on future potential for rehabilitation via a VMP as riparian vegetation hazard rather than current grassland hazard. 	Rainforest
South (T09)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Riparian vegetation along first order stream 	Rainforest
South (T08)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pasture / Grassland Disturbance area regenerating to adjacent vegetation characterised by Eucalypt canopy 	Forest
South (T07)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pasture / Grassland Remnant vegetation characterised by Eucalypt canopy coupled with mid and lower stratum 	Forest
South (T06)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remnant vegetation characterised by Eucalypt canopy coupled with mid and lower stratum Grassland 	Forest
South (T05)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pasture / Grassland 	Grassland
South (T04)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remnant vegetation Vegetation is bordered by a residential dwelling, managed land and grassland. Site boundary is within 50m from hazard. 	Rainforest
East (T02)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grazed pasture / Grassland 	Grassland
East (T03)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grazed pasture with scattered trees 	Grassland

Note: The area of riparian corridor associated with the 2nd order stream that runs between the north-western portion and south-eastern portion of the development has been described as rainforest riparian should the waterway be managed and revegetated via a VMP.

The South-eastern Portions southern boundary hazards (T08, T07 & T06) has been classified as forest vegetation to the site boundary to account for potential future growth if current management ceases.

Site Photos



Photo 1: Vegetation along the southern boundary of the site ranging from forest, short heath and rainforest riparian



Photo 2: Site looking South-West from the north boundary on eastern side of the watercourse



Photo 3: Southern boundary looking East at current primary forest hazard vegetation



Photo 4: Location of proposed watercourse crossing

2.2 Slope Assessment

Methodology

In accordance with PBP (2019), an assessment of the slope was conducted throughout the Site (where a hazard is present) and for a distance of 100m around the Site in the hazard direction. Both the average slope and maximum slopes were considered to determine the level of gradient which will most significantly influence fire behaviour on the Site. The slope was categorised within the slope classification under PBP Appendix A1.4.

Slope assessment was assisted by:

- Preparation of a digital elevation model based on LiDAR;
- Preparation of slope assessment based on 1m contours derived from the DEM;
- On-site slope classification; and
- Aerial overlay.

Effective Slope

The slope class under any bushfire hazard within 100m is presented in **Table 2** below and **Figure 3**.

Table 2 Slope Class

Direction	Vegetation Classification (Primary Hazard)	Slope Class
North-Western Portion		
North-East (T01)	Grassland	0-5° Downslope
South (T11)	Rainforest	Upslope
South (T14)	Rainforest	0-5° Downslope
West (T10)	Rainforest	Upslope
South-East Portion		
North (T12)	Rainforest	0-5° Downslope
North (T16)	Rainforest	5-10° Downslope
North (T15)	Rainforest	0-5° Downslope
West (T13)	Rainforest	0-5° Downslope
South (T09)	Rainforest	Upslope
South (T08)	Forest	Upslope
South (T07)	Forest	Upslope
South (T06)	Forest	Upslope
South (T05)	Grassland	Upslope
South (T04)	Rainforest	Upslope
East (T02)	Grassland	Upslope
East (T03)	Grassland	Upslope

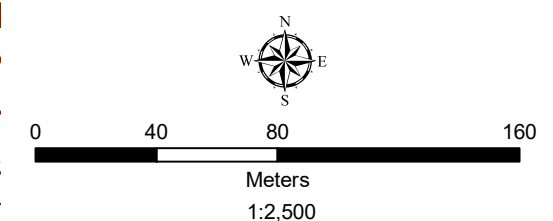
**FIGURE 3: SLOPE AND
VEGETATION
CLASSIFICATION**

Legend

- Elevation (m)
- Transects
- Watercourse
- Contour (1m)
- Site
- Slope Classification Buffer (100m)
- Vegetation Classification Buffer (140m)
- Cadastral Boundaries

Vegetation (Keith 2004)

- Forest
- Short Heath
- Rainforest (Riparian)
- Rainforest (Low Hazard)
- Freshwater Wetland
- Grassland



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3 Bushfire Protection Measures

PBP 2019 sets out a suite of BPMs and criteria that require consideration and assessment for applicable proposals on bushfire prone land in order to provide an adequate level of protection to new developments.

The following measures have been considered and discussed throughout this chapter with due regard to PBP (2019):

- Asset Protection Zones (APZ)
- Bushfire Attack Level (BAL)
- Access
- Services – Water supply, Gas and Electricity
- Landscaping and Fuel Management
- Emergency Management

As this development proposal entails a subdivision, the following objectives will be applied in relation to access, water supply and services, and emergency and evacuation planning:

- minimise perimeters of the subdivision exposed to the bush fire hazard (hourglass shapes, which maximise perimeters and create bottlenecks should be avoided);
- minimise vegetated corridors that permit the passage of bush fire towards buildings; provide for the siting of future dwellings away from ridge-tops and steep slopes, within saddles and narrow ridge crests;
- ensure that APZs between a bush fire hazard and future dwellings are effectively designed to address the relevant bush fire attack mechanisms;
- ensure the ongoing maintenance of APZs;
- provide adequate access from all properties to the wider road network for residents and emergency services;
- provide access to hazard vegetation to facilitate bush fire mitigation works and fire suppression; and
- ensure the provision of an adequate supply of water and other services to facilitate effective firefighting.

The proposed development is able to meet the performance criteria for acceptable solutions for subdivision development, giving due regards to the requirements of Chapter 5 of PBP 2019. A suitable package of BPMs has been developed and documented in this report that is commensurate with the assessed level of risk to the development.

3.1 Asset Protection Zone

An APZ is a buffer zone between the hazard and buildings that is progressively managed to minimise bushfire hazard (fuel loads and reduce potential radiant heat levels, flame, ember and smoke attack) PBP (2019), in order to mitigate risk to life and asset. Where a hazard vegetation classification has been determined, an APZ can consist of two areas being:

- 1) Inner Protection Area (IPA) – The IPA extends from the edge of the development/ buildings to the OPA. The IPA aims to provide defensible space and reduce potential for direct or spontaneous ignition by providing a heavily reduced or fuel free zone.
- 2) Outer Protection Area (OPA) – The OPA is located adjacent to the hazard. Within the OPA any trees and shrubs should be maintained in a manner such that the vegetation is not continuous in order to reduce flame length and fire intensity. A properly managed OPA can aid in ember attack by filtering embers and slowing the fires rate of spread.

An APZ can include the following:

- Lawns;
- discontinuous gardens;
- swimming pools;
- driveways;
- detached garages;
- open space / parkland;
- car parking; and
- cycleway and formed walkways.

3.1.1 Determining APZs

The Site lies within the Maitland City Council LGA and therefore is assessed under an FDI (Fire Danger Index) rating of 100. The Performance Criteria may be met by designing an Alternate Solution (Performance Solution); which in this instance involves the modelling of radiant heat using the methodology detailed in Appendix B of Australian Standard AS3959 Construction of buildings in bushfire prone areas (AS3959- 2018).

Modelling of the radiant heat exposure, the size and shape of a bushfire hazard influence on the behaviour of bushfire and associated risk to the built environment / development. With specific regard to bushfire hazard setbacks for residential subdivisions, the Performance Criteria for APZs is satisfied if radiant heat levels of 29kW/m² or less are experienced on each proposed lot.

The NBC Bushfire Attack Assessor V4.1 was used to model the bushfire radiant heat exposure which determined the applicable APZ setback to achieve a 29kw/m². The modelled APZ has been detailed in **Table 3** and **Figure 4**. Refer to **Appendix B** for a copy of the NBC Bushfire Attack Assessment Report V4.1 report.

