

Elizabeth Enterprise Precinct Industrial Facility (WH2)



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## **Executive Summary**

The following comprises a summary of the key compliance issues identified under the assessment in this report that will be required to be addressed prior to the Certification Applications for the project.

### A. Matters requiring redesign or additional information at CC:

+ BC	CA (DtS) Clause	+ Description	
1.	C2D11 & Spec. 7	Architectural specifications & certification is to be provided at CC stage demonstrating that the proposed floor, wall & ceiling linings achieve compliance with the requirements of Spec. 7.	
2.	C3D13 / C3D14	Architectural plans demonstrating fire separation of electrical equipment/infrastructure are required to be provided at CC Application Stage.	
3.	D2D7, D2D8, D2D18 & F4D4	The proposed population of the building is required to be confirmed by Mirvac to facilitate an assessment of the total required aggregate egress widths and sanitary facilities.	
4.	D3D4	Detailed plans of all stairways, balustrades and handrails within the proposed development must be provided for review.	
5.	D3D9	Architectural plans demonstrating fire separation of enclosed spaces beneath stairs are to be provided at CC Application Stage.	
6.	D3D24/D3D25/ D3D26	The CC application architectural set is to include:  + Door and hardware schedules for review, and + Plans demonstrating all exit doors swing in the direction of egress.	
7.	Part D4 & F4D5	A separate report will be required from an Access Consultant to outline the applicable requirements for the building. Specific details regarding the possible application of D4D5 to the various Class 7b portions of the building will also be required.	
8.	E1D2, E1D3, NSW E1D4, E1D12 & E1D13	Wet Fire Services consultants to provide fire hydrant, hose reel & sprinkler plans for review.	
9.	E2D9 & NSW E2D10	Dry Fire Services consultants to provide smoke exhaust & detection/alarm system plans for review.	

### B. Matters requiring fire safety engineered performance solutions:

+ BCA (DtS) Clause		+ Description
1.	Spec. 5	Note: Any proposal to reduce the FRLs of building elements that are required to be fire rated must be addressed as a Performance Solution from the Fire Engineer.



2.	C3D4 & C3D5	The proposed perimeter vehicular access path is, in parts, >18m from the subject building.
3.	D2D5 & D2D6	The current plans indicate that exit travel distances, and distances between alternative exits within the Warehouse will not comply with D2D5 & D2D6.
4.	E1D2	Holistic assessment of the fire hydrant design, noting the building exceeds the limitations of AS 2419.1-2021.  Hydrant booster is not located within sight of the designated building entry point. It is also not clear if it is adjacent the main vehicular entry point.  Assessing hydrants under awnings as external hydrants, and rationalisation of the associated, radiant-heat shielding requirements.  Fire hydrant designer to confirm whether any additional, specific deviations from that standard requirements of AS 2419.1-2021 are proposed.
5.	E1D3	It is noted that a Fire Engineered Performance Solution may be proposed to justify the use of hose reels with a coverage length of 50m.
6.	NSW E1D4, E1D12, E1D13	Sprinkler designer to confirm whether any deviations from AS 2118.1-2017 are proposed.  Sprinkler booster is not located within sight of the designated building entry point. It is also not adjacent the main vehicular entry point.  Requirements relating to high-velocity low-speed (HVLS) fans should also be incorporated into the FER, if any are proposed.
7.	E2D9 & NSW E2D10	Rationalised performance of smoke exhaust system.

### C. Other matters requiring performance solutions:

+ BCA (DtS) Clause		+ Description	
1.	F3P1	A Performance Solution Report is to be provided by the Architect / Façade Engineer to demonstrate how the external walls are designed to prevent the penetration of water into the building.	



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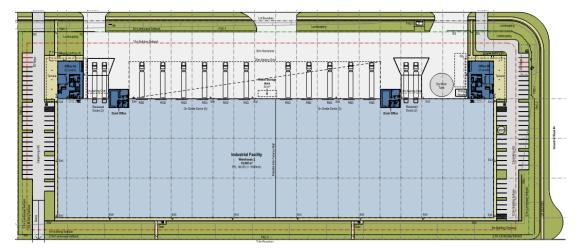
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## 1.0 Description of Project

### 1.1 Proposal

**bm+g** have been commissioned by Mirvac to undertake an assessment of the construction of a warehouse with ancillary two storey Offices, Dock Offices, On Grade Docks, car and truck parking, hardstand, loading bays and landscaping at Elizabeth Enterprise Precinct, Badgerys Creek against the relevant provisions of the Building Code of Australia 2022 (BCA).



### **1.2** Aim

The aim of this report is to:

- + Undertake an assessment of the proposed development against the deemed-to-satisfy provisions of the BCA.
- + Identify matters that require plan amendments in order to achieve compliance with the BCA.
- + Identify matters that are to be required to be addressed by Performance Solutions.
- + Enable the certifying authority to satisfy its statutory obligations under Clause 19(1) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment (Development Certification and Fire Safety) Regulation 2021.

### 1.3 Project Team

The following bm+g team members have contributed to this Report:

- + **Dean Goldsmith** Director | Building Surveyor-Unrestricted
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#### 1.4 Referenced Documentation

The following documentation has been reviewed, referenced and/or relied upon in the preparation of this report:

- + Building Code of Australia 2022 (BCA)
- + The Guide to the Building Code of Australia 2019 Amendment 1

<u>Note:</u> At the time of writing of this report, no Guide has been issued by the ABCB relating to the 2022 version of the BCA.

+ Architectural Plans prepared by SBA Architects Pty Ltd numbered:

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DA200	D	12.02.24
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### 1.5 Regulatory Framework

- + Pursuant to Section 19(1) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment (Development Certification and Fire Safety) Regulation 2021 all new building work must comply with the current BCA however the existing features of an existing building need not comply with the BCA unless upgrade is required by other clauses of the legislation.
- + The assessment has been undertaken in accordance with Clauses 24 and 25 of the Building and Development Certifiers Regulation 2020. **bm+g** are the proposed Registered Certifier and the advice provided in this Report is limited to whether submitted documentation complies with the Building Code of Australia or a legislative requirement.



### 1.6 Relevant Version of the NCC Building Code of Australia

Pursuant to Section 19 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment (Development Certification and Fire Safety) Regulation 2021 the proposed building is subject to compliance with the relevant requirements of the BCA as in force at the day on which the application for the Construction Certificate is made. The current version of the BCA is BCA 2022, with the next revision of the BCA coming into effect 1 May 2025. As the Construction Certificate application will be lodged after 1 May 2023, this report assesses the design against compliance with the requirements of BCA 2022.

Compliance with the National Construction Code



Compliance with the NCC is achieved by complying with:

- + the Governing Requirements of the NCC; and
- + the Performance Requirements.

Performance Requirements are satisfied by one of the following, as shown in the Figure below:

- + A Performance Solution.
- + A Deemed-to-Satisfy Solution.
- + A combination of the above two options.



### 1.7 Limitations and Exclusions

The limitations and exclusions of this report are as follows:

- This report is prepared in accordance with the Conflicts of Interest provisions of Part 4 of the Building and Development Certifiers Regulation 2020. bm+g confirm that this report is prepared specifically to address the requirements of Clause 25(5) and (9) of the Regulation with respect to the role of the Registered Certifier. This assessment report is not to be construed as extending any further into providing design advice, which would be contrary to the aims of this legislation.
- No assessment has been undertaken with respect to the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (DDA). The building owner needs be satisfied that their obligations under the DDA have been addressed.
- Please note that whilst the BCA specifies a minimum standard of compliance with AS1428 (Parts 1-3) and Part D4 of the BCA for access and facilities for people with disabilities, compliance with such requirements may not necessarily preclude the possibility of a future complaint made under the DDA 1992. The DDA is a complaint based legislation and is presently not identified by the State Building Codes and Regulations. In this regard the building owner should be satisfied that their obligations under the DDA have been addressed.
- + No assessment has been undertaken with respect to SEPP (Housing) 2021. It is understood that suitably qualified consultants will be engaged to determine the relevance of any Council planning requirements or SEPP requirements and provided detailed assessment reports where applicable.
  - Where relevant to this development, it is assumed that these assessments will be undertaken by others.

