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## 1. Executive Summary

### Development Overview

This **Regulatory Compliance Report** has been prepared by Mckenzie Group on behalf of NEXTDC Limited to accompany a detailed State Significant Development Application (SSDA) for the S5 data centre development at 269 Lane Cove Road, Macquarie Park. The legal description of the site is Lot 3 in Deposited Plan (DP) 1129811.

This report has been prepared to address the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) issued for the project (SSD-63168959). This report concludes that the proposed data centre development is suitable and warrants approval subject to the implementation of the following mitigation measures.

- Performance Solutions for elements that cannot meet Deemed-to-Satisfy Provisions of BCA 2022.
- Fire engineered solution will need to be approved after consultation with the NSW Fire Brigade as part of the Construction Certificate process

### Compliance Summary

As Registered Certifiers we have reviewed the concept architectural design documents prepared by HDR Architects (refer appendix A) for compliance with the building assessment provisions currently outlined in BCA 2022, as current project timeframes indicate that BCA 2022 will be that which applies to the development.

This report has been prepared to assess the project against the Building Code of Australia to enable issuance of construction approvals. **Further assessment of the design will be undertaken** as the design develops to ensure compliance is achieved prior to approval being issued.

### Deviations from the Deemed-to-Satisfy Provisions

The assessment of the schematic design documentation has revealed that the following areas deviate from the deemed-to-satisfy provisions of the BCA. These items are to be addressed to ensure compliance is achieved, either through design amendment to achieve compliance with the deemed-to-satisfy provisions, or through a performance solution demonstrating compliance with the Performance Requirements of the BCA:

No.	Description	DTS Clause	Performance Requirements
<b>Fire Safety Items</b>			
1	Travel to an exit exceed the DtS limits allowed (refer to Section 8.4 of report)	D2D5	D1P4
2	Travel to a Point of choice exceed the DtS limits allowed (refer to Section 8.4 of report)	D2D5	D1P4
3	Distance between alternate exits exceed the DtS limits allowed (refer to Section 8.4 of report)	D2D6	D1P4
4	Hydrant sprinkler tank room (BLD B Level 00) and Unpacking room (BLD B Level 01) door opens directly into fire isolated stairway	D2D12	D1P2, D1P4
5	Fire Hydrant applicable under BCA 2022 (AS/NZS 2419.1-2021) to be assessed and design via a performance-based approach	E1D2	E1P3
6	Fire Hose Reel not provided, to be assessed via a performance-based approach	E1D3	E1P1

No.	Description	DTS Clause	Performance Requirements
7	Booster Assembly not located in front of main entry of building.	E1D2	E1P3
8	Smoke hazard management to be rationalised via a performance-based approach.	E2D3, E2D6	E2P2
<b>Accessibility Items</b>			
9	To be further reviewed as design progresses.	D4D2	D1P1, D1P2
10	Exemptions – to be requested in writing	D4D5	D1P2
<b>Miscellaneous Items</b>			
11	<b>Weatherproofing of External Walls</b> As the external walls are proposed to be constructed of a material not nominated in F3D5, a performance solution is to be provided by the façade engineer/registered architect demonstrating that the external walls comply with the requirements of Performance Requirement F3P1 (previously FP1.4).	F3D5	F3P1 (previously FP1.4).

The feasibility and any additional requirements that will apply as a result of the performance solution will need to be confirmed by the professional preparing the performance solution. Any performance solution will need to be prepared by a suitably qualified/accredited professional.

### Fire Safety Services

The following key fire safety services are required to meet the minimum DTS requirements.

1.	Sprinklers system throughout the building
2.	Fire hydrant system throughout the building
3.	Fire hose reels throughout the building
4.	Zone smoke control system throughout the building
5.	Fire precautions during construction
6.	Air-pressurization throughout the fire isolated stairs throughout the building.
7.	Automatic smoke detection and alarm system throughout the building
8.	Sound System and Intercom System for Emergency Purposes
9.	Carpark ventilation systems must comply with Clause 5.5 of AS/NZS1668.1-2015 except that fans with metal blades suitable for operation at normal temperature may be used and the electrical power and control cabling need not be fire rated

Refer to parts 9 and 10 of this report for further details regarding the required services.