Table 3 Required APZ (AS 3959 Method 2)

Direction	Vegetation Classification (Primary Hazard)	Slope Class	Approved APZ
North-Western Portion			
North-East (T01)	Grassland	0-5° Downslope	11m
South (T11)	Rainforest	Upslope	10m
South (T14)	Rainforest	0-5° Downslope	12m
West (T10)	Rainforest	Upslope	9m
South-East Portion			
North (T12)	Rainforest	0-5° Downslope	10m
North (T16)	Rainforest	5-10° Downslope	14m
North (T15)	Rainforest	0-5° Downslope	11m

Direction	Vegetation Classification (Primary Hazard)	Slope Class	Approved APZ
West (T13)	Rainforest	0-5° Downslope	10m
South (T09)	Rainforest	Upslope	9m
South (T08)	Forest	Upslope	14m
South (T07)	Forest	Upslope	13m
South (T06)	Forest	Upslope	14m
South (T05)	Grassland	Upslope	9m
South (T04)	Rainforest	Upslope	9m
East (T02)	Grassland	Upslope	9m
East (T03)	Grassland	Upslope	9m

Site management is to continue for the life of the development and maintain site management levels to the IPA, standards outside the riparian area, per Appendix 4 of PBP (2019).

3.1.2 Determining BAL

The NBC Bushfire Attack Assessor V4.1 was used to model the bushfire radiant heat exposure which determined the applicable BAL. The modelled BAL contours have been detailed in **Table 4** and mapped in **Figure 5**.

Table 4 Required BAL (AS 3959 2018 Method 2)

Direction of Hazard	Vegetation Classification	Slope Class	APZ (PBP 2019)	Separation Distance (m)	BAL
North-Western Portion					
North-East (T01)	Grassland	0-5° Downslope	11m	<9 9-<12 12-<17 17-<25 25-<50	BAL- FZ BAL-40 BAL-29 BAL-19 BAL-12.5
South (T11)	Rainforest	Upslope	10m	<6 6-<9 9-<14 14-<20 20-<100	BAL- FZ BAL-40 BAL-29 BAL-19 BAL-12.5










South (T14)	Rainforest	0-5° Downslope	12m	<8 8-<11 11-<17 17-<24 24-<100	BAL- FZ BAL-40 BAL-29 BAL-19 BAL-12.5
West (T10)	Rainforest	Upslope	9m	<5 5-<8 8-<13 13-<19 19-<100	BAL- FZ BAL-40 BAL-29 BAL-19 BAL-12.5
South-East Portion					
North (T12)	Rainforest	0-5° Downslope	10m	<6 6-<9 9-<14 14-<21 21-<10	BAL- FZ BAL-40 BAL-29 BAL-19 BAL-12.5
North (T16)	Rainforest	5-10° Downslope	14m	<10 10-<14 14-<20 20-<28 28-<100	BAL- FZ BAL-40 BAL-29 BAL-19 BAL-12.5
North (T15)	Rainforest	0-5° Downslope	11m	<7 7-<11 11-<16 16-<23 23-<100	BAL- FZ BAL-40 BAL-29 BAL-19 BAL-12.5
West (T13)	Rainforest	0-5° Downslope	10m	<7 7-<10 10-<15 15-<22 22-<100	BAL- FZ BAL-40 BAL-29 BAL-19 BAL-12.5
South (T09)	Rainforest	Upslope	9m	<5 5-<8 8-<12 12-<18 18-<100	BAL- FZ BAL-40 BAL-29 BAL-19 BAL-12.5
South (T08)	Forest	Upslope	14m	<10 10-<14 14-<20 20-<29 29-<100	BAL- FZ BAL-40 BAL-29 BAL-19 BAL-12.5
South (T07)	Forest	Upslope	13m	<10 10-<13 13-<19 19-<27 27-<100	BAL- FZ BAL-40 BAL-29 BAL-19 BAL-12.5

South (T06)	Forest	Upslope	14m	<10 10-<14 14-<20 20-<28 28-<100	BAL- FZ BAL-40 BAL-29 BAL-19 BAL-12.5
South (T05)	Grassland	Upslope	9m	<8 8-<10 10-<15 15-<22 22-<50	BAL- FZ BAL-40 BAL-29 BAL-19 BAL-12.5
South (T04)	Rainforest	Upslope	9m	<5 5-<8 8-<13 13-<19 19-<100	BAL- FZ BAL-40 BAL-29 BAL-19 BAL-12.5
East (T02)	Grassland	Upslope	9m	<8 8-<10 10-<15 15-<22 22-<50	BAL- FZ BAL-40 BAL-29 BAL-19 BAL-12.5
East (T03)	Grassland	Upslope	9m	<8 8-<10 10-<15 15-<22 22-<50	BAL- FZ BAL-40 BAL-29 BAL-19 BAL-12.5




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**FIGURE 4:
REQUIRED ASSET
PROTECTION ZONES**

Legend

-  Subject Land
-  Study Area
-  Cadastral Boundary
-  Required Asset Protection Zone (AS3959-2018 Method 2)
-  Slope Classification Buffer (100 m)
-  Vegetation Classification Buffer (140 m)
-  Watercourse (Strahler order as labelled)
-  Proposed Lot Boundary
-  Proposed Road

Vegetation (Keith 2004)

-  Forest - Hunter Macleay DSF
-  Forested Wetland - Coastal Floodplain Wetland
-  Grassland



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







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**FIGURE 5:
REQUIRED BUSHFIRE
ATTACK LEVELS**




Legend

-  Subject Land
-  Study Area
-  Cadastral Boundary
-  Required Asset Protection Zone (AS3959-2018 Method 2)
-  Slope Classification Buffer (100 m)
-  Vegetation Classification Buffer (140 m)
-  Watercourse (Strahler order as labelled)

Bushfire Attack Levels

-  BAL-12.5
-  BAL-19
-  BAL-29
-  BAL-40
-  BAL-FZ

Vegetation (Keith 2004)

-  Forest - Hunter Macleay DSF
-  Forested Wetland - Coastal Floodplain Wetland
-  Grassland



0 30 60 90 120

Metres
1:1800

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3.2 Access

In the event of a serious bushfire threat to the proposed development, it will be essential to ensure that adequate ingress / egress and the provision of defendable space are afforded in the development design with due regard to the requirements of Table 5.3b, and Appendix 3 of PBP (2019).

A non-perimeter internal through road will be constructed from Hilldale Drive to Lang Drive. All lots have direct frontage to the new road to be constructed. Notably the access is partly approved (but not constructed) as part of the 4-lot subdivision. The road to be constructed will be formed sealed public road and comply with the width, grade, curve radius and vertical clearance set out in Table 5.3b of PBP 2019 namely general and internal road requirements.

Refer to **Appendix A** for Site Plan showing access.

The following summarises the requirements of Table 5.3b, and Appendix 3 of PBP (2019) specifically general requirements, non-perimeter roads and property access. Deviations, beyond the performance solution for road length outlined above, from the below acceptable solutions for access may be considered (depending on the situation) through a performance-based assessment.

Table 5 : Acceptable solutions for access (PBP 2019)

Performance Criteria	Acceptable Solutions
The intent may be achieved where:	
General Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Firefighting vehicles are provided with safe, all-weather access to structures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> property access roads are two-wheel drive, all weather roads; perimeter roads are provided for residential subdivisions of three or more allotments; subdivisions of three or more allotments have more than one access in and out of the development; traffic management devices are constructed to not prohibit access by emergency services vehicles; maximum grades for sealed roads do not exceed 15 degrees and an average grade of not more than 10 degrees or other gradient specified by road design standards, whichever is the lesser gradient; all roads are through roads; dead end roads are not recommended, but if unavoidable, are not more than 200 metres in length, incorporate a minimum 12 metres outer radius turning circle, and are clearly sign posted as a dead end; where kerb and guttering is provided on perimeter roads, roll top kerbing should be used to the hazard side of the road; where access/egress can only be achieved through forest, woodland and heath vegetation, secondary access shall be provided to an alternate point on the existing public road system; and one way only public access roads are no less than 3.5 metres wide and have designated parking bays with hydrants located outside of these areas to ensure accessibility to reticulated water for fire suppression.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the capacity of access roads is adequate for firefighting vehicles. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the capacity of perimeter and non-perimeter road surfaces and any bridges/ causeways is sufficient to carry fully loaded firefighting vehicles (up to 23 tonnes); bridges/ causeways are to clearly indicate load rating.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> there is appropriate access to water supply. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> hydrants are located outside of parking reserves and road carriageways to ensure accessibility to reticulated water for fire suppression; hydrants are provided in accordance with the relevant clauses of AS 2419.1:2005; and there is suitable access for a Category 1 fire appliances to within 4m of the static water supply where no reticulated supply is available.