- + This report does not consider BCA Part G5 (Volume 1) which makes provision for construction of buildings in bushfire-prone areas, therefore no assessment has been undertaken in consideration of RFS, Planning for Bushfire Protection and AS 3959. Where Part G is applicable to the site, then it is required that assessment / due diligence is undertaken by a specialist consultant to verify compliance.
- + This report does not constitute a detailed assessment of the architectural documentation against the requirements of Section J. It is understood that a suitably qualified consultant will be engaged to determine compliance in this regard.
- + bm+g has not undertaken an assessment of any Performance Solution Reports at the time of the preparation of this report.
- + The Report does not address matters in relation to the following Local Government Act and Regulations:
  - Work Health and Safety Act and Regulations.
  - Work Cover Authority requirements.
  - Water, drainage, gas, telecommunications and electricity supply authority requirements.
  - Disability Discrimination Act 1992.
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### 1.8 Report Terminology

**Building Code of Australia** – Document published on behalf of the Australian Building Codes Board. The BCA is a uniform set of technical provisions for the design and construction of buildings and other structures throughout Australia and is adopted in NSW under the provisions of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act & Regulation.

**Climatic Zone** – Means an area defined in Figure 2 and in Table 2 (of BCA Schedule 3) for specific locations, having energy efficiency provisions based on a range of similar climatic characteristics.

**Construction Certificate** – Building Approval issued by the Certifying Authority pursuant to Part 6 of the EP&A Act 1979.

**Construction Type** – The construction type is a measure of a buildings ability to resist a fire. The minimum type of fire-resisting construction of a building must be that specified in Table C2D2 and Specification 5, except as allowed for:

- + certain Class 2, 3 or 9c buildings in C2D6; and
- a Class 4 part of a building located on the top storey in C2D4(2); and
- + open spectator stands and indoor sports stadiums in C2D8.

**Note:** Type A construction is the most fire-resistant and Type C the least fire-resistant of the types of construction.

**Deemed-to-Satisfy (DtS) Provisions of the BCA** – Means the prescriptive provisions of the BCA which are deemed to satisfy the performance requirements.

**Effective Height** – The vertical distance between the floor of the lowest storey included in the calculation of rise in storeys and the floor of the topmost storey (excluding the topmost storey if it contains only heating, ventilating, lift, or other equipment, water tanks or similar service units).

**Exit** – Any, or any combination of the following if they provide egress to a road or open space:

- + An internal or external stairway.
- + A ramp.
- + A fire-isolated passageway.
- + A doorway opening to a road or open space.

**Fire Compartment** – The total space of the building; or when referred to in

- + The Performance Requirements any part of a building separated from the remainder by barriers to fire such as walls and/or floors having an appropriate resistance to the spread of fire with any openings adequately protected; or
- + The Deemed-to-Satisfy Provisions any part of a building separated from the remainder by walls and/or floors each having an FRL not less than that required for a fire wall for that type of construction and where all openings in the separating construction are protected in accordance with the Deemed-to-Satisfy Provisions of the relevant part.

**Fire Resistance Level (FRL)** – The grading periods in minutes for the following criteria:

- + structural adequacy; and
- + integrity; and
- + insulation.

and expressed in that order.

**Fire Source Feature (FSF)** – The far boundary of a road adjoining the allotment; or a side or rear boundary of the allotment; or an external wall of another building on the allotment which is not a Class 10 building.

National Construction Code Series (NCC) – The NCC was introduced 1 May 2011 by the Council of Australian Governments (COAG). The BCA Volume One (Class 2 to 9 Buildings) is now referenced as the National Construction Code Series Volume One — BCA.

**Occupiable outdoor area** means a space on a roof, balcony or similar part of a building:

- that is open to the sky; and
- + to which access is provided, other than access only for maintenance; and
- that is not open space or directly connected with open space.

**Occupation Certificate (OC)** – Building Occupation Approval issued by the Principal Certifying Authority pursuant to Part 6 of the EPA Act 1979.



**Open Space** – Means a space on the allotment, or a roof or other part of the building suitably protected from fire, open to the sky and connected directly with a public road.

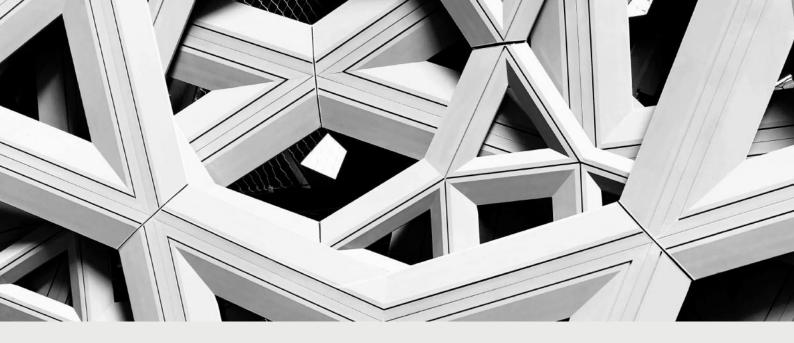
**Performance-Based Design Brief** – Means the process and the associated report that defines the scope of work for the performance-based analysis, the technical basis for analysis, and the criteria for acceptance of any relevant Performance Solution as agreed by stakeholders.

**Performance Requirements of the BCA** – A Building Solution will comply with the BCA if it satisfies the Performance Requirements. A Performance requirement states the level of performance that a Building Solution must meet.

Compliance with the Performance Requirements can only be achieved by-

- + complying with the Deemed-to-Satisfy Provisions; or
- + formulating an Performance Solution which-
  - complies with the Performance Requirements; or
  - is shown to be at least equivalent to the Deemed-to-Satisfy Provisions; or
- + a combination of (a) and (b).

**Performance Solution** – Means a method of complying with the performance requirements other than by a Deemed-To-Satisfy Solution.



## **2.0** Building Characteristics

## **2.1** Proposed Development

The proposed development consists of relevant building classification items of the proposed Warehouse & associated office development.

The building is classified as follows:

BCA Classifications:	Class 5 (Office) Class 7b (Warehouse)
♣ Rise in storeys:	Two (2)
Storeys Contained:	Two (2)
Type of Construction:	Type C Construction
<ul><li>Importance Level (Structural)</li></ul>	Importance Level 2 (TBC by Structural Engineer)
<ul> <li>Sprinkler Protected Throughout</li> </ul>	Yes (See comments under C3D4 & E1D4)
<b>☀</b> Effective Height	<12m (detailed measurements subject to further review pre-CC)
<b>.</b> Floor Area	>18,000m² (Approx. 19,000m² – TBC by Architect)
<b>⊁</b> Volume	>108,000m³ (TBC by Architect)
+ Climate Zone	Zone 6 (Liverpool)

**Note:** The proposed on-grade car parking attracts a Class 10b classification, to which the provisions of BCA Volume 1 do not apply.



### 2.2 Fire Compartment Floor Area Limitations

Maximum size of fire compartments is as follows:

+ Classification		+ Type A	+ Type B	+ Type C
Class 7b	Max. floor area	5,000m <sup>2</sup>	3,500m <sup>2</sup>	2,000m <sup>2</sup>
	Max. volume	30,000m³	21,000m³	12,000m³
Class 5	Max. floor area	8,000m²	5,500m <sup>2</sup>	3,000m²
	Max. volume	48,000m³	33,000m³	18,000m³

Note: The above fire compartmentation sizes do not apply to large isolated buildings.

### 2.3 Distance to Fire Source Features

Based upon a review of the plans, it is noted that each elevation of the building is located within the following distances from fire source features on the site.

+ Elevation	+ Fire Source Feature	+ Distance
North	Northern Allotment Boundary	>3m
East	Far Side of Local Collector Road 01	>3m
West	Far Side of Unnamed Road	>3m
South	Southern Allotment Boundary	>3m

**Note:** Fire Source Feature (FSF) – The far boundary of a road adjoining the allotment; or a side or rear boundary of the allotment; or an external wall of another building on the allotment which is not a Class 10 building.



## 3.0 BCA Assessment

We note the following BCA compliance matters with relation to proposed building works are capable of complying with the BCA. Please note that this is not a full list of BCA clauses, they are the key requirements that relate to the proposed work and the below should be read in conjunction with the BCA.