(NSW) Any fire engineered solution relating to category 2 items will need to be approved after consultation with the NSW Fire Brigade as part of the Construction Certificate process.

### Further Assessment

The assessment of the design documentation has also revealed that the following additional information is required in order to complete the assessment, and/or the following areas need to be further reviewed.

No.	Further Information / Review Required	Report Reference
1	Further review drawings as detailed drawings are developed including but not limited to BCA compliance and Access and facilities for persons with disability.	

Documentation to enable assessment and demonstrate compliance will be required to address the above items prior to approval.

(NSW) The application for Construction Certificate shall be assessed under the relevant provisions of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979 (As Amended) and the Environmental Planning & Assessment (Development Certification and Fire Safety) Regulation 2021.

## 2. Introduction

This report has been prepared to accompany a detailed SSDA for the proposed S5 data centre development at 269 Lane Cove Road, Macquarie Park (SSD-63168959).

The site is located at 269 Lane Cove Road, Macquarie Park NSW 2113 and is legally described at Lot 3 in Deposited Plan (DP) 1129811. It is located on the corner of Lane Cove Road and Waterloo Road and is made up of a single rectangular lot and is approximately 22,381m<sup>2</sup> in size.

The application seeks consent for construction and operation of a data centre development and includes site preparation works, bulk earthworks and infrastructure, and construction of the buildings, ancillary facilities, and associated site works. The application also includes the delivery of two internal roads and an urban plaza adjacent to the Macquarie Park Metro Station entrance.

**Specifically, the Project comprises the redevelopment of the site as summarised below:**

- Site preparation works including demolition and removal of existing structures, tree removal and bulk earthworks.
- Staged construction and operation of two data centre buildings (Building A and Building B), each with a maximum height of 65 metres and a combined total gross floor area (GFA) of 46,935m<sup>2</sup> comprising 33,643m<sup>2</sup> of technical data hall floor space and 13,292m<sup>2</sup> of office, retail and innovation hub floor space.
- Building A will be delivered in Stage 1, comprising:
  - Basement parking for 105 cars including four accessible spaces and 10 EV spaces.
  - Two retail tenancies at ground level: 335m<sup>2</sup>.
  - Lobby and innovation hub including auditorium and training rooms: 3,192m<sup>2</sup>.
  - NEXTDC and mission critical (MCX) office floor space: 9,765m<sup>2</sup>.
  - Seven storeys of technical data floor space accommodating seven data houses: 17,258m<sup>2</sup>
  - Utilities including diesel generators (2MWe), above-ground water tanks for industrial water (460kL each), above-ground diesel storage tanks (110kL each) and an above-ground water tank for fire water (350kL each).
  - Business identification signage facing Waterloo Road and Lane Cove Road.
- Building B will be delivered in Stage 2, comprising:
  - Seven storeys of technical data floor space accommodating seven data halls: 16,385m<sup>2</sup>.
  - Construction of a sky bridge which will connect with Building A, providing direct access between the data halls.
  - Utilities including diesel generators (2MWe), above-ground water tanks for industrial water (460kL each), above-ground diesel storage tanks (110kL each) and an above-ground water tank for fire water (350kL each).
  - Business identification signage on the western and southern building facades.
- Landscaping across the site in accordance with the project staging, delivering a mix of native and endemic plant species, shrubs and grasses, including 93 additional trees within a total area of 4,835m<sup>2</sup> deep soil and a resultant tree canopy cover of 6,211m<sup>2</sup>.