Performance Criteria	Acceptable Solutions										
Non-perimeter access roads <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access roads are designed to allow safe access and egress for firefighting vehicles while residents are evacuating. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> minimum 5.5m carriageway width kerb to kerb; minimum 5.5m carriageway width kerb to kerb; parking is provided outside of the carriageway width; hydrants are located clear of parking areas; roads are through roads, and these are linked to the internal road system at an interval of no greater than 500m; curves of roads have a minimum inner radius of 6m; the road crossfall does not exceed 3 degrees; and a minimum vertical clearance of 4m to any overhanging obstructions, including tree branches, is provided. 										
Property Access Firefighting vehicles can access the dwelling and exit the property safely.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no specific access requirements in an urban area where an unobstructed path (no greater than 70m) is provided between the most distant external part of the proposed dwelling and the nearest part of the public access road (where the road speed limit is not greater than 70kph) that supports the operational use of emergency firefighting vehicles. <p>In circumstances where this cannot occur, the following requirements apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> minimum 4m carriageway width; in forest, woodland and heath situations, rural property access roads have passing bays every 200m that are 20m long by 2m wide, making a minimum trafficable width of 6m at the passing bay; a minimum vertical clearance of 4m to any overhanging obstructions, including tree branches; and provide a suitable turning area in accordance with Appendix 3. <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Curve radius (inside edge in metres)</th><th>Swept path (metres width)</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>< 40</td><td>4.0</td></tr> <tr> <td>40 - 69</td><td>3.0</td></tr> <tr> <td>70 - 100</td><td>2.7</td></tr> <tr> <td>> 100</td><td>2.5</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <div> <div> <p>Type A</p> </div> <div> <p>Type B</p> </div> <div> <p>Type C</p> </div> <div> <p>Type D</p> </div> </div>	Curve radius (inside edge in metres)	Swept path (metres width)	< 40	4.0	40 - 69	3.0	70 - 100	2.7	> 100	2.5
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< 40	4.0										
40 - 69	3.0										
70 - 100	2.7										
> 100	2.5										

Performance Criteria	Acceptable Solutions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> curves have a minimum inner radius of 6m and are minimal in number to allow for rapid access and egress; the minimum distance between inner and outer curves is 6m; the crossfall is not more than 10 degrees; maximum grades for sealed roads do not exceed 15 degrees and not more than 10 degrees for unsealed roads; and a development comprising more than three dwellings has access by dedication of a road and not by right of way.

3.3 Services – Water, Electricity, Gas

The Site is to be developed in accordance with Table 5.3c of the PBP (2019), acceptable solutions for services listed in **Table 6**.

The proposal is able to satisfy these requirements given:

- The site can be connected to the 150 PVC watermain on Hildale Drive.
- The site is connected to the existing overhead electrical transmission lines.
- Any future gas connection shall be installed in accordance with the provisions of PBP (2019).

Table 6 Acceptable solutions for services (PBP 2019)

Performance Criteria	Acceptable Solutions
The intent may be achieved where:	
Water supplies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> an adequate water supply is provided for firefighting purposes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> reticulated water is to be provided to the development, where available; and a static water supply is provided where no reticulated water is available.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> water supplies are located at regular intervals; and the water supply is accessible and reliable for firefighting operations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> fire hydrant spacing, design and sizing comply with the relevant clauses of AS 2419.1:2005; hydrants are not located within any road carriageway; and reticulated water supply to urban subdivisions uses a ring main system for areas with perimeter roads.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> flows and pressure are appropriate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> fire hydrant flows and pressures comply with the relevant clauses of AS 2419.1:2005.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the integrity of the water supply is maintained. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> all above-ground water service pipes external to the building are metal, including and up to any taps.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a static water supply is provided for firefighting purposes in areas where reticulated water is not available. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> where no reticulated water supply is available, water for firefighting purposes is provided in accordance with Table 5.3d (refer to insert on left); a connection for firefighting purposes is located within the IPA or non-hazard side and away from the structure; 65mm Storz outlet with a ball valve is fitted to the outlet; ball valve and pipes are adequate for water flow and are metal; supply pipes from tank to ball valve have the same bore size to ensure flow volume; underground tanks have an access hole of 200mm to allow tankers to refill direct from the tank;

Performance Criteria	Acceptable Solutions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a hardened ground surface for truck access is supplied within 4m; above-ground tanks are manufactured from concrete or metal; raised tanks have their stands constructed from non-combustible material or bush fire-resisting timber (see Appendix F of AS 3959); unobstructed access can be provided at all times; underground tanks are clearly marked; tanks on the hazard side of a building are provided with adequate shielding for the protection of firefighters; all exposed water pipes external to the building are metal, including any fittings; where pumps are provided, they are a minimum 5hp or 3kW petrol or diesel-powered pump, and are shielded against bush fire attack; any hose and reel for firefighting connected to the pump shall be 19mm internal diameter; and fire hose reels are constructed in accordance with AS/NZS 1221:1997, and installed in accordance with the relevant clauses of AS 2441:2005.
Electricity Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> location of electricity services limits the possibility of ignition of surrounding bushland or the fabric of buildings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> where practicable, electrical transmission lines are underground. where overhead electrical transmission lines are proposed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> lines are installed with short pole spacing (30 metres), unless crossing gullies, gorges or riparian areas; and no part of a tree is closer to a power line than the distance set out in accordance with the specifications in ISSC3 <i>Guideline for Managing Vegetation Near Power Lines</i>.
Gas services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> location and design of gas services will not lead to ignition of surrounding bushland or the fabric of buildings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> reticulated or bottled gas is installed and maintained in accordance with AS/NZS 1596:2014 and the requirements of relevant authorities, and metal piping is used; all fixed gas cylinders are kept clear of all flammable materials to a distance of 10m and shielded on the hazard side; connections to and from gas cylinders are metal; polymer-sheathed flexible gas supply lines are not used; and above-ground gas service pipes are metal, including and up to any outlets.

3.4 Landscaping & Fuel Management

All future landscaping on the site should be designed and managed to minimise impact of bushfire based on the principles set out in PBP (2019) being:

- Prevent flame contact / direct ignition on the dwelling;
- Provide a defendable space for property protection;
- Reduce fire spread;
- Deflect and filter embers;
- Provide shelter from radiant heat; and
- Reduce wind speed.

In this manner, consideration should be given to species selection, planting location, flammability and size at maturity to ensure discontinuous canopy/ structure both vertically and horizontally to ensure the above principles are met.

Ongoing fuel management across the site as part of the maintenance regime should comply with the NSW RFS 'Asset protection zone standards' and *Appendix 4 - Asset Protection Zone Requirements* of PBP (2019) which provides guidance on maintenance activities to assist in achieving the landscape principles.

Fencing and gates are to be constructed in accordance with PBP (2019) section 7.6 as follows:

Fences and gates in bush fire prone areas may play a significant role in the vulnerability of structures during bush fires. In this regard, all fences in bush fire prone areas should be made of either hardwood or non-combustible material.

However, in circumstances where the fence is within 6m of a building or in areas of BAL-29 or greater, they should be made of non-combustible material only.

3.5 Emergency Management

Any fire within the Site would be attended in the first instance by Bolwarra-Largs Rural Fire Brigade, with support available from the Fire and Rescue Maitland Fire Station and the Fire and Rescue Morpeth Fire Station.

To assist emergency response from the NSW RFS and/or NSW Fire and Rescue, site access is to comply with the provisions set out in PBP (2019) and all tanks (where/if provided) including connection points be readily accessible and clearly marked. If pumps are to be made available, they must be regularly maintained and in good working order.

4 Conclusion & Recommendations

MJD Environmental has been engaged by SNL Building Constructions to prepare a Bushfire Assessment Report to accompany a Development Application to Maitland City Council for the proposed development of a 1 into 15 Lot residential subdivision at 27 Lang Drive, Bolwarra Heights, NSW.

This assessment has considered and assessed the bushfire hazard and associated potential threats relevant to the Proposal, and to outline the minimum mitigative measures which would be required in accordance with *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019* (PBP), as adopted through the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Amendment* (Planning for Bush Fire Protection) *Regulation 2020*.