#### 3.1 Section B – Structure

#### Part B1

- + New building works are to comply with the structural provisions of the BCA 2022 and the following referenced standards including:
  - o AS 1170.0 2002 General Principles
  - o AS 1170.1 2002, including certification for balustrades (dead and live loads)
  - o AS 1170.2 2021, Wind loads
  - o AS 1170.4 2007, Earthquake loads
  - o AS 3700 2018, Masonry Structures
  - o AS 3600 2018, Concrete Structures
  - o AS 4100 1998, Steel Structures and/or
  - o AS 4600 2018, Cold formed steel Structures
  - o AS 2159 2009, Piling Design &Installation
  - AS 1720 2010, Design of Timber Structure
  - o AS/NZS 1664.1 & 2 1997, Aluminium Structures
  - o AS 2047 2014, Windows and External Glazed Doors in buildings
  - o AS 1288 2006, Glass in buildings
  - AS 3660.1 2014, Termite control (or confirmation no primary building elements are timber).
- Design certification will also be required from the Architect and Services Consultants to confirm compliance with Section 8 of AS1170.4-2007 with regard to the design of nonstructural parts and components and their fastenings for horizontal and vertical earthquake forces and inter-storey drift.
- + In accordance with B1D3(a)(iv) a notional additional load of not less than 0.15kPa to support the addition of solar photovoltaic panels is to be applied to the roof structure.
- + Design certification will also be required from the Architect and Services Consultants to confirm compliance with Section 8 of AS1170.4-2007 with regard to the design of non-structural parts and components and their fastenings for horizontal and vertical earthquake forces and inter-storey drift.
- + In accordance with B1D3(a)(iv) a notional additional load of not less than 0.15kPa to support the addition of solar photovoltaic panels is to be applied to the roof structure.
- + The Importance Level provisions of BCA (Section B) are to be acknowledged by the Structural Engineer and addressed to the degree necessary.

Comment: Structural design details and certification will be required at CC application stage



#### 3.2 Section C – Fire Resistance

## C2D2 & Spec 5

**Type of Construction Required:** The building is required to comply with the requirements of Type C Construction as stated within Specification 5. The table below provides an overview of the requirements of each. Refer to Table 3 of Appendix 1 for the FRL requirements of Type C Construction.

#### **Type C Construction:**

- + External walls (and columns incorporated within) need not achieve an FRL if >3m from a boundary or separate building. Where required, external walls of Type C Construction only require an FRL from the outside and not in both directions.
- + Floors need not achieve an FRL, subject to Cl. S5C3.
- Roofs need not achieve an FRL.
- + Internal columns need not achieve an FRL.

**Comment:** Type C Construction applies to the proposed building – see notes under Table 3 of Appendix 1 below.

#### C2D3

**Calculation of Rise in Storeys:** The rise in storeys of a building is the sum of the greatest number of storeys at any part of the external walls of the building and any storeys within the roof space calculated in accordance with the requirements set out in this clause.

**Comment:** The proposed warehouses have a rise in storeys of two (2).

#### C2D10

**Non-Combustible Building Elements:** All materials and or components incorporated in an external wall or fire-rated wall must be non-combustible. This includes but not limited to:

- + Any external wall claddings.
- + Any framing or integral formwork systems. I.e. timber framing, sacrificial formwork, etc.
- + Any external linings or trims. I.e. external UPVC window linings, timber window blades, etc.
- + Any sarking or insulation contained within the wall assembly.

This is not an exhaustive list, and any element incorporated within any external wall assembly must be identified and approved prior to the issue of a Construction.

Refer to Table 1 in Appendix 1 for the elements required to be non-combustible.

**Comment**: The proposed developments is of Type C Construction; therefore, external walls are not required to be non-combustible and fire walls are not required. No action is required in this regard – this is provided as compliance commentary only.

## C2D11 & Spec. 7

**Fire Hazard Properties:** A schedule of all wall, floor, and ceiling linings along with associated test reports are to be provided for review to ensure compliance with the fire hazard property requirements of the BCA. Noting:

- + Minimum Group Numbers apply to wall and ceiling linings. AS 5637 test reports must be provided to determine compliance.
- + Minimum Critical Radiant Flux values apply to floor linings. AS ISO 9239.1 test reports must be provided to determine compliance

Refer to Table 2 and 3 in Appendix 1 below for the required fire hazard properties.

**Comment**: Design certification is required at CC application stage and installation certification (including relevant test reports confirming the critical radiant flux of floor linings and group number of wall and ceiling linings) required at OC stage.

#### C2D12

**Performance of External Walls in Fire:** Concrete, pre-cast/tilt-up wall panels in buildings with a rise in storeys of 2 are required to comply with the requirements of Spec. 8.

**Comment**: Certification to be provided by the Structural Engineer confirming compliance, where pre-cast/tilt-up wall panels are proposed.



#### **C3D3**

**General Floor Area and Volume Limitations:** The building is to achieve fire compartment sizes not in excess of the DtS requirements of this clause.

**Comment**: The proposed building is a Class 7b Large Isolated Building and as such the provisions for maximum fire compartment size under Table C3D3 do not apply. Refer to comments under C3D4 & C3D5 below in relation to the Large Isolated Building provisions applicable to the proposed development.

#### C3D4

**Large Isolated Buildings:** A Large Isolated Building that contains Class 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 parts, is required to be—

- + Protected throughout with a sprinkler system complying with Specification 17; and
- Provided with a perimeter vehicular access complying with C3D5(2).

**Comment**: The proposed warehouses are required to be sprinkler protected and provided with a 6m wide perimeter vehicular accessway in accordance with Clause C3D5(2) throughout (see notes below).

**Note 1:** Any proposed gates are to achieve no less than 6m unobstructed width or the reduced width will need to be included in the above Performance Solution.

**Note 2:** The driveways providing vehicular perimeter access must be designed with adequate loading capacities, gradients and swept paths to accommodate a fire truck, having regard to the FRNSW Fire Safety Guideline – Access for Fire Brigade Vehicles and Firefighters.

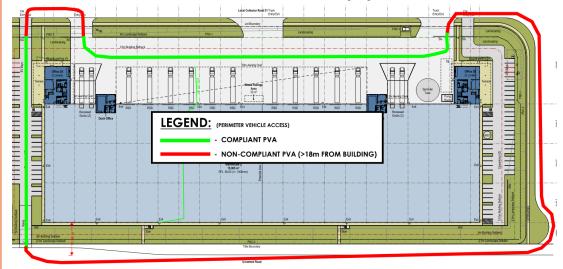
**Note 3**: The Trial Design for the Fire Engineered Performance Solution must take into consideration and detail the proposed security access to the site and how this may impact on FRNSW vehicular access.

#### C3D5

**Requirements for Open Spaces and Vehicular Access:** Open space and vehicular access required by C3D4 must comply with the requirements of sub-clauses (a) & (b) of this Part whereby they must be 6m wide within 18m of the external walls of the building and of a suitable bearing capacity and unobstructed height to permit the operation and passage of FRNSW vehicles.

**Comment**: The perimeter vehicular access to Warehouse 2 deviates from the above requirements as follows:

+ Greater than 18m from the external walls in the areas highlighted in red.



### **C3D8**

**Separation by Fire Walls:** Separation of Fire Compartments must be constructed in accordance with the following:

- + FRL in accordance with Tables S5C11a S5C11g of Spec. 5 and extend to the underside of a floor with the same FRL, or to the underside of a non-combustible roof covering.
- + Any openings in a fire wall must not reduce the FRL, except where permitted by the Deemed-to-Satisfy Provisions of Part C3 (i.e. fire doors; protection of services).



+ Building elements, other than roof battens with dimensions of 75 mm x 50 mm or less or sarking-type material, must not pass through or cross the fire wall unless the required fire resisting performance of the fire wall is maintained.

**Comment:** No fire walls have been proposed to separate compartments as the building proposed is a 'large isolate building' and thus is not subject to the fire compartmentation limitations of clause C3D3.

## C3D9 & C3D10

**Separation of Classifications:** Separate classifications will either need to be separated by a fire wall achieving the higher FRL requirement between the two classes, or alternatively the higher FRL must apply to both areas subject to Spec 5.

**Note:** Refer to C3D8 comments above in regards to structural elements crossing a fire wall at roof level.

**Comment**: As separation between the offices (Class 5) and the warehouse (Class 7b) is not proposed, a uniform FRL is proposed to be achieved throughout. In this regard, it is noted that both Class 5 & Class 7b require the same FRLs (due to Type C Construction), thus there is no cause to separate these classifications. This has been included as compliance commentary only – no action is required in this regard.

