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Your reference: SSI-56980459
Our reference: DA20230406001449-EIS & DA
Exhibition-1

ATTENTION: Nick Hearfield

Date: Tuesday 20 August 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

**State Significant Development - Waste or resource management facility
Request for comments - exhibited Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
Thrumster Wastewater Scheme SSI-56980459 - 433 FERNBANK CREEK ROAD FERNBANK CREEK NSW 2444,
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Reference is made to correspondence dated 07/08/2024 seeking comments regarding the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) currently being exhibited, for the above State Significant Development in accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

The New South Wales Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) has reviewed the EIS and provides the following comments;

Port Macquarie-Hastings Council (Council) is proposing to develop the Thrumster Wastewater Scheme which includes a new wastewater treatment plant (WWTP), associated pipelines and infrastructure to service Thrumster, Sancrox, Fernbank Creek and catchment diversions from the Port Macquarie Wastewater Scheme (the project), identified as key areas for future growth in the region.

The EIS documentation includes a 'Bushfire Assessment' prepared by GHD dated 3 July 2024. The bushfire protection measures/strategies nominated within the report should be included in any approval issued.

In addition, the following requirements are also recommended to be included in any approval issued:

1. To allow for emergency service personnel to undertake property protection activities, a 10 metre wide trafficable defendable space (APZ) that permits unobstructed vehicle access is to be provided around the perimeter of development footprint. The trafficable surface shall be a minimum 4 metres wide and provide all weather access.
2. All habitable structures shall comply with section 3 and section 5 (BAL 12.5) Australian Standard AS3959-2018 'Construction of buildings in bushfire-prone areas'.

For any queries regarding this correspondence, please contact Neil Pengilly on 1300 NSW RFS.

Yours sincerely,

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