In order to determine whether the proposed development is bushfire-prone, and if so, which setbacks and other relevant Bush Fire Protection Measures (BPM) will be appropriate, this assessment adhered to the methodology and procedures outlined in PBP (2019) via assessment of acceptable solutions as outlined in Chapter 5 of PBP (2019) and APZ modelled via AS3959 Method 2.

This assessment has been made based on the bushfire hazards in and around the Site at the time of site inspection and report production.

The assessment found that hazard vegetation types occur within 140m of the Site. The risks occur from a mosaic of Grassland and Short Heath vegetation surrounding the site predominately located to the south, west and north-east of the site. The current primary risk occurs from the Hunter Macleay Dry Sclerophyll Forest hazard to the south and has been assessed as having the greatest effect on bushfire behaviour. The slope under the primary hazard vegetation to the south is upslope. Additionally, a 2nd order water course runs through the centre to the lot from east to west, vegetation within the riparian zone has been assessed as Coastal Floodplain Wetlands. While the water course is currently managed land, it has the possibility to be revegetated to return to a rainforest riparian zone that meets appropriate APZ and IPA standards and regulations. In the case of revegetation and management this would become the primary hazard in the form of a rainforest (riparian) hazard vegetation. The vegetation and slope classification has been assessed in this manner. The slope under this primary hazard vegetation varies from upslope/ flat to -7.2° Downslope.

The site has been split into two portions: the North-Western Portion includes land to the northwest of the watercourse; and the South-eastern Portion refers to the land situated north of the watercourse to the southeast.

Asset Protection Zones

- A 14m APZ is required from the Hunter Macleay Dry Sclerophyll Forest hazard to the south of the Site.
- APZ management across the site and outside of the riparian corridor is to achieve the IPA performance criteria outlined in Appendix 4 of PBP (2019).
- Assessment of BAL based on AS3959 Method 2, has shown that any future development on the site will be able to comply with this standard.

Access

- A non-perimeter internal through road will be constructed from Hilldale Drive to Lang Drive. All lots have direct frontage to the new road to be constructed. Notably the access is partly approved (but not constructed) as part of the 4-lot subdivision. The road to be constructed will be formed sealed public road and comply with the width, grade, curve radius and vertical clearance set out in Table 5.3b of PBP 2019 namely general and internal road requirements.

Services – Water supply, Gas and Electricity

- Reticulated water supply shall be extended and augmented within the site.
- Services are to be provided and connected to the site in accordance with PBP (2019) as summarised and assessed in Chapter 3, Section 3.3 of this report.

Landscaping and Fuel Management

- Careful consideration of future site landscaping and ongoing fuel management must occur to minimise the potential impact of bushfire on the site.
- All landscaping and fuel management must provide due consideration of PBP (2019) Appendix 4.

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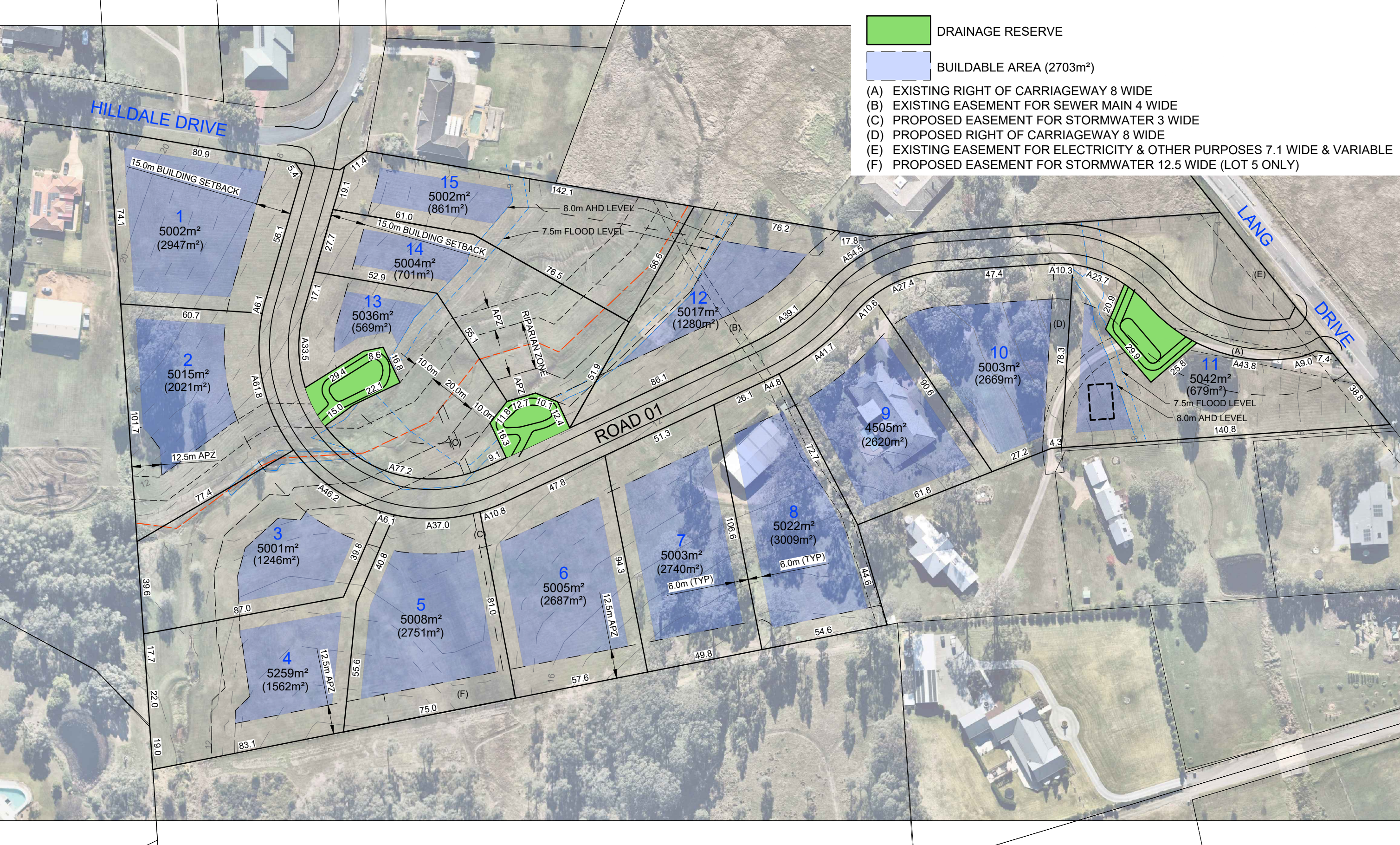
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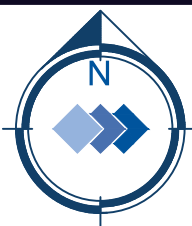
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Appendix A Site Plan



- DRAINAGE RESERVE
- BUILDABLE AREA (2703m²)
- (A) EXISTING RIGHT OF CARRIAGEWAY 8 WIDE
- (B) EXISTING EASEMENT FOR SEWER MAIN 4 WIDE
- (C) PROPOSED EASEMENT FOR STORMWATER 3 WIDE
- (D) PROPOSED RIGHT OF CARRIAGEWAY 8 WIDE
- (E) EXISTING EASEMENT FOR ELECTRICITY & OTHER PURPOSES 7.1 WIDE & VARIABLE
- (F) PROPOSED EASEMENT FOR STORMWATER 12.5 WIDE (LOT 5 ONLY)

7	COUNCIL COMMENTS	DB	30.10.24
6	LOT 10 BDY AMENDED	DB	25.06.24
12	LOTS 9-11 BDY AMENDED	DB	06.03.25
11	REVISED LAYOUT	DB	16.12.24
10	REVISED LAYOUT	DB	13.12.24
9	REVISED SETBACKS	DB	04.11.24
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Appendix B

