



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



The Secretary
NSW Planning & Environment
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Your Ref: SSD 7293
Our Ref: DA20191113000972

ATTENTION: Melissa Anderson

21 December 2019

Dear Ms Anderson

Agency Comment:- Environmental Impact Statement for Sancrox Quarry Expansion Project; Lot 2 DP 574308, Lot 353 DP 754434, Lot 1 DP 704890, Lot 1 DP 720807 Sancrox Road Sancrox

I refer to NSW Planning and Environment correspondence dated 25 October 2019 seeking comment from the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) on bush fire matters included in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the above State Significant Development proposal.

The subject land is mapped bush fire prone land by Port Macquarie Hastings Council. The NSW RFS has reviewed the EIS and understands the application will include:

The Sancrox Quarry Extension Project, which involves:

- ☐ extending the approved extraction boundary by approximately 52 hectares,
- ☐ extending the quarry life by ten years (from 20 to 30 years),
- ☐ increasing the production limit from 455,000 tonnes per annum (tpa) to 750,000 tpa,
- ☐ constructing and operating a concrete batching plant producing 20,000m³ per annum (p/a),
- ☐ constructing and operating a concrete recycling facility processing 20,000 tonnes p/a,
- ☐ increasing truck movements and equipment loading from 7am–11pm weekdays, and 7am–1pm weekends and public holidays to 24 hours per day 7 days per week,
- ☐ increasing quarry operations from 7am–5pm weekdays, and 7am–1pm Saturday to 24 hours per day 7 days per week,
- ☐ transporting material off-site via public roads; and
- ☐ Constructing and operating an asphalt plant producing 50,000 tonnes per annum.

The NSW RFS has no objection to the project proceeding and provides the following recommended conditions to be included in any consent granted:

1. A Fire Management Plan (FMP) shall be prepared in consultation with NSW RFS Midcoast Fire Control Centre. The FMP shall include:
 - 24 hour emergency contact details including alternative telephone contact;
 - Site infrastructure plan;
 - Fire fighting water supply plan;

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- Site access and internal road plan;
- Construction of Asset Protection Zones (APZ) and their continued maintenance;
- Location of hazards (Physical, Chemical and Electrical) that will affect fire fighting operations and procedures to manage identified hazards during fire fighting operations;
- Such additional matters as required by the NSW RFS District Office (FMP review and updates).

2. A 20,000 litre water supply (tank) fitted with a 65mm storz fitting shall be located adjoining the internal property access road.

3. To allow for emergency service personnel to undertake property protection activities, a 10 metre defensible space (APZ) that permits a minimum 4 metre wide, unobstructed vehicle access is to be provided around the perimeter of the fixed infrastructure.

For any enquiries regarding this correspondence, please contact Alan Bawden on 6691 0400.

Yours sincerely



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The RFS has made getting information easier. For general information on 'Planning for Bush Fire Protection, 2006', visit the RFS web page at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au and search under 'Planning for Bush Fire Protection, 2006'.