



Proposed Grain Storage Shed (Mod 34), Shoalhaven Starches Expansion Project MP 06_0228

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To Stephen Richardson <steve@allenprice.com.au>; Sebastian Tauni <sebastian@allenprice.com.au>

Cc Fire Safety <FireSafety@fire.nsw.gov.au>

Good afternoon Steve,

Thank you for your email of 10 December 2025 regarding Proposed Grain Storage Shed (Mod 34), Shoalhaven Starches Expansion Project.

FRNSW will not comment on this project at this time, however, will provide advice through the Dept. of Planning or other consent authority as the project progresses.

FRNSW and DPHI have established processes for review and recommendations for State Significant Development (SSD), and with consent authorities for Designated Development. It would be FRNSW expectation that regular applicable processes (FEBQ and FER), codes and standards (NCC) and legislative instruments will be followed for this proposal and FRNSW will engage with the consent authority through those established processes.

Regards

Richard



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From: Stephen Richardson <steve@allenprice.com.au>

Sent: Wednesday, 10 December 2025 9:20 AM

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Subject: Proposed Grain Storage Shed (Mod 34), Shoalhaven Starches Expansion Project MP 06_0228

To whom it may concern,

The purpose of this email is to consult with NSW Fire & Rescue to ascertain any requirements NSW Fire & Rescue may have in relation to the above Modification Proposal.

As NSW Fire & Rescue would be aware Modification 28 to the Shoalhaven Starches Expansion Project granted approval by the Department of Planning for Shoalhaven Starches to establish a temporary emergency grain storage bunker on the Shoalhaven Starches Environmental Farm adjacent to the existing Wastewater Storage Dam 6. This approval was subject to condition 6B which limited the operation of this grain storage bunker for a period of 36 months from the 20 June 2023. This period will expire on the 20 June 2026.

As NSW Fire & Rescue are aware, Shoalhaven Starches have been preparing a separate Modification Application (Mod 26) that will involve the construction of additional grain storage and handling facilities at the former Dairy Farmers site that is now owned by the Manildra Group of Companies. It was anticipated at the time of Mod 28 that this Modification Project would take at least 2 years to be approved, constructed and then commissioned. These Mod 26 works would therefore be unable to address the more imminent concern that forecast weather patterns will potentially have to the Shoalhaven Starches operations before the Mod 26 project was able to be commissioned.

Whilst the preparation of Mod 26 has progressed, and as NSW Fire & Rescue are aware the scope of the project has changed over time, due to economic circumstances, the Company will be unable to construct the additional grain storage envisaged under Mod 26 in the short to medium-term period.

The temporary storage of grain as approved by Mod 28 is still required, however, to minimize the effects from the interruption of grain supply to the Shoalhaven Starches site, and as detailed in the Mod 28 application. Given these circumstances Shoalhaven Starches will seek to make a Modification Application to the DPHI in which they will seek to extend the life of the temporary storage of grain on this site, however in doing so they also wish to construct a shed to be sited upon and which will replace the approved grain storage bunker. The proposed shed will provide several advantages over the grain bunker including:

- The shed will provide a reduced risk of moisture ingress which will extend the life of the stored grain.
- The shed will reduce the potential for vermin and birds to gain access to the grain.
- The shed will provide cost efficiencies as it will be cheaper to operate and maintain.
- The shed will also be easier to operate when compared to the current grain bunker.

Attached to this email is a copy of the Scoping Report and supporting plans that has been submitted to the DPHI in relation to this Mod proposal seeking any requirements that the Department may have in relation to this Mod proposal. The DPHI have not provided any additional matters for consideration in relation to this proposal. The Scoping Report is provided for your information.

The purpose of this email is to seek any matters that NSW Fire & Rescue consider should be considered as part of this Modification Application. When responding to this email, I would appreciate it if you could ensure that you include my colleague, Sebastian Tauni (email address included above) in your email response.

I would appreciate it if you could supply your comments in relation to this Modification Proposal as soon as possible.

If you require any further information in relation to this matter please do not hesitate to contact me.

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