NBC Bushfire Attack Assessment Report V4.1



NBC Bushfire Attack Assessment Report V4.1

AS3959 (2018) Appendix B - Detailed Method 2

Print Date: 24/01/2023

Assessment Date: 24/01/2023

Site Street Address: MD 27 Lang Drive, Bolwarra

Assessor: Stuart Greville; Bushfire Planning Australia

Local Government Area: Maitland

Alpine Area: No

Equations Used

Transmissivity: Fuss and Hammins, 2002

Flame Length: RFS PBP, 2001/Vesta/Catchpole

Rate of Fire Spread: Noble et al., 1980

Radiant Heat: Drysdale, 1985; Sullivan et al., 2003; Tan et al., 2005

Peak Elevation of Receiver: Tan et al., 2005

Peak Flame Angle: Tan et al., 2005

Run Description: T01

Vegetation Information

Vegetation Type: Grassland

Vegetation Group: Grassland

Vegetation Slope: 0.6 Degrees

Vegetation Slope Type: Downslope

Surface Fuel Load(t/ha): 6

Overall Fuel Load(t/ha): 6

Vegetation Height(m): 0

Only Applicable to Shrub/Scrub and Vesta

Site Information

Site Slope: 0 Degrees

Site Slope Type: Downslope

Elevation of Receiver(m): Default

APZ/Separation(m): 11

Fire Inputs

Veg./Flame Width(m): 100

Flame Temp(K): 1090

Calculation Parameters

Flame Emissivity: 95

Relative Humidity(%): 25

Heat of Combustion(kJ/kg): 18600

Ambient Temp(K): 308

Moisture Factor: 5

FDI: 130

Program Outputs

Level of Construction: BAL 29

Peak Elevation of Receiver(m): 3.96

Radiant Heat(kW/m2): 29

Flame Angle (degrees): 64

Flame Length(m): 8.81

Maximum View Factor: 0.438

Rate Of Spread (km/h): 17.61

Inner Protection Area(m): 0

Transmissivity: 0.871

Outer Protection Area(m): 0

Fire Intensity(kW/m): 54604

BAL Thresholds

BAL-40: BAL-29: BAL-19: BAL-12.5: 10 kw/m2: Elevation of Receiver:

Asset Protection Zone(m): 0 0 0 0 0 0

Run Description:		T02	
<u>Vegetation Information</u>			
Vegetation Type:		Grassland	
Vegetation Group:		Grassland	
Vegetation Slope:		3.2 Degrees	
Surface Fuel Load(t/ha):		6	
Vegetation Height(m):		0	
		Only Applicable to Shrub/Scrub and Vesta	
<u>Site Information</u>			
Site Slope:		0 Degrees	
Elevation of Receiver(m):		Default	
		Site Slope Type: Downslope	
		APZ/Separation(m): 9	
<u>Fire Inputs</u>			
Veg./Flame Width(m):		100	
		Flame Temp(K): 1090	
<u>Calculation Parameters</u>			
Flame Emissivity:		95	
Heat of Combustion(kJ/kg)		18600	
Moisture Factor:		5	
		Relative Humidity(%): 25	
		Ambient Temp(K): 308	
		FDI: 130	
<u>Program Outputs</u>			
Level of Construction:		BAL 29	
Radiant Heat(kW/m2):		29	
Flame Length(m):		7.73	
Rate Of Spread (km/h):		13.55	
Transmissivity:		0.875	
Fire Intensity(kW/m):		42010	
		Peak Elevation of Receiver(m): 3.47	
		Flame Angle (degrees): 64	
		Maximum View Factor: 0.436	
		Inner Protection Area(m): 0	
		Outer Protection Area(m): 0	
<u>BAL Thresholds</u>			
BAL-40: BAL-29: BAL-19: BAL-12.5: 10 kw/m2: Elevation of Receiver:			
Asset Protection Zone(m): 0 0 0 0 0 0			

Run Description: T03	
<u>Vegetation Information</u>	
Vegetation Type:	Grassland
Vegetation Group:	Grassland
Vegetation Slope:	3.9 Degrees
Surface Fuel Load(t/ha):	6
Vegetation Height(m):	0
Vegetation Slope Type:	Upslope
Overall Fuel Load(t/ha):	6
	Only Applicable to Shrub/Scrub and Vesta
<u>Site Information</u>	
Site Slope:	0 Degrees
Elevation of Receiver(m):	Default
Site Slope Type:	Downslope
APZ/Separation(m):	9
<u>Fire Inputs</u>	
Veg./Flame Width(m):	100
Flame Temp(K):	1090
<u>Calculation Parameters</u>	
Flame Emissivity:	95
Heat of Combustion(kJ/kg)	18600
Moisture Factor:	5
Relative Humidity(%):	25
Ambient Temp(K):	308
FDI:	130
<u>Program Outputs</u>	
Level of Construction:	BAL 29
Radiant Heat(kW/m2):	29
Flame Length(m):	7.54
Rate Of Spread (km/h):	12.91
Transmissivity:	0.875
Fire Intensity(kW/m):	40029
Peak Elevation of Receiver(m):	3.39
Flame Angle (degrees):	64
Maximum View Factor:	0.435
Inner Protection Area(m):	0
Outer Protection Area(m):	0
<u>BAL Thresholds</u>	
BAL-40: BAL-29: BAL-19: BAL-12.5: 10 kw/m2: Elevation of Receiver:	
Asset Protection Zone(m):	0 0 0 0 0 0

Run Description:		T04			
<u>Vegetation Information</u>					
Vegetation Type:		Coastal Floodplain Wetlands			
Vegetation Group:		Forested Wetlands			
Vegetation Slope:		1.8 Degrees	Vegetation Slope Type:		Upslope
Surface Fuel Load(t/ha):		8.2	Overall Fuel Load(t/ha):		15.1
Vegetation Height(m):		0.9	Only Applicable to Shrub/Scrub and Vesta		
<u>Site Information</u>					
Site Slope:		0 Degrees	Site Slope Type:		Downslope
Elevation of Receiver(m):		Default	APZ/Separation(m):		9
<u>Fire Inputs</u>					
Veg./Flame Width(m):		100	Flame Temp(K):		1090
<u>Calculation Parameters</u>					
Flame Emissivity:		95	Relative Humidity(%):		25
Heat of Combustion(kJ/kg)		18600	Ambient Temp(K):		308
Moisture Factor:		5	FDI:		100
<u>Program Outputs</u>					
Level of Construction:		BAL 29	Peak Elevation of Receiver(m):		3.36
Radiant Heat(kW/m2):		29	Flame Angle (degrees):		64
Flame Length(m):		7.47	Maximum View Factor:		0.436
Rate Of Spread (km/h):		0.87	Inner Protection Area(m):		0
Transmissivity:		0.876	Outer Protection Area(m):		0
Fire Intensity(kW/m):		6780			
<u>BAL Thresholds</u>					
		BAL-40:	BAL-29:	BAL-19:	BAL-12.5: 10 kw/m2: Elevation of Receiver:
Asset Protection Zone(m):		5	8	13	19
					32
					6

Run Description: T05	
<u>Vegetation Information</u>	
Vegetation Type:	Grassland
Vegetation Group:	Grassland
Vegetation Slope:	3.2 Degrees
Surface Fuel Load(t/ha):	6
Vegetation Height(m):	0
<u>Site Information</u>	
Site Slope:	0 Degrees
Elevation of Receiver(m):	Default
Vegetation Slope Type:	Upslope
Overall Fuel Load(t/ha):	6
Only Applicable to Shrub/Scrub and Vesta	
<u>Fire Inputs</u>	
Veg./Flame Width(m):	100
Flame Temp(K):	1090
<u>Calculation Parameters</u>	
Flame Emissivity:	95
Heat of Combustion(kJ/kg)	18600
Moisture Factor:	5
Relative Humidity(%):	25
Ambient Temp(K):	308
FDI:	130
<u>Program Outputs</u>	
Level of Construction:	BAL 29
Radiant Heat(kW/m2):	29
Flame Length(m):	7.73
Rate Of Spread (km/h):	13.55
Transmissivity:	0.875
Fire Intensity(kW/m):	42010
Peak Elevation of Receiver(m):	3.47
Flame Angle (degrees):	64
Maximum View Factor:	0.436
Inner Protection Area(m):	0
Outer Protection Area(m):	0
<u>BAL Thresholds</u>	
BAL-40: BAL-29: BAL-19: BAL-12.5: 10 kw/m2: Elevation of Receiver:	
Asset Protection Zone(m):	0 0 0 0 0 0