- Staged delivery of public domain works, including:
  - Stage 1: construction of the northern extent of Road 13 from Waterloo Road and urban plaza between Building A and Waterloo Road.
  - Stage 2: construction of the remaining southern extent of Road 13 and the full extent of Road 5.
- Delivery of 90 megawatts of power (via a separate application with Ausgrid) with a 33kV switching station to be accommodated on site, as well as other site services, including stormwater infrastructure.

This report is based upon the review of the design documentation listed in Appendix A of this Report.

The report is intended as an overview of the relevant provisions of the Building Code of Australia for assistance only. **Detailed drawings and associated review will still be required as the final design is developed.**

The applicable legislation governing the design of buildings is the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. This Act requires that all new building works must be designed to comply with the BCA.

The version of the BCA applicable to the development, is version that in place at the time of the application to the Registered Certifier for the Construction Certificate. For the purposes of this Report, BCA 2022 has been utilised as it is anticipated that BCA 2022 will apply to the project based on project timeframes.

### 3. Compliance with the Building Code of Australia

The Building Code of Australia is a performance based document, whereby compliance is achieved by complying with the Governing Requirements and the Performance Requirements.

Performance Requirements are satisfied by one of the following:

1. A Performance Solution
2. A Deem-to-Satisfy Solution
3. A combination of (1) & (2)

### 4. Documentation of Performance Solutions

A Performance Solution must demonstrate compliance with all relevant Performance Requirements, or the solution must be at least equivalent to the Deemed-to-Satisfy provisions.

Compliance with the Performance Requirements is to be demonstrated through one or a combination of the following:

- a) Evidence of suitability in accordance with Part A5 of the BCA that shows the use of a material, product, plumbing and drainage product, form of construction or design meets the relevant Performance Requirements.
- b) A Verification Method including the following:
  - i. The Verification Methods provided in the NCC.
  - ii. Other Verification Methods, accepted by the appropriate authority that show compliance with the relevant Performance Requirements
- c) Expert Judgement
- d) Comparison with the Deemed-to-Satisfy Provisions

Where a Performance Solution is proposed as the method to achieve compliance, the following steps must be undertaken:

- a) Prepare a performance-based design brief in consultation with relevant stakeholders

- b) Carry out analysis, using one or more of the assessment methods nominated above, as proposed by the performance-based design brief.
- c) Evaluate results from (b) against the acceptance criteria in the performance-based design brief
- d) Prepare a final report that includes:
  - i. All Performance Requirements and/or Deemed-to-Satisfy Provisions identified as applicable
  - ii. Identification of all assessment methods used
  - iii. Details of required steps above
  - iv. Confirmation that the Performance Requirement has been met; and
  - v. Details of conditions or limitations, if an exist, regarding the Performance Solution.

## 5. Preliminaries

### 5.1. Building Assessment Data

Summary of Construction Determination:

Part of Project	Building A		Building B
Classification	7a & 7b	5 & 6	7b
Number of Storeys	9	10	8
Rise In Storeys	9	10	9
Type of Construction	A	A	A
Effective Height (m)	48.75m	42m	43m

*Note: The effective height of the project includes all stories included in the rise in stories of the project.*

Summary of the floor areas and relevant populations where applicable: -

Part of Project	BCA Classification	Approx. Floor Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Approximate Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	Assumed Population
Building A Ground - carpark	7a	4300		*133
Building A Ground Plant	7b	1400		*
Building A Ground – Retail	6 (< 10%)	335		100
Building A Ground Office/Lobby	5	1100		*
Building A Level 01 - DH	7b	4500		*
Building A Level 01 - Auditorium	7b (<10%)	294		184
Building A Level 01 - Office	5	1000		*
Building A Level 02 - DH	7b	4500		*
Building A Level 02 - Office	5	1700		110
Building A Level 03 - Office	5	1700		110
Building A Level 04 - DH	7b	4500		*
Building A Level 05 - Office	5	1700		110
Building A Level 06 - DH	7b	4500		*