#### C3D13

**Separation of Equipment:** Equipment as listed below must be separated from the remainder of the building with construction that achieves an FRL of 120/120/120 (or that required by Spec. 5, whichever is greater) and doorways being self-closing -/120/30 fire doors:

- + Lift motors and lift control panels; or
- Emergency generators used to sustain emergency equipment operating in emergency mode;
   or
- + Central smoke control plant; or
- + Boilers; or
- + A battery or battery system installed in the building that has a voltage of 12 volts or more and a storage capacity of 200kWh or more.

Confirmation is required as to whether any of the above will be applicable to this development.

**Comment:** Details demonstrating compliance are to be included in the CC Application plans.

#### C3D14

**Electricity Supply System:** An electricity substation, electrical conductors & main switchboards which sustain 'emergency equipment' operating in the emergency mode, located within a building must–

- + Be separated from any other part of the building by construction having an FRL of not less than 120/120/120; and
- + Having any doorway in that construction protected with a self-closing fire door having an FRL of not less then -/120/30

Electrical conductors which supply a substation or main switchboard sustaining emergency equipment operating in the emergency mode –

- + Have a classification in accordance with AS/NZS 3013 of not less than
  - o If located in a position that could be subject to damage by motor vehicles WS53W; or
  - o Otherwise WS52W; or
- + Be enclosed or otherwise protected by construction having an FRL of not less than 120/120/120.

Where emergency equipment is required in a building, all switchboards in the electrical installation, which sustain the electricity supply to the emergency equipment switchgear must be separated from the non-emergency equipment switchgear by metal partitions designed to minimise the spread of fault from the non-emergency equipment switchgear.

**Note:** For the purpose of this clause, 'emergency equipment' includes (but is not limited to) fire pumps, air handling systems for smoke control, emergency lifts, control & indicating equipment, EWIS.

**Comment:** Details demonstrating compliance are to be included in the CC Application plans.



## C4D3 & C4D5

**Protection of Openings in External Walls:** Openings that are less than 3m from the allotment boundary are required to be protected in accordance with BCA Clause C4D5.

**Comment:** The requirements of this clause do not apply to the proposed building as all external walls do not require an FRL in accordance with Spec 5.

#### C4D15

**Openings for Services Installations:** All opening for services installations in building elements required to be fire-resisting with respect to integrity and insulation must be protected in accordance with the provisions of Spec. 13.

**Comment:** The requirements of this clause do not apply to the proposed building as no building elements require an FRL.

#### Spec. 5

**Fire Resisting Construction:** The new building works are required to comply with the requirements detailed under Specification 5. The below details the FRL requirements for building elements for each proposed warehouse.

**Comment**: All building is subject to compliance with the Type C Construction provisions of tables S5C21a to S5C21g as summarised below:

- + All external walls & loadbearing elements incorporated in or attached to an external wall are to achieve the required FRL per Table S5C24a.
- + All loadbearing external columns are to achieve the required FRL per Table S5C24b.

**Note:** Any proposal to reduce the FRLs of building elements that are required to be fire rated must be addressed as a Performance Solution from the Fire Engineer.

#### Spec. 7

**Fire Hazard Properties:** As noted above, this Specification sets out the requirements in relation to the fire hazard properties of linings, materials and assemblies in Class 2 to 9 buildings. Table S7C2 outlines the applicable requirements of Spec. 7 to the different types of Linings, Materials and Assemblies.

Comment: Certification will be required to be provided at both CC and OC application stages.

#### Spec. 8

**Performance of External Walls in Fire:** This specification contains measures to minimise in the event of fire the likelihood of external walls collapsing outwards as complete panels and the likelihood of panels separating from supporting members.

**Comment:** Structural Design certification and details demonstrating compliance are required to be provided at CC Application Stage for the proposed warehouses.

#### Spec. 12

**Fire Doors, Smoke Doors, Fire Windows and Shutters:** Fire doors and smoke doors must comply with the requirements of this specification.

**Comment:** Details demonstrating compliance are required to be provided at CC Application Stage for the proposed building.

## 3.3 Section D – Access and Egress

#### D2D3

**Number of Exits Required:** The building is required to be provided with no less than one (1) exit to each storey.

**Comment:** Compliance with the requirements of this clause demonstrated in the provided plans.

#### D2D4

When Fire-Isolated Stairways and Ramps are Required: This clause specifies the requirements for when fire isolated stairs or ramps are required in buildings based upon the number of storeys that they interconnect and the classification of the building.

**Comment:** The exit stairs throughout the proposed building do not connect more than 2 storeys and as such are not required to be fire isolated in accordance with D2D4.



#### **D2D5**

**Exit Travel Distances:** This clause specifies the permitted travel distances allowable from Class 2 to Class 9 buildings. Sub-clauses (1) to (6) specify the maximum distances to be taken into account for the various uses in each Class of building.

In a Class 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9 Buildings no point on a floor must be more than 20m for a single exit or to a point of choice to alternative exits; and no point on a floor must be more than 40m to an exit where 2 or more alternative exits are available for egress.

**Comment:** The exit travel distance is non-compliant within the following areas. This is proposed to be addressed via a **Fire Engineered Performance Solution**:

#### Warehouse Area:

Up to 55m to the nearest exit (15m in excess of DtS).

**Note**: An assessment of the office egress distances will be required once plans have been developed to access compliance with this condition.

#### **D2D6**

Distance Between Alternative Exits: Exits required as alternative exits must be -

- Distributed as uniformly as practicable within or around the storey served and in positions where unobstructed access to at least 2 exits is readily available from all points on the floor including lift lobby areas; and
- + not less than 9m apart; and
- + not more than 60m apart.
- + Located so that the alternative paths of travel do not converge such that they become less than 6m apart.

**Comment:** The distance between alternative exits is non-compliant within the following areas. This is proposed to be addressed via a **Fire Engineered Performance Solution**:

#### Warehouse Area:

Up to 110m between alternative exits (50m in excess of DtS).

#### D2D7 – D2D11

**Dimensions of Paths of Travel to an Exit:** The minimum clear height through all egress paths is required to be no less than 2m, and a minimum of 1m wide (this width dimension is measured clear of any obstructions such as handrails and joinery). Aggregate exit widths must be achieved which are driven by occupancy numbers of each floor.

**Comment:** Details demonstrating compliance are required to be provided at CC Application Stage for the proposed building.

#### D2D14

**Travel Via Non-Fire Isolated Required Stairways:** A non-fire-isolated stairway or non-fire-isolated ramp serving as a required exit must provide a continuous means of travel by its own flights and landings from every storey served to the level at which egress to a road or open space is provided.

The distance from any point on the floor to a point of road or open space must not exceed 80m. The stair must discharge at a point not more than 20m to a point of road or open space, or from a fire-isolated passage, or 40m from one of two such points.

**Comment:** The total distance to open space from the Level 1 Office, via the non-fire isolated stairway is capable of achieving compliance with this Clause. Further information is required to accurately assess compliance with this clause.

#### D2D18

**Number of Persons Accommodated:** Clause D2D18 and Table D2D18 are used to calculate the anticipated number of people in particular types of buildings so that minimum exit widths and the required number of sanitary and other facilities can be calculated. This clause and table are not to be used for non-BCA purposes.

**Comment:** The following population numbers have been calculated in accordance with Table D2D18, though 50% of the warehouse is allocated to circulation space and racking structures.

Warehouse Area (including dock office):

+ 255 Persons

#### Office 2A:

+ 53 Persons



#### Office 2B:

+ 53 Persons

#### **D3D4**

**Non-Fire Isolated Stairways and Ramps:** In a building with a rise in storeys of more than 2, required non-fire-isolated stairways and ramps must be either constructed of

- + Reinforced or prestressed concrete; or
- + Steel at least 6mm thick at all points; or
- + Timber that has a finished thickness of at least 44mm, has an average density of at least 800 kg/m3 at a moisture content of 12% and has not been joined by means of glue unless it has been laminated and glued with resorcinol/phenol formaldehyde; or
- + Non-combustible materials, and such that if there is a structural failure it will not cause damage to or impair the fire-resistance of the shaft in which the stair is located.

**Comment:** Details demonstrating compliance are required to be provided at CC Application Stage for the proposed building.

#### **D3D8**

**Installations in Exits and Paths of Travel:** This clause restricts the installation of certain services in fire-isolated exits, non-fire-isolated exits and certain paths of travel to exits. Sub-clauses (1) to (6) prescribe which services shall not be installed as well as the circumstances in which certain services may be installed in fire-isolated and non-fire-isolated exits.

**Comment:** Details demonstrating compliance are required to be provided at CC Application Stage for the proposed building.