Run Description:		T06			
<u>Vegetation Information</u>					
Vegetation Type:		Hunter Macleay DSF			
Vegetation Group:		Dry Sclerophyll Forests (Shrub/Grass)			
Vegetation Slope:		3.3 Degrees	Vegetation Slope Type:		Upslope
Surface Fuel Load(t/ha):		14	Overall Fuel Load(t/ha):		24.6
Vegetation Height(m):		0.9	Only Applicable to Shrub/Scrub and Vesta		
<u>Site Information</u>					
Site Slope:		0 Degrees	Site Slope Type:		Downslope
Elevation of Receiver(m):		Default	APZ/Separation(m):		14
<u>Fire Inputs</u>					
Veg./Flame Width(m):		100	Flame Temp(K):		1090
<u>Calculation Parameters</u>					
Flame Emissivity:		95	Relative Humidity(%):		25
Heat of Combustion(kJ/kg		18600	Ambient Temp(K):		308
Moisture Factor:		5	FDI:		100
<u>Program Outputs</u>					
Level of Construction:		BAL 29	Peak Elevation of Receiver(m):		5.2
Radiant Heat(kW/m2):		29	Flame Angle (degrees):		63
Flame Length(m):		11.66	Maximum View Factor:		0.442
Rate Of Spread (km/h):		1.34	Inner Protection Area(m):		0
Transmissivity:		0.862	Outer Protection Area(m):		0
Fire Intensity(kW/m):		17005			
<u>BAL Thresholds</u>					
		BAL-40:	BAL-29:	BAL-19:	BAL-12.5: 10 kw/m2: Elevation of Receiver:
Asset Protection Zone(m):		10	14	20	28
				45	6

Run Description:		T07			
<u>Vegetation Information</u>					
Vegetation Type:		Hunter Macleay DSF			
Vegetation Group:		Dry Sclerophyll Forests (Shrub/Grass)			
Vegetation Slope:		4 Degrees	Vegetation Slope Type:		Upslope
Surface Fuel Load(t/ha):		14	Overall Fuel Load(t/ha):		24.6
Vegetation Height(m):		0.9	Only Applicable to Shrub/Scrub and Vesta		
<u>Site Information</u>					
Site Slope:		0 Degrees	Site Slope Type:		Downslope
Elevation of Receiver(m):		Default	APZ/Separation(m):		13
<u>Fire Inputs</u>					
Veg./Flame Width(m):		100	Flame Temp(K):		1090
<u>Calculation Parameters</u>					
Flame Emissivity:		95	Relative Humidity(%):		25
Heat of Combustion(kJ/kg)		18600	Ambient Temp(K):		308
Moisture Factor:		5	FDI:		100
<u>Program Outputs</u>					
Level of Construction:		BAL 29	Peak Elevation of Receiver(m):		4.99
Radiant Heat(kW/m2):		29	Flame Angle (degrees):		63
Flame Length(m):		11.21	Maximum View Factor:		0.442
Rate Of Spread (km/h):		1.27	Inner Protection Area(m):		0
Transmissivity:		0.864	Outer Protection Area(m):		0
Fire Intensity(kW/m):		16203			
<u>BAL Thresholds</u>					
		BAL-40:	BAL-29:	BAL-19:	BAL-12.5: 10 kw/m2: Elevation of Receiver:
Asset Protection Zone(m):		10	13	19	27
					44
					6

Run Description:		T08	
<u>Vegetation Information</u>			
Vegetation Type:		Hunter Macleay DSF	
Vegetation Group:		Dry Sclerophyll Forests (Shrub/Grass)	
Vegetation Slope:		2.6 Degrees	Vegetation Slope Type: Upslope
Surface Fuel Load(t/ha):		14	Overall Fuel Load(t/ha): 24.6
Vegetation Height(m):		0.9	Only Applicable to Shrub/Scrub and Vesta
<u>Site Information</u>			
Site Slope:		0 Degrees	Site Slope Type: Downslope
Elevation of Receiver(m):		Default	APZ/Separation(m): 14
<u>Fire Inputs</u>			
Veg./Flame Width(m):		100	Flame Temp(K): 1090
<u>Calculation Parameters</u>			
Flame Emissivity:		95	Relative Humidity(%): 25
Heat of Combustion(kJ/kg		18600	Ambient Temp(K): 308
Moisture Factor:		5	FDI: 100
<u>Program Outputs</u>			
Level of Construction:		BAL 29	Peak Elevation of Receiver(m): 5.37
Radiant Heat(kW/m2):		29	Flame Angle (degrees): 63
Flame Length(m):		12.05	Maximum View Factor: 0.443
Rate Of Spread (km/h):		1.4	Inner Protection Area(m): 11
Transmissivity:		0.861	Outer Protection Area(m): 3
Fire Intensity(kW/m):		17846	
<u>BAL Thresholds</u>			
BAL-40: BAL-29: BAL-19: BAL-12.5: 10 kw/m2: Elevation of Receiver:			
Asset Protection Zone(m):		10	14
		20	29
		46	6

Run Description:		T09			
<u>Vegetation Information</u>					
Vegetation Type:		Coastal Floodplain Wetlands			
Vegetation Group:		Forested Wetlands			
Vegetation Slope:		2.1 Degrees	Vegetation Slope Type:		Upslope
Surface Fuel Load(t/ha):		8.2	Overall Fuel Load(t/ha):		15.1
Vegetation Height(m):		0.9	Only Applicable to Shrub/Scrub and Vesta		
<u>Site Information</u>					
Site Slope:		0 Degrees	Site Slope Type:		Downslope
Elevation of Receiver(m):		Default	APZ/Separation(m):		9
<u>Fire Inputs</u>					
Veg./Flame Width(m):		100	Flame Temp(K):		1090
<u>Calculation Parameters</u>					
Flame Emissivity:		95	Relative Humidity(%):		25
Heat of Combustion(kJ/kg		18600	Ambient Temp(K):		308
Moisture Factor:		5	FDI:		100
<u>Program Outputs</u>					
Level of Construction:		BAL 29	Peak Elevation of Receiver(m):		3.3
Radiant Heat(kW/m2):		29	Flame Angle (degrees):		64
Flame Length(m):		7.34	Maximum View Factor:		0.435
Rate Of Spread (km/h):		0.85	Inner Protection Area(m):		0
Transmissivity:		0.876	Outer Protection Area(m):		0
Fire Intensity(kW/m):		6641			
<u>BAL Thresholds</u>					
		BAL-40:	BAL-29:	BAL-19:	BAL-12.5: 10 kw/m2: Elevation of Receiver:
Asset Protection Zone(m):		5	8	12	18
					31
					6

Run Description:		T10	
<u>Vegetation Information</u>			
Vegetation Type:		Coastal Floodplain Wetlands	
Vegetation Group:		Forested Wetlands	
Vegetation Slope:		1.1 Degrees	Vegetation Slope Type: Upslope
Surface Fuel Load(t/ha):		8.2	Overall Fuel Load(t/ha): 15.1
Vegetation Height(m):		0.9	Only Applicable to Shrub/Scrub and Vesta
<u>Site Information</u>			
Site Slope:		0 Degrees	Site Slope Type: Downslope
Elevation of Receiver(m):		Default	APZ/Separation(m): 9
<u>Fire Inputs</u>			
Veg./Flame Width(m):		100	Flame Temp(K): 1090
<u>Calculation Parameters</u>			
Flame Emissivity:		95	Relative Humidity(%): 25
Heat of Combustion(kJ/kg		18600	Ambient Temp(K): 308
Moisture Factor:		5	FDI: 100
<u>Program Outputs</u>			
Level of Construction:		BAL 29	Peak Elevation of Receiver(m): 3.47
Radiant Heat(kW/m2):		29	Flame Angle (degrees): 64
Flame Length(m):		7.73	Maximum View Factor: 0.436
Rate Of Spread (km/h):		0.91	Inner Protection Area(m): 0
Transmissivity:		0.875	Outer Protection Area(m): 0
Fire Intensity(kW/m):		7116	
<u>BAL Thresholds</u>			
BAL-40: BAL-29: BAL-19: BAL-12.5: 10 kw/m2: Elevation of Receiver:			
Asset Protection Zone(m):	5	8	13
		19	33
			6

