



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

Department of Planning and Environment (Sydney Offices)
GPO Box 39
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Your reference: SSD-16858710
Our reference: DA20210417001486-EIS & DA
Exhibition-1

ATTENTION: Jasmine Tranquille

Date: Sunday 12 December 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

**State Significant Development - Educational Establishment
Request for comments - exhibited Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
Pacific Book Christian School 72 Maitland Street MUSWELLBROOK NSW 2333, 100//DP1261496**

Reference is made to correspondence dated 17/11/2021 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;

1. Landscaping of the site should comply with following principles of Appendix 4 of 'Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019':

- Suitable impervious areas are provided immediately surrounding the building such as courtyards, paths and driveways.
- Grassed areas, mowed lawns or ground cover plantings are provided in close proximity to the building.
- Planting is limited in the immediate vicinity of the building.
- Planting does not provide a continuous canopy to the building (i.e. trees or shrubs should be isolated or located in small clusters).
- Landscape species are chosen in consideration needs of the estimated size of the plant at maturity.
- Species are avoided that have rough fibrous bark, or which keep/shed bark in long strips or retain dead material in their canopies.
- Smooth bark species of tree are chosen which generally do not carry a fire up the bark into the crown.
- Planting of deciduous species is avoided which may increase fuel at surface/ ground level (i.e. leaf litter).
- Climbing species are avoided to walls and pergolas.
- Combustible materials such as woodchips/mulch and flammable fuel are stored away from the building.
- Combustible structures such as garden sheds, pergolas and materials such timber garden furniture are located way from the building.
- Low flammability vegetation species are used.

2 Essential services to comply with the requirements of the national Construction Code.

3. Internal access and hydrant location to comply to Fire + Rescue Guidelines.

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Yours sincerely,

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