#### **D3D9**

**Enclosure of Space under Stairs and Ramps:** The space below a required, non-fire isolated stairway/ramp must not be enclosed to form a cupboard or other enclosed space, unless the cupboard is bound by construction achieving an FRL of at least 60/60/60, with a self-closing -/60/30 door.

**Comment:** Any enclosures under the stairs will need to achieve an FRL of -/60/60 in both directions and the doorways will need to be fitted with self-closing -/60/30 fire doors. The provided plans demonstrate an enclosure beneath the stairs serving Office 2A & 2B. Details demonstrating compliance are required to be provided at CC Application Stage for the proposed building.

### D3D14, D3D15, D3D16 & D3D22

#### Stairways, Balustrades, and Handrails:

#### Stairways:

- + A stairway must have no more than 18, nor less than 2, risers in each flight.
- + Landings must be not less than 750mm in length.
- + In a Class 9b building, not more than 36 risers in consecutive flights without a change in direction of at least 30°.

#### Balustrades:

- + All balustrades must achieve a minimum height of 1m above finished floor level.
- + Balustrades (except for fire-isolated stairs) must not permit a 125mm sphere to pass through any opening.
- + Balustrades in fire-isolated exits must comprise no gap larger than 150mm between nosing line (or landing) and bottom rail. Other openings in the balustrade must not exceed 460mm. If the fire-isolated exit also functions as a circulation stair, the 125mm gap requirement applies in lieu of these reduced provisions.

#### Handrails:

+ Handrails must be located on both sides of all stairways and ramps except for fire-isolated stairs. Handrails must comply with AS 1428.1 as relevant.

**Comment:** Details demonstrating compliance are required to be provided at CC Application Stage for the proposed building.

Architect to note. On-site slip testing will be required at OC Application stage.



#### D3D17 -D3D21

**Balustrades or Other Barriers:** These clauses detail where balustrades are required to be provided and sets out in specific detail the construction requirements. Typically, the following will apply to this class of building:

- + Balustrades are required where the fall to the level below is more than 1m in height. The minimum height of a balustrade is 1m above the floor of the landing, walkway or the like; and 865mm above the floor of a stairway or a ramp.
- + For a fall of more than 4m to the surface level below, a window sill must be a minimum of 865mm in height above the height of the floor surface.
- + Where the floor is more than 4m above the surface beneath the balustrade any horizontal or near horizontal members between 150mm and 760mm above the floor must not facilitate climbing.
- + Balustrades must be constructed so as to not permit a sphere of 125mm diameter to pass through. The exception to this is within fire isolated exits within the building, or internal stairs within a Class 7b or 8 building, where the rails can be positioned a maximum of 460mm apart, so long as a bottom rail is located so a sphere of 150mm cannot pass through the opening between the nosing of the stair treads and the rail or between the floor of the landing, balcony or the like.
- + Note: any wire barriers must be complaint with D3D21 and tables D3D21(a) to D3D21(c).

**Comment:** Details demonstrating compliance are required to be provided at CC Application Stage for the proposed building.

#### **D2D22**

**Handrails:** This Clause sets out the requirements regarding the location, spacing and extent of handrails required to be installed in buildings.

**Comment:** Details demonstrating compliance are required to be provided at CC Application Stage for the proposed building.

#### **D2D23**

**Fixed Platforms, Walkways, Stairways and Ladders:** A fixed platform, walkway, stairway, ladder, any going and riser, landing, handrail or barrier attached thereto may comply with AS 1657 if it only serves a machinery room, boiler house, lift-machine rooms, plant rooms or the like.

**Comments:** Details demonstrating compliance are required to be provided at CC Application Stage for the proposed building.

#### D3D24

**Doorways and Doors:** This clause applies to all doorways that form an exit and refers to the types of doors that cannot be used in buildings of prescribed uses, the use of power operated doors and the force required to operate sliding doors.

If an exit door is power operated, it must be opened manually under a force of not more than 110N if there is a malfunction or failure to the power source; and it must open automatically if there is a power failure to the door and upon the activation of a fire or smoke alarm anywhere in the fire compartment served by the door.

**Comment:** Details demonstrating compliance are required to be provided at CC Application Stage for the proposed building.

#### D3D25 & D3D26

**Doors and Latching:** All egress doorways must swing in the direction of egress and must be readily openable without a key from the side that faces a person seeking egress, by a single handed downward or pushing action on a single device which is located between 900mm and 1100mm from the floor.

**Comment:** Details demonstrating compliance are required to be provided at CC Application Stage for the proposed building. Specific attention is drawn to the dock offices in this regard.

#### Part D4

Refer to commentary in the report issued by the independent Access Consultant.



### 3.4 Section E – Services and Equipment

#### E1D2

#### **Fire Hydrants:**

- + E1D2(1) A fire hydrant system must be provided to serve a building having a total floor area greater than 500m<sup>2</sup> and where a fire brigade is available to attend a building fire.
- + E1D2(2) Requires that the fire hydrant system must be installed in accordance with the provisions of AS2419.1-2021 and details where internal hydrants must be located.
- + E1D2(3) details concessions to AS 2419.1-2021 compliance associated with Class 8 Electricity Network Substations, and Hydrant Booster assembly locations where buildings are sprinkler protected.
- + E1D2(4) states that internal fire hydrants must serve the level in which they are installed.

**Comment:** The proposed Warehouse is required to be served by a fire hydrant system incorporating a ring main. Certification and design documentation confirming compliance with the provisions of E1D2 and AS 2419.1-2021 are required to be provided as part of the CC application.

This standard however does not accommodate buildings exceeding 108,000m<sup>3</sup> in volume, and thus is subject to a holistic Performance Solution also.

Hydrant booster assemblies are required to be accessible to the brigade, located within sight of the main entry of the building, and at least 10m from any proposed substation. The booster must also be either,

- + adjacent to the main vehicular entry, or
- + <20m from the main pedestrian entry into the site, and <20m from the facade.

It is understood that the hydrant booster is not situated within sight of the main entry. The proposed Fire Engineering Report is to address this deviation from AS 2419.1.

A Performance Solution is also understood to be proposed to assess hydrants that are located outside the building, though not open to the sky (e.g. located under an awning or the like) as external hydrants, and to omit the requirement for radiant heat shields to such 'external' hydrants.

**Note:** Attention is drawn to the FRNSW policy to allow progressive movement through the building such that an internal hydrant is within 50m of an external hydrant and 25m of an internal hydrant. Additionally, it is noted that the 2021 hydrant standard does not permit the provision of internal hydrants remote from exits without a Performance Solution.

#### E1D3

**Fire Hose Reels:** A fire hose reel system must be provided to serve a building where one or more internal fire hydrants are installed or in a building with a floor area greater than 500m<sup>2</sup>.

This clause requires that the fire hose reel system must be installed in accordance with AS 2441 and sets out the detail for location and uses of fire hose reels.

**Comment:** The proposed Warehouse portions of the building are required to be served by a compliant fire hose reel system, however, the office areas do not require coverage as they are subject to a concession under this clause. Details demonstrating compliance are to be provided as part of the CC application.

It is noted that a **Fire Engineered Performance Solution** may be proposed to justify the use of hose reels with a coverage length of 50m.

#### NSW E1D4, E1D12 & E1D13

**Sprinklers:** A sprinkler system must be installed in a building or part of a building when required by Clauses E1D5 to E1D13 and comply with Specification 17 or 18.

Specification 17 sets out requirements for the design and installation of sprinkler systems in Class 2-9 Buildings, and details the required design standards, including AS 2118.1-2017 and AS 2118.6-2012.

**Comment:** The proposed Warehouse is required to be sprinkler protected throughout in order to address the requirements of Clause C3D4. Details demonstrating compliance are to be provided at the CC application stage.

In accordance with Clause 4.14.1 of AS 2118.1-2017, sprinkler boosters are required to comply with the requirements of AS 2419.1-2021 for a hydrant booster (refer to comments under cl. E1D2). It is understood that the sprinkler booster is not situated within sight of the main entry,



nor is it located at the principal vehicular entry. The proposed Fire Engineering Report is to address this deviation from AS 2419.1.

Requirements relating to high-velocity low-speed (HVLS) fans should also be incorporated into the FER, if any are proposed.

**Note:** Location of sprinkler booster likely to require a Performance Solution due to requirements for booster to comply with AS 2419.1-2021.