Run Description:		T11			
<u>Vegetation Information</u>					
Vegetation Type:		Coastal Floodplain Wetlands			
Vegetation Group:		Forested Wetlands			
Vegetation Slope:		0.5 Degrees	Vegetation Slope Type:		Upslope
Surface Fuel Load(t/ha):		8.2	Overall Fuel Load(t/ha):		15.1
Vegetation Height(m):		0.9	Only Applicable to Shrub/Scrub and Vesta		
<u>Site Information</u>					
Site Slope:		0 Degrees	Site Slope Type:		Downslope
Elevation of Receiver(m):		Default	APZ/Separation(m):		10
<u>Fire Inputs</u>					
Veg./Flame Width(m):		100	Flame Temp(K):		1090
<u>Calculation Parameters</u>					
Flame Emissivity:		95	Relative Humidity(%):		25
Heat of Combustion(kJ/kg		18600	Ambient Temp(K):		308
Moisture Factor:		5	FDI:		100
<u>Program Outputs</u>					
Level of Construction:		BAL 29	Peak Elevation of Receiver(m):		3.59
Radiant Heat(kW/m2):		29	Flame Angle (degrees):		64
Flame Length(m):		7.99	Maximum View Factor:		0.436
Rate Of Spread (km/h):		0.95	Inner Protection Area(m):		0
Transmissivity:		0.874	Outer Protection Area(m):		0
Fire Intensity(kW/m):		7417			
<u>BAL Thresholds</u>					
		BAL-40:	BAL-29:	BAL-19:	BAL-12.5: 10 kw/m2: Elevation of Receiver:
Asset Protection Zone(m):		6	9	14	20
					33
					6

Run Description:		T12			
<u>Vegetation Information</u>					
Vegetation Type:		Coastal Floodplain Wetlands			
Vegetation Group:		Forested Wetlands			
Vegetation Slope:		0.5 Degrees	Vegetation Slope Type:		Downslope
Surface Fuel Load(t/ha):		8.2	Overall Fuel Load(t/ha):		15.1
Vegetation Height(m):		0.9	Only Applicable to Shrub/Scrub and Vesta		
<u>Site Information</u>					
Site Slope:		0 Degrees	Site Slope Type:		Downslope
Elevation of Receiver(m):		Default	APZ/Separation(m):		10
<u>Fire Inputs</u>					
Veg./Flame Width(m):		100	Flame Temp(K):		1090
<u>Calculation Parameters</u>					
Flame Emissivity:		95	Relative Humidity(%):		25
Heat of Combustion(kJ/kg)		18600	Ambient Temp(K):		308
Moisture Factor:		5	FDI:		100
<u>Program Outputs</u>					
Level of Construction:		BAL 29	Peak Elevation of Receiver(m):		3.79
Radiant Heat(kW/m2):		29	Flame Angle (degrees):		64
Flame Length(m):		8.44	Maximum View Factor:		0.437
Rate Of Spread (km/h):		1.02	Inner Protection Area(m):		0
Transmissivity:		0.872	Outer Protection Area(m):		0
Fire Intensity(kW/m):		7946			
<u>BAL Thresholds</u>					
		BAL-40:	BAL-29:	BAL-19:	BAL-12.5: 10 kw/m2: Elevation of Receiver:
Asset Protection Zone(m):		6	9	14	21 35 6

Run Description:		T13			
<u>Vegetation Information</u>					
Vegetation Type:		Coastal Floodplain Wetlands			
Vegetation Group:		Forested Wetlands			
Vegetation Slope:		0.9 Degrees	Vegetation Slope Type:		Downslope
Surface Fuel Load(t/ha):		8.2	Overall Fuel Load(t/ha):		15.1
Vegetation Height(m):		0.9	Only Applicable to Shrub/Scrub and Vesta		
<u>Site Information</u>					
Site Slope:		0 Degrees	Site Slope Type:		Downslope
Elevation of Receiver(m):		Default	APZ/Separation(m):		10
<u>Fire Inputs</u>					
Veg./Flame Width(m):		100	Flame Temp(K):		1090
<u>Calculation Parameters</u>					
Flame Emissivity:		95	Relative Humidity(%):		25
Heat of Combustion(kJ/kg)		18600	Ambient Temp(K):		308
Moisture Factor:		5	FDI:		100
<u>Program Outputs</u>					
Level of Construction:		BAL 29	Peak Elevation of Receiver(m):		3.88
Radiant Heat(kW/m2):		29	Flame Angle (degrees):		64
Flame Length(m):		8.64	Maximum View Factor:		0.438
Rate Of Spread (km/h):		1.05	Inner Protection Area(m):		0
Transmissivity:		0.872	Outer Protection Area(m):		0
Fire Intensity(kW/m):		8169			
<u>BAL Thresholds</u>					
		BAL-40:	BAL-29:	BAL-19:	BAL-12.5: 10 kw/m2: Elevation of Receiver:
Asset Protection Zone(m):		7	10	15	22
					36
					6

Run Description:		T14			
<u>Vegetation Information</u>					
Vegetation Type:		Coastal Floodplain Wetlands			
Vegetation Group:		Forested Wetlands			
Vegetation Slope:		3.1 Degrees	Vegetation Slope Type:		Downslope
Surface Fuel Load(t/ha):		8.2	Overall Fuel Load(t/ha):		15.1
Vegetation Height(m):		0.9	Only Applicable to Shrub/Scrub and Vesta		
<u>Site Information</u>					
Site Slope:		0 Degrees	Site Slope Type:		Downslope
Elevation of Receiver(m):		Default	APZ/Separation(m):		12
<u>Fire Inputs</u>					
Veg./Flame Width(m):		100	Flame Temp(K):		1090
<u>Calculation Parameters</u>					
Flame Emissivity:		95	Relative Humidity(%):		25
Heat of Combustion(kJ/kg)		18600	Ambient Temp(K):		308
Moisture Factor:		5	FDI:		100
<u>Program Outputs</u>					
Level of Construction:		BAL 29	Peak Elevation of Receiver(m):		4.38
Radiant Heat(kW/m2):		29	Flame Angle (degrees):		64
Flame Length(m):		9.74	Maximum View Factor:		0.439
Rate Of Spread (km/h):		1.22	Inner Protection Area(m):		0
Transmissivity:		0.868	Outer Protection Area(m):		0
Fire Intensity(kW/m):		9508			
<u>BAL Thresholds</u>					
		BAL-40:	BAL-29:	BAL-19:	BAL-12.5: 10 kw/m2: Elevation of Receiver:
Asset Protection Zone(m):		8	11	17	24
					39
					6

Run Description:		T15			
<u>Vegetation Information</u>					
Vegetation Type:		Coastal Floodplain Wetlands			
Vegetation Group:		Forested Wetlands			
Vegetation Slope:		2.1 Degrees	Vegetation Slope Type:		Downslope
Surface Fuel Load(t/ha):		8.2	Overall Fuel Load(t/ha):		15.1
Vegetation Height(m):		0.9	Only Applicable to Shrub/Scrub and Vesta		
<u>Site Information</u>					
Site Slope:		0 Degrees	Site Slope Type:		Downslope
Elevation of Receiver(m):		Default	APZ/Separation(m):		11
<u>Fire Inputs</u>					
Veg./Flame Width(m):		100	Flame Temp(K):		1090
<u>Calculation Parameters</u>					
Flame Emissivity:		95	Relative Humidity(%):		25
Heat of Combustion(kJ/kg		18600	Ambient Temp(K):		308
Moisture Factor:		5	FDI:		100
<u>Program Outputs</u>					
Level of Construction:		BAL 29	Peak Elevation of Receiver(m):		4.14
Radiant Heat(kW/m2):		29	Flame Angle (degrees):		64
Flame Length(m):		9.22	Maximum View Factor:		0.439
Rate Of Spread (km/h):		1.14	Inner Protection Area(m):		0
Transmissivity:		0.87	Outer Protection Area(m):		0
Fire Intensity(kW/m):		8874			
<u>BAL Thresholds</u>					
		BAL-40:	BAL-29:	BAL-19:	BAL-12.5: 10 kw/m2: Elevation of Receiver:
Asset Protection Zone(m):		7	11	16	23
					37
					6

