



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



The Secretary
Department Planning and Environment
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Your reference: MP 09_0082 MOD 5
Our reference: D18/5727

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Attention: Casey Joshua – casey.joshua@planning.nsw.gov.au

Dear Madam,

CALDERWOOD CONCEPT PLAN – LOT 1 DP 558196 - MOD 5

Reference is made to correspondence dated 18 June 2019 seeking comments on the Response to Submissions (RTS) and supplementary documents prepared by RBWI P/L requesting the following outcomes:

1. To clarify that the Blissett E3 land is not classified as Environmental Reserve Land (ERL)
2. To confirm that the E3 land is Environmentally Sensitive Land to be retained in private ownership and that its existing vegetation can be managed consistent with its recommended 'eco low development' land use
3. To remove the open-space/drainage/riparian corridor between the E3 land and Escarpment Drive, and to replace its environmental function with an alternative habitat link between the E3 land and Johnsons Spur, as shown on the amended layout plan that has been prepared in consultation with Council (Attachment A)
4. To set the minimum lot size for the E3 land at 1.39 hectares

The New South Wales Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) has reviewed the information provided and provides the following advice in relation to the 4 points above:

1. No comment or objection
2. As a measure to demonstrate the proposed subdivision complies with Planning for Bush Fire Protection, NSW RFS support the partial management and introduction of a Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) over the E3 land to reduce the size of the retained vegetation to less than 1.0 hectare as depicted in figure 2 of the revised bushfire assessment information provided by Peterson Bushfire dated 11 March 2019. To achieve adequate separation from the adjoining E2 land, the VMP will also need to be implemented over the Habitat Enhancement Areas depicted on the Clover Hill Subdivision Plan numbered PTN17015-01 1032 dated 19/11/2018.

It is noted neither Council or OEHS support the reduction in size of vegetation within the E3 land. In this regard, should the incorporation of the proposed land management in the CCP not receive support, further bush fire risk assessment will be required to demonstrate compliance with Planning for Bush Fire Protection.

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As previously noted, a definition of 'eco low development' is not provided in documentation nor is it defined in the Standard Instrument. A definition of the land use is required prior to NSW RFS providing further comment. Future development within the E3 land is not considered as part of this response.

3. No objection is raised subject to the implementation of a VMP or other suitable means to ensure vegetation within the Habitat Enhancement Areas is managed such that it does not regenerate into a bushfire hazard.
4. No comment or objection.

If you have any queries regarding this advice, please contact Anna Jones, Development Assessment and Planning Officer, on 1300 NSW RFS.

Yours sincerely,



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