#### E1D14

**Portable Fire Extinguishers:** To be provided and designed in accordance with Sections 1, 2 and 3 of AS 2444-2001.

**Comment:** Fire extinguishers are required to be installed in the proposed building in accordance with E1D14 and AS 2444-2001 including the Class 5 Office areas.

#### E1D15

**Fire Control Centre:** A fire control centre is to be provided based on the total building floor area comprising more than 18,000m². A fire control centre must:

- + Be located in a building so that egress from any part of its floor to a public road or open space does not involve changes in level which in aggregate exceed 300mm.
- + Provide an area from which fire-fighting operations or other emergency procedures can be controlled. Must not be used for any other purpose.

**Comment:** As the floor area of the subject building is greater than 18,000m<sup>2</sup>, a fire control centre is required.

#### E1D17

**Provisions for Special Hazards:** Suitable additional provisions must be made for fire-fighting if unique problems could arise due to;

- + The nature or quantity of materials stored, displayed or used in a building on the allotment; or
- + The location of the building in relation to a water supply for firefighting purposed.

**Comment:** The use of the warehouse building remains unknown at this point in time. A reassessment against the provisions of this clause will be required prior to a CC being issued for tenant fit out.

#### E2D3

**General Requirements:** Class 2 to 9 buildings must comply with the provisions of this Clause to remove smoke during a fire, to control the operation of air handling systems and to prevent the spread of smoke between compartments.

Buildings must comply with the provisions of E2D4, as applicable to Class 2 to 9 buildings. It deals with the design and construction of air handling systems that are part of a smoke hazard management system and air handling system that are not part of a smoke hazard management system.

The details relating to the installation and operation of the systems are set out in Specifications 20, 21, & 22.

#### E2D9 & NSW E2D10

**Smoke Hazard Management:** The following smoke hazard management systems are to be installed to the building and will be required throughout:

- + An Automatic Fire Detection and Alarm System and Building Occupant Warning System complying with AS 1670.1 2018 and Spec. 20.
- + Automatic shut-down of mechanical air handling systems upon fire trip in accordance with Section 5 and 6 of AS 1668.1.
- + An automatic smoke exhaust system, complying with Spec. 21.

**Note:** The smoke exhaust and smoke-and-heat vent provisions of this Part do not apply to any area not used by occupants for an extended period of time such as a storeroom with a floor area less than 30m<sup>2</sup>, sanitary compartment, plant room or the like.

**Comment:** As the Warehouse exceeds 108,000m³ in volume, a smoke exhaust system, activated by a smoke detection system, is required to be provided throughout. It is understood that rationalisation of this system (reduced air exchange rate) is proposed via a **Fire Engineered Performance Solution**.

#### E2D21

**Provisions for Special Hazards:** Additional smoke hazard management measures may be necessary due to the—



- + Special characteristics of the building; or
- + Special function or use of the building; or
- + Special type or quantity of material stored, displayed or used in a building; or
- + Special mix of classifications within a building or fire compartment, which are not addressed in E2D4 to E2D20.

**Comment:** The use of the warehouse building remains unknown at this point in time. A reassessment against the provisions of this clause will be required prior to a CC being issues for tenant fit out.

E3D4

**Warning Against use of Lifts in Fire:** Warning signs required be provided must be displayed where they can be readily seen and must comply with the details and dimensions of Figure E3D4.

**Comment:** Architect and Lift Contractor to note. Certification demonstrating compliance is required to be provided as part of the CC application.

E3D6

**Landings:** Access and egress to and from lift well landings must comply with the Deemed-to-Satisfy Provisions of Parts D2 & D3.

**Comment:** Architect and Lift Contractor to note. Certification demonstrating compliance is required to be provided as part of the CC application.

E3D7

**Passenger Lift Types and Their Limitations:** In an accessible building, every passenger lift must be one of the types identified in sub-clause (1) and not rely on a constant pressure device for its operation if the lift car is fully enclosed.

**Comment:** Lift Contractor to note. Lift floor dimensions must be not less than 1100mm wide x 1400mm deep per clause E3D8. Certification demonstrating compliance is required to be provided as part of the CC application.

E4D2 – E4D8 **Emergency Lighting and Exits Signs:** Emergency lighting and exit signage to be provided in accordance with E4D2 - E4D5 complying with AS 2293.1 – 2018.

E4D4

**Design and Operation of Emergency Lighting:** Every required emergency lighting system must comply with AS 2293.1-2018.

**Comment:** Electrical Consultant to note. Certification demonstrating compliance is required to be provided as part of the CC application.

E4D5

**Exit Signs:** An exit sign must be clearly visible to persons approaching the exit and must be installed on, above or adjacent to each door providing egress from a building. Sub-clauses (a) to (d) set out the situations where exit signs are required to be installed.

**Comment:** Electrical Consultant to note. Certification demonstrating compliance is required to be provided as part of the CC application.

E4D6

**Direction Signs:** If an exit is not readily apparent to persons occupying or visiting the building then exit signs must be installed in appropriate positions in corridors, hallways, lobbies, and the like, indicating the direction to a required exit.

**Comment:** Electrical Consultant to note. Certification demonstrating compliance is required to be provided as part of the CC application.

## 3.5 Section F - Health and Amenity

F1D3

**Stormwater Drainage:** A roof balcony, podium or similar must have a system of stormwater drainage and the structural substrate must be graded with a minimum fall of 1:80 to a drainage outlet.

**Comment:** Details of stormwater disposal, from a suitably qualified consultant are required to be submitted with documentation for the CC.



#### F1D4

**Exposed Joints:** Exposed joints in the drainage surface on a roof, balcony, podium or similar horizontal surface part of a building must—

- + Be protected in accordance with Section 2.9 of AS 4654.2; and
- + Not be located beneath or run through a planter box, water feature or similar part of the building **Comment:** Details of compliance with the above are to be prepared by a suitably qualified

consultant and submitted with documentation for the CC.

#### F1D5

**External Waterproofing Membranes:** External waterproofing membranes are required to comply with AS 4654.1 & 2.

**Comment:** Details of compliance with the above are to be prepared by a suitably qualified consultant and submitted with documentation for the CC.

#### F1D6

#### **Damp-Proofing:**

- + This sub-clause requires that moisture from the ground must be prevented from reaching certain parts of buildings as listed.
- + This sub-clause requires that all damp-proofing materials and termite shields used as damp-proofing must comply with AS/NZS 2904 and AS 3660.1.
- + This sub-clause lists the buildings and parts of a building that do not need to comply with (a).

**Comment:** Details of compliance with the above are to be prepared by a suitably qualified consultant and submitted with documentation for the CC.

#### F1D7

**Damp Proofing of Floors on the Ground:** If the floor of a room is laid on the ground or on fill, moisture from the ground must be prevented from reaching the upper surface of the floor and adjacent walls by the insertion of a vapour barrier in accordance with AS 2870.

Damp-proofing need not be provided if weatherproofing is not required or the floor is the base of a stair, lift or similar shaft which is adequately drained by gravitation or mechanical means.

**Comment:** Details of compliance with the above are to be prepared by a suitably qualified consultant and submitted with documentation for the CC.

## F2D3 & F2D4

**Wet Area Construction:** These clauses set out the construction requirements for wet areas in Class 2-9 Building, in relation to floor and wall materials, surface grading, floor wastes and drainage.

**Comment:** Note – Design Certification required at CC Application stage.

### F2D4

**Floor Wastes:** Where a floor waste is provided, the fall of the floor plane to the floor waste is required to be between 1:80–1:50.

**Comment:** Note – Design Certification required at CC Application stage.

#### F3D2

**Roof Coverings:** This clause details the materials and appropriate standards, with which roofs must be covered with. The roofing requirements are set out in sub-clauses (a) to (g) which identifies the types of materials that may be used and the adopted Australian Standards that apply to their quality and installation.

**Comment:** Note – Design Certification required at CC Application stage.

### F3D3

**Sarking:** Sarking-type materials used for weatherproofing of roofs must comply with AS/NZS 4200 parts 1 and 2

**Comment:** Note – Design Certification required at CC Application stage.

#### F3D4

**Glazed Assemblies:** Glazed assemblies in an external wall must comply with AS2047 requirements for resistance to water penetration for windows, sliding doors with a frame, adjustable louvres, shop fronts and windows with one-piece framing

**Comment:** Note – Design Certification required at CC Application stage.

#### **F3D5**

**Wall Cladding:** The following wall cladding materials are deemed to satisfy Performance Requirement F3P1:



- Masonry, including masonry veneer, unreinforced and reinforced masonry, complying with AS 3700,
- + Autoclaved aerated concrete, complying with AS 5146.3,
- + Metal wall cladding, complying with AS 1562.1.

