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Your reference: SSD-73365208

Our reference: DA20251003004023-EIS & DA
Exhibition-1

ATTENTION: Cameron Thomson

Date: Thursday 30 October 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

Development Application

State Significant Development – EIS & DA Exhibition – Community Facility

Fairfield Showground Community and Events Centre - 430 - 482 Smithfield Road Prairiewood NSW 2176, 1//DP1251493

I refer to your correspondence regarding the above proposal which was received by the NSW Rural Fire Service on 03/10/2025.

The proposal relates to construction of a Community and Events Centre which is the stage 2 of the redevelopment of Fairfield Showground.

The RFS has reviewed the bush fire hazard assessment undertaken in the bush fire report prepared by Peterson Bushfire (dated: 10 July 2025, ref: 24039) to demonstrate compliance of the proposed works with relevant provisions of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection (PBP) 2019*.

The proposed development is supported to progress to the next stage subject to compliance with the recommendations listed under section 4.3 of the bush fire report prepared by Peterson Bushfire (dated: 10 July 2025, ref: 24039), with an exception of condition 1 which is modified as below:

1. From the commencement of building works, and in perpetuity, the property around the proposed works must be managed as an inner protection area for a distance of 67metres in the west and north western aspects in accordance with the following requirements of Appendix 4 of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019*:
 - tree canopy cover should be less than 15% at maturity;
 - trees at maturity should not touch or overhang the building;
 - lower limbs should be removed up to a height of 2 m above the ground;
 - tree canopies should be separated by 2 to 5 m;
 - preference should be given to smooth-barked and evergreen trees;
 - large discontinuities or gaps in the shrubs layer should be provided to slow down or break the progress of fire towards buildings;
 - shrubs should not be located under trees;
 - shrubs should not form more than 10% ground cover;

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- clumps of shrubs should be separated from exposed windows and doors by a distance of at least twice the height of the vegetation;
 - grass should be kept mown (as a guide, grass should be kept to no more than 100mm in height); and
 - leaves and vegetation debris should be removed regularly.
2. Before the start of building works, a Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) must be prepared that can be legally and practically enforced for the life of the development for the proposed landscaping outside the recommended Inner Protection Area in condition 1 above. The VMP must be certified by an accredited bushfire consultant to ensure that landscaping is designed and managed to ensure that the land does not become a bushfire hazard.

It should be noted that the hazard classification as woodland formation has not been supported and the hazard is assessed as forest in the RFS assessment consistent with previous assessment undertaken for a similar proposal within the subject site.

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

Yours sincerely,

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