

## **LOWER HUNTER LANDS – BLACK HILL PREFERRED PROJECT REPORT: BUSHFIRE AMENDMENTS**

As a component of the abovementioned project, additional information relating to bushfire considerations is provided herewith in response to submissions received during the EA public exhibition period, to inform the final PPR. This additional information should be read in conjunction with the Bushfire Threat Assessment prepared by RPS Harper Somers O'Sullivan (December 2008). All recommendations and APZ widths determined from the BTA (2008) remain current.

During the public notification process, submissions received highlighted concerns surrounding the positioning of Asset Protection Zones (APZ) within riparian corridors and green buffer zones within the Black Hill Development Estate. As a result of this concern, APZ's have been repositioned to sit outside of the riparian corridors and green buffer zones identified on site.

The attached figures show a typical cross-section of riparian corridors and revised concept plan depicting green buffers on the site boundary and clearly delineate the re-positioning of APZ's outside of such areas. To this end, it is considered the modified concept plan components as discussed herewith provide a satisfactory bushfire outcome for the site whilst allowing for an improved environmental outcome.