**Comment:** Details are to be provided in together with the F3P1 Performance Solution Report, demonstrating compliance, prior to the issue of the relevant CC(s).

## F3P1 & F3D5

**Performance Requirement F3P1:** A roof and external wall (including openings around windows and doors) must prevent the penetration of water that could cause

- Unhealthy or dangerous conditions, or loss of amenity for occupants; and
- + Undue dampness or deterioration of building elements.

**Note 1:** There are limited Deemed-to-Satisfy provisions for this Performance Requirement in respect to External Walls. DtS wall types include; masonry; autoclaved aerated concrete; and metal wall cladding only.

Note 2: Refer to Clause F3D2 for roof coverings.

**Comment:** A **Performance Solution Report** will be required to address the above, noting that the proposed design does not comprise of wholly DtS materials.

F4D3

**Calculation Of Number Of Occupants And Facilities:** This clause sets out the requirements for the calculation of the number of occupants and the number of sanitary facilities required to be installed in Class 2 to 9 buildings. The parameters for the calculation are set out in sub-clauses (a) to (d).

**Comment:** Noted – refer to D2D18, confirmation of population numbers required.

F4D4

**Facilities in Class 3 to 9 Buildings:** This clause provides the requirements for sanitary facilities to be installed in Class 3-9 buildings in accordance with **Tables F4D4a – F4D4l**. The requirements and variations are set out in sub-clauses (1)-(11).

**Comment:** Based on the population numbers calculated under D2D18, the required sanitary facilities for the proposed development have been calculated as per Tables F4D4a and F4D4b and are as follows.

#### + Warehouse 2 (incl. Dock Offices) Occupancy Class as per F4D4 (Employees) Urinals Closet Pans Washbasins Complies Required Proposed Required Proposed Required Proposed Yes/No 7 Male TBA 3 TBA 5 TBA TBA Female TBA 5 TBA TBA 9

#### Occupancy Class as per F4D4 (Employees) Urinals Washbasins **Closet Pans** Complies Tenancy Required Proposed Required Proposed Required Proposed Yes/No Male 2 TBA 2 TBA 1 **TBA** TBA 2A Female 2 TBA 1 TBA TBA Male 2 TBA 2 TBA 1 TBA TBA 2B TBA Female 2 1 TBA TBA

**Note 1**: Where sanitary compartments are noted as Unisex on the floor plans they are required to be allocated as either Male or Female per Clause F2D4(1).

+ Offices



**Note 2:** Where individual stand-alone sanitary compartments are they must be allocated for use by Males or Females only unless they are designed as a unisex accessible compartment per Clause F2D4(1).

**Note 3:** As mentioned under D2D18 above, these population numbers may be considered excessive for the development and hence more accurate population numbers may be provided by Mirvac.

Plans demonstrating compliance are to be provided with the CC application.

#### F4D5

**Accessible Sanitary Facilities:** Accessible unisex sanitary compartments must be provided, in accordance with F4D6 and unisex showers must be provided in accordance with Table F4D7, in buildings or parts that are required to be accessible. The details for the provision of accessible facilities and the standard, AS 1428.1, are set out in sub-clauses (a) to (i).

**Comments:** Accessible unisex sanitary compartments are required at each bank of toilets where one or more toilets is provided. In addition to an accessible unisex sanitary compartment at that bank of toilets, an ambulant sanitary facility is required to be provided for use by male and female persons per AS 1428.1-2009. Where multiple banks of toilets are provided on a storey, at least 50% of the banks must comply with the above. Design certification is to be provided at CC application stage demonstrating that the design of each facility complies with AS 1428.1-2009.

Where multiple unisex accessible facilities are provided, the distribution between left-handed and right-handed orientations is required to be as evenly as possible.

It is noted that an Access Consultant's Report is to be obtained for this project and as such reference should be made to that report in relation to compliance with the provisions of Clauses F4D5 to F4D7.

#### F4D8

**Construction of Sanitary Compartments:** Other than in an early childhood centre, sanitary compartments must have doors and partitions that separate adjacent compartments and extend:

- + From floor level to the ceiling in the case of a unisex facility; or
- + 1.8m above the floor in all other cases.

The door to a fully enclosed sanitary compartment must open outwards; or slide: or be readily removable from the outside of the sanitary compartment, unless there is a clear space of at least 1.2m, measured in accordance with Figure F4D8 between the closet pan within the sanitary compartment and the doorway.

**Comment:** Details to be provided at CC application stage confirming compliance with the above requirements.

#### F5D2

**Height of Rooms and Other Spaces:** The ceiling heights in Class 2 to 9 buildings must not be less than required in sub-clauses (1) to (8) of this clause.

The minimum ceiling heights for a Class 5, 6 & 7 building are as follows:

- + Corridor or Passage, Bathroom, Storeroom, etc. 2.1m
- + Remainder 2.4m.

The minimum ceiling heights for a <u>Class 9b building</u> are as follows:

+ A part (including a corridor serving the part) that accommodates not more than 100 persons – 2.4m; A part (including a corridor serving the part) that accommodates more than 100 persons – 2.7m.

**Comment:** Architect to ensure compliance. Ceiling heights are to be reviewed at the Construction Certificate state with the detailed section drawings.

#### F6D5

**Artificial Lighting:** Artificial lighting is required where it is necessary to minimise the hazard to occupants during an emergency evacuation. Sub-clauses (1) - (3) sets out the places where artificial lighting is always required in all classes of buildings and the standard to which it must be installed.

**Comment:** Design certification to be submitted at CC Application.

### F6D6

**Ventilation of Rooms:** A habitable room, office, shop, factory, workroom, sanitary compartment, bathroom, shower room, laundry and any other room occupied by a person for any purpose must



have natural ventilation complying with F6D7 or a mechanical or air-conditioning system complying with AS1668.2 and AS/NZS 3666.1.

**Comment:** Design certification to be submitted at CC Application.

F6D8

**Ventilation Borrowed from Adjoining Room:** Natural ventilation must consist of openings, windows, doors or other devices which can be opened— with a ventilating area not less than 5% of the floor area of the room required to be ventilated. Additionally, open to a suitably sized space open to the sky or an adjoining room in accordance with F6D8.

**Comment:** Design certification to be submitted at CC Application.

### 3.6 Section J – Energy Efficiency

#### Part J4

**Building Fabric:** The provision of insulation of the building envelope will be required in the proposed Building, in accordance with Clauses J4D3 to J4D7, and the Tables therein, including Thermal Construction General, Roof and Ceiling Construction, Rooflights, Walls, and Floors. Design details and/or certification of design will be required to be provided in this regard.

**Comment:** This section applies to the building envelope of any air-conditioned spaces proposed within the Warehouse buildings. Design details and/or certification of building envelope design will be required to be submitted with the application for a Construction Certificate.

Part J5

**Building Sealing:** The provision of a compliant building sealing is required to all chimneys & flues, roof lights, windows & doors, Exhaust Fans, Ceilings Walls, & floors in accordance with Clauses J5D3 to J5D7.

**Comment:** This section applies to any air-conditioned spaces proposed within the Warehouses buildings. Design details and/or certification of building envelope design will be required to be submitted with the application for a Construction Certificate.

Part J6

**Airconditioning & Ventilation Systems:** Details and/or design certification which confirm that any proposed air-conditioning system or unit within the proposed building achieves compliance with the relevant requirements of **Part J6** will be required to be provided from the mechanical engineer.

**Comment:** Details or certification demonstrating compliance will need to be submitted with the application for a Construction Certificate.

Part J7

**Artificial Light & Power:** Details and/or design certification which confirm that all artificial lighting, power control, and boiling/chilled water units within the proposed building achieves compliance with the relevant requirements of **Part J7** will be required to be provided from the electrical engineer

**Comment:** Consultant certification required at CC Application Stage.

Part J8

**Hot Water Supply, & Swimming Pool & Spa Pool Plant:** Details and/or design certification which confirm that any proposed hot water supply system within the proposed building achieves compliance with the relevant requirements of **Part J8** (Section 8 of AS 3500.4) will be required to be provided from the hydraulic engineer.

