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Your reference: SSD-67173718

Our reference: DA20250725002955-EIS & DA Exhibition-1

ATTENTION: Andrew Newman

Date: Tuesday 12 August 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

Development Application

**State Significant Development - EIS & DA Exhibition - Educational Establishment
New Eileen O'Connor School 84 Gavenlock Road Mardi NSW 2259, 9/4/DP3368**

I refer to your correspondence regarding the above proposal which was received by the NSW Rural Fire Service on 22/07/2025.

Based on a preliminary assessment of the site and surrounds, the hazard located to the east/north east is classified as Forested Wetland - Coastal Swamp Forest (CSF - 22.6/34.1t/ha) as compared to Forested Wetland - Riverine Forest (RF - 8.2/15.1t/ha) assessed in the submitted bush fire report prepared by Bushfire Consulting Services (dated: 20 July 2025, reference: J23/0379). CSF is assessed as forest (with higher fuel loads than RF) and requires at least 79 metres separation distance to the proposed footprints to achieve 10kW/sqm in accordance with Table A1.12.1 of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection (PBP) 2019*. Further information, such as an ecologist report, is required to support the hazard formation as RF. Alternatively, if this cannot be demonstrated, revised asset protection zones (APZs) must be provided to achieve 10kW/sqm as per Table 6.8a of *PBP 2019* through an acceptable or a performance-based solution at subsequent stage of the proposal.

For any queries regarding this correspondence, please contact Surbhi Chhabra on 1300 NSW RFS.

Yours sincerely,

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