Run Description:		T16					
<u>Vegetation Information</u>							
Vegetation Type:		Coastal Floodplain Wetlands					
Vegetation Group:		Forested Wetlands					
Vegetation Slope:		6.7 Degrees	Vegetation Slope Type:		Downslope		
Surface Fuel Load(t/ha):		8.2	Overall Fuel Load(t/ha):		15.1		
Vegetation Height(m):		0.9	Only Applicable to Shrub/Scrub and Vesta				
<u>Site Information</u>							
Site Slope:		0 Degrees	Site Slope Type:		Downslope		
Elevation of Receiver(m):		Default	APZ/Separation(m):		14		
<u>Fire Inputs</u>							
Veg./Flame Width(m):		100	Flame Temp(K):		1090		
<u>Calculation Parameters</u>							
Flame Emissivity:		95	Relative Humidity(%):		25		
Heat of Combustion(kJ/kg)		18600	Ambient Temp(K):		308		
Moisture Factor:		5	FDI:		100		
<u>Program Outputs</u>							
Level of Construction:		BAL 29	Peak Elevation of Receiver(m):		5.32		
Radiant Heat(kW/m2):		29	Flame Angle (degrees):		63		
Flame Length(m):		11.95	Maximum View Factor:		0.443		
Rate Of Spread (km/h):		1.56	Inner Protection Area(m):		0		
Transmissivity:		0.861	Outer Protection Area(m):		0		
Fire Intensity(kW/m):		12189					
<u>BAL Thresholds</u>							
BAL-40: BAL-29: BAL-19: BAL-12.5: 10 kw/m2: Elevation of Receiver:							
Asset Protection Zone(m):		10	14	20	28	45	6

Appendix C NSW RFS GTA



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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Your reference: CNR-60831 DA/2023/832
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Date: Thursday 28 December 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

Integrated Development Application
s100B – Subdivision – Torrens Title Subdivision
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I refer to your correspondence dated 06/10/2023 seeking general terms of approval for the above Integrated Development Application.

The New South Wales Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) has considered the information submitted. General Terms of Approval, under Division 4.8 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, and a Bush Fire Safety Authority, under section 100B of the *Rural Fires Act 1997*, are now issued subject to the following conditions:

Asset Protection Zones

The intent of measures is to provide sufficient space and maintain reduced fuel loads so as to ensure radiant heat levels of buildings are below critical limits and to prevent direct flame contact with a building. To achieve this, the following conditions shall apply:

1. At the issue of a subdivision certificate and in perpetuity, the entire site, except for the riparian corridor, must be managed as an inner protection area in accordance with the requirements of Appendix 4 of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019*.

When establishing and maintaining an inner protection area the following requirements apply in accordance with the requirements of Appendix 4 of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019*:

- tree canopy cover should be less than 15% at maturity;
- trees at maturity should not touch or overhang the building;
- lower limbs should be removed up to a height of 2 m above the ground;
- tree canopies should be separated by 2 to 5 m;
- preference should be given to smooth-barked and evergreen trees;
- large discontinuities or gaps in the shrubs layer should be provided to slow down or break the progress of fire towards buildings;
- shrubs should not be located under trees;
- shrubs should not form more than 10% ground cover;

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- clumps of shrubs should be separated from exposed windows and doors by a distance of at least twice the height of the vegetation;
- grass should be kept mown (as a guide, grass should be kept to no more than 100mm in height); and
- leaves and vegetation debris should be removed regularly.

2. At the issue of a subdivision certificate, and in perpetuity to ensure ongoing protection from the impact of bush fires, asset protection zones must be provided as shown on Figure 4: Required Asset Protection Zones of the bush fire report by (prepared by MJD Environmental on 17/08/2023).

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- leaves and vegetation debris should be removed regularly.

Construction Standards

The intent of measures is that buildings are designed and constructed to withstand the potential impacts of bush fire attack. To achieve this, the following conditions shall apply:

3. The existing dwelling must be upgraded to improve ember protection by enclosing all openings (excluding roof tile spaces) or covering openings with a non-corrosive metal screen mesh with a maximum aperture of 2mm. Where applicable, this includes any subfloor areas, openable windows, vents, weep holes and eaves. External doors are to be fitted with draft excluders.

Access – Public Roads

The intent of measures is to provide safe operational access to structures and water supply for emergency services, while residents are seeking to evacuate from an area. To achieve this, the following conditions shall apply:

4. Access roads must comply with the following general requirements of Table 5.3b of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019* and the following:

- subdivisions of three or more allotments have more than one access in and out of the development;
- traffic management devices are constructed to not prohibit access by emergency services vehicles;
- maximum grades for sealed roads do not exceed 15 degrees and an average grade of not more than 10 degrees or other gradient specified by road design standards, whichever is the lesser gradient;
- all roads are through roads;
- dead end roads are not recommended, but if unavoidable, are not more than 200 metres in length, incorporate a minimum 12 metres outer radius turning circle, and are clearly sign posted as a dead end;
- where kerb and guttering is provided on perimeter roads, roll top kerbing should be used to the hazard side of the road;
- where access/egress can only be achieved through forest, woodland and heath vegetation, secondary access must be provided to an alternate point on the existing public road system;
- the capacity of perimeter and non-perimeter road surfaces and any bridges/causeways is sufficient to carry fully loaded firefighting vehicles (up to 23 tonnes); bridges/causeways are to clearly indicate load rating;

- hydrants are located outside of parking reserves and road carriageways to ensure accessibility to reticulated water for fire suppression;
- hydrants are provided in accordance with the relevant clauses of AS 2419.1:2005 - *Fire hydrant installations System design, installation and commissioning*; and
- there is suitable access for a Category 1 fire appliance to within 4m of the static water supply where no reticulated supply is available.

5. Non-perimeter roads must comply with the general requirements of Table 5.3b of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019* and the following:

- minimum 5.5m carriageway width kerb to kerb;
- parking is provided outside of the carriageway width;
- hydrants are located clear of parking areas;
- roads are through roads, and these are linked to the internal road system at an interval of no greater than 500m;
- curves of roads have a minimum inner radius of 6m;
- the road crossfall does not exceed 3 degrees; and
- a minimum vertical clearance of 4m to any overhanging obstructions, including tree branches, is provided.

Landscaping Assessment

The intent of measures is for landscaping. To achieve this, the following conditions shall apply:

6. Landscaping within the required asset protection zone must comply with Appendix 4 of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019*. In this regard, the following principles are to be incorporated:

- A minimum 1 metre wide area (or to the property boundary where the setbacks are less than 1 metre), suitable for pedestrian traffic, must be provided around the immediate curtilage of the building;
- Planting is limited in the immediate vicinity of the building;
- Planting does not provide a continuous canopy to the building (i.e. trees or shrubs are isolated or located in small clusters);
- Landscape species are chosen to ensure tree canopy cover is less than 15% (IPA), and less than 30% (OPA) at maturity and trees do not touch or overhang buildings;
- Avoid species with rough fibrous bark, or which retain/shed bark in long strips or retain dead material in their canopies;
- Use smooth bark species of trees species which generally do not carry a fire up the bark into the crown;
- Avoid planting of deciduous species that may increase fuel at surface/ ground level (i.e. leaf litter);
- Avoid climbing species to walls and pergolas;
- Locate combustible materials such as woodchips/mulch, flammable fuel stores away from the building;
- Locate combustible structures such as garden sheds, pergolas and materials such as timber garden furniture away from the building; and
- Low flammability vegetation species are used.

General Advice - Consent Authority to Note

- Future development applications lodged on lots created within this subdivision may be subject to further assessment under the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979.

For any queries regarding this correspondence, please contact Elaine Chandler on 1300 NSW RFS.

Yours sincerely,

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NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

BUSH FIRE SAFETY AUTHORITY

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This Bush Fire Safety Authority is issued on behalf of the Commissioner of the NSW Rural Fire Service under s100b of the Rural Fires Act (1997) subject to the attached General Terms of Approval.

This authority confirms that, subject to the General Terms of Approval being met, the proposed development will meet the NSW Rural Fire Service requirements for Bush Fire Safety under *s100b of the Rural Fires Act 1997*.

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