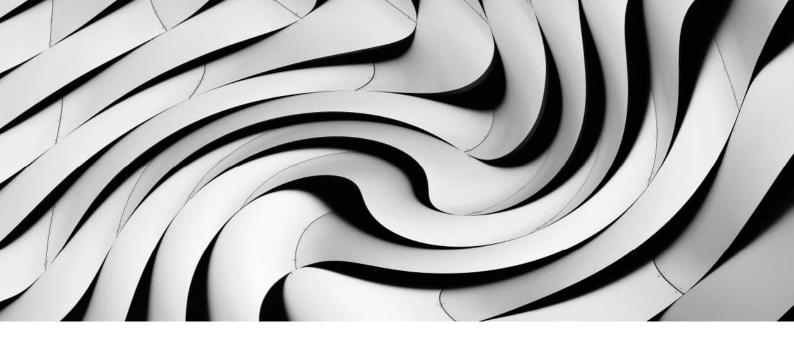
**Comment:** Details and certification demonstrating compliance will need to be submitted with the application for a Construction Certificate.

Part J9

**Facilities for Energy Monitoring:** Provision for monitoring of energy consumption must be provided to a building where the floor area exceeds 500m², and must be capable of recording the consumption of gas and electricity. In addition, where the floor area of the building exceeds 2,500m² the energy monitoring facilities must be capable of individually recording air-conditioning, lighting, appliance power, central hot water supply, lifts/escalators, and other ancillary plant and being connected to a single interface monitoring system.



**Comment:** Details or certification demonstrating compliance with J9D3 for energy monitoring, J9D4 for provision for EV charging stations, and J9D5 for solar, will need to be submitted with the application for a Construction Certificate.



## 4.0 Conclusion

This report contains an assessment of the referenced architectural documentation for the proposed construction of a warehouse with ancillary two storey Offices, Dock Offices, On Grade Docks, car and truck parking, hardstand, loading bays and landscaping at Elizabeth Enterprise Precinct, Badgerys Creek against the Deemed-to-Satisfy provisions of the Building Code of Australia 2022.

Arising from the assessment, key compliance issues have been identified that require further resolution, either by way of fire engineered Performance Solutions or plan amendments prior to the Construction Certificate stage.

Notwithstanding the above, it is considered that the proposed development can readily achieve compliance with the BCA subject to resolution of the matters identified in this report.





# + Appendix 1 – References Tables

**Table 1: Fire Hazard Properties Requirements – Floor Linings** 

+ Table S7C3 of Specification 7 Critical Radiant Flux of Floor Linings and Floor Coverings			
Class of Building	Building Not Fitted with a Sprinkler System	Building Fitted with a Sprinkler System (other than a FPAA101D or FPAA10H System)	Fire-isolated Exits and Fire Control Rooms
Class 5 & 7	2.2 kW/m2	1.2 kW/m2	2.2 kW/m2

### Table 2: Fire Hazard Properties Requirements – Wall and Ceiling Linings

+ Table S7C4 of Specification 7 – Wall and Ceiling Lining Materials (Materials Groups Permitted)				
Class of Building	Fire-isolated Exits and Fire Control Rooms	Public Corridors	Special Areas	Other Areas
Class 5 & 7, Sprinklered	Walls: 1 Ceilings: 1	Walls: 1, 2, 3 Ceilings: 1, 2, 3	Walls: 1, 2, 3 Ceilings: 1, 2, 3	Walls: 1, 2, 3 Ceilings: 1, 2, 3



**Table 3: Fire-Resisting Construction – Type C Construction** 

+ Building Element	+ Class of Building - FRL: (in minutes) Structural adequacy/integrity/insulation			
	2, 3 or 4 part	5, 7a or 9	6	7b or 8
<b>EXTERNAL WALL</b> – (Including a building element, where the dist				t) or other external
For loadbearing parts:			i i	
Less than 1.5m	90/90/90	90/90/90	90/90/90	90/90/90
1.5 to less than 3m	-/-/-	60/60/60	60/60/60	60/60/60
3m or more	-/-/-	-/-/-	-/-/-	-/-/-
<b>EXTERNAL COLUMN</b> - Not inco	orporated in an exte	rnal wall	1 1	
Less than 1.5m	90/–/–	90/–/–	90/–/–	90/–/–
1.5 to less than 3m	-/-/-	60/–/–	60/–/–	60/–/–
3m or more	-/-/-	-/-/-	-/-/-	-/-/-
COMMON WALLS and FIRE WALLS	90/90/90	90/90/90	90/90/90	90/90/90
INTERNAL WALLS	I			
Bounding public corridors, public lobbies and the like:	60/60/60	-/-/-	-/-/-	-/-/-
Between or bounding sole- occupancy units:	60/60/60	-/-/-	-/-/-	-/-/-
Bounding a stair if required to be rated:	60/60/60	60/60/60	60/60/60	60/60/60
ROOFS	-/-/-	-/-/-	, –/–/–	_/_/_

#### Notes:

- 1. New external walls that are located 1.5m or more from an allotment boundary/fire source feature require no
- 2. Where a part of a building required to have an FRL depends upon direct vertical or lateral support from another part to maintain its FRL, that supporting part must typically achieve the same FRL. Where that part is also required to be non-combustible, the supporting part must also be non-combustible.
- 3. An external wall required to have an FRL is only required from the outside.
- 4. Any lightweight construction in a fire wall or an internal wall required to have an FRL is to comply with Specification 6.
- 5. The method of attaching or installing a finish, lining, ancillary element, or service installation to a building must not reduce the fire-resistance of that element to below that required.

No structural elements are permitted to pass through fire-rated walls.



# + Appendix 2 - Fire Safety Schedule

The following table is a preliminary list of the required fire safety measures within the proposed building. These measures may be subject to further change pending the outcomes of the final Fire Safety Engineering Review to confirm the works are permissible.

**Table 4: Fire Safety Schedule** 

+ Statutory Fire Safety Measure	+ Design/Installation Standard	+ Proposed
Alarm Signalling Equipment	AS 1670.3 – 2018	✓
Automatic Fail Safe Devices	BCA2022 Clause D3D26	✓
Automatic Fire Detection & Alarm System	BCA 2022 Spec. 20 AS 1670.1 – 2018	✓
Automatic Fire Suppression Systems	BCA 2022 Spec. 17 AS 2118.1 – 2017	✓
Building Occupant Warning System activated by the Sprinkler System	BCA 2022 Spec. 17 Clause 8 and / or Clause 3.22 of AS 1670.1 – 2018	✓
Emergency Lighting	BCA 2022 Clause E4D2 & E4D4 AS 2293.1 – 2018	✓
Emergency Evacuation Plan	AS 3745 – 2010  Fire Safety Engineering Report prepared by  Report No Revision dated	✓
Exit Signs	BCA 2022 Clauses E4D5, NSW E4D6 & E4D8 AS 2293.1 – 2018	✓
Fire Doors	BCA 2022 Clause C3D13 & C3D14 AS 1905.1 – 2015 Manufacturer's Specification	✓
Fire Hose Reels	BCA 2022 Clause E1D3 AS 2441 – 2005	✓
Fire Hydrant Systems (External Hydrants)	BCA 2022 Clause E1D2 AS 2419.1 – 2021 Fire Safety Engineering Report prepared by Report No Revision dated	✓
Fire Seals	BCA 2022 Clause C4D15 AS 1530.4 – 2014 & AS 4072.1 – 2014 Manufacturer's Specification	✓
Lightweight Construction	BCA 2022 Clause C2D9 AS 1530.4 – 2014 Manufacturer's Specification	✓
Mechanical Air Handling Systems (Automatic Shutdown)	BCA 2022 Clause E2D3 AS/NZS 1668.1 – 2015 & AS 1668.2 – 2012	✓
Perimeter Vehicular Access	BCA 2022 Clause C3D5  Fire Safety Engineering Report prepared by  Report No Revision dated	✓



Portable Fire Extinguishers	BCA Clause E1D14 AS 2444 – 2001	✓
Required Exit Doors (Power Operated)	BCA Clause D3D24(2)	✓
Smoke Hazard Management Systems (Smoke Exhaust)	BCA 2022 Part E2 AS/NZS 1668.1 –2015	✓
Warning & Operational Signs	BCA 2022 Clause D3D28, D4D7 & E3D4 AS 1905.1 – 2015 Fire Safety Engineering Report prepared by Report No Revision dated	✓
Fire Engineered Performance Solutions relating to: 1.	BCA Performance Requirements  Fire Safety Engineering Report prepared by  Report No Revision dated	<b>√</b>