Part of Project	BCA Classification	Approx. Floor Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Approximate Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	Assumed Population
Building A Level 06 - Office	5	1700		110
Building A Level 07 - Office	5	1700		110
Building A Level 08 - DH	7b	4500		*
Building A Level 09 - Office	5	1700		110
Building A Level 10 - DH	7b	4500		*
Building A Level 10 - Office	5	1700		110
Building A Level 11 - Office	5	1100		110
Building A Level 12 - DH	7b	4500		*
Building B – Basement - Plant	7b	1200		*
Building B Ground – Plant	7b	4800		*
Building B Level 01 - DH	7b	4800		*
Building B Level 02 - DH	7b	4800		*
Building B Level 03 - DH	7b	4800		*
Building B Level 04 - DH	7b	4800		*
Building B Level 05 - DH	7b	4800		*
Building B Level 06 - DH	7b	4800		*
Building B Level 07 - DH	7b	4800		*
<b>Total Building A &amp; B</b>		92000		1300

\*Notes:

- The above populations have been based on floor areas and calculations in accordance with Table D2D18 (prev. Table D1.13) of the BCA.
- The floor areas to retail portions have been adjusted without ancillary areas such as sanitary facilities, corridors, shelving and or racking layouts in storage areas.
- The carpark and data hall areas have been considered ancillary to the use for the purposes of population numbers.

## 5.2. Council Development Approval / Planning Permit Approval

A Development / Town Planning Permit will be required from the relevant planning approval authority for the development. A copy of the Development Permit/Planning Permit Approval conditions and approved drawings will be required prior to the issuing of the Building Approval for that component of works.

The proposed development must not be inconsistent with the endorsed drawings and all relevant conditions will need to be satisfied and accurately reflect the construction issue drawings.

## 6. Structure

### 6.1. Structural Provisions (BCA B1):

New structural works are to comply with the applicable requirements of BCA Part B1, including AS/NZS 1170.0-2002, AS/NZS 1170-1-2002, AS/NZS 1170.2-2021 and AS 1170.4-2007.

Depending on the importance level of the building as determined by AS/NZS 1170.0-2002, the non structural elements of the building, including partitions (and non-structural fire walls), ceilings, services and racking/shelving may be required to comply with the seismic restraint requirements of AS 1170.4-2007. Where this is required, certification will be required confirming that the design of the seismic restraints comply with AS 1170.4-2002. This may be provided by a specialist seismic consultant or by the architect and services design engineers.

It is noted that BCA 2022 introduced a new Verification Method, B1V2 (previously BV2), which is a pathway available to verify compliance with BCA Performance Requirement B1P1 (1)(c) (previously BP1.1(a)(iii)).

Glazing is to comply with AS1288-2021, and AS2047-2014.

Prior to the issue of the Construction Certificate structural certification is required to be provided by a Professional Engineer registered on the National Engineering Register.

## 7. Fire Protection

### 7.1. Fire Compartmentation (BCA C2D2 (previously C1.1))

The BCA stipulates three levels of fire resistant construction, which is based upon the rise in storeys and classification of the building. Each of these types of construction has maximum floor area and volume limitations as per BCA Table C3D3 (previously C2.2).

Based upon the rise in storeys and use of the building, it is required to be constructed in accordance with the requirements of Type A Construction, in accordance with Tables S5C11a-g of Specification 5 (previously Table 3 & 3.9 of Specification C1.1) of the Building Code of Australia 2022.

The building has been assessed on the basis of the following fire separation / compartmentation within the development:

- Separation between the carpark areas and plantroom areas associated with the Data Hall
- Separation between the Data Hall levels and Office levels
- Separation between Retail, Data Hall levels and Office areas
- Fire compartmentation of the building at each floor level,

The maximum floor area and volume limitations of a fire compartment as nominated in the deemed to satisfy provisions are as follows:

Classification		Type of Construction		
		A	B	C
5, 9b or 9c aged care building	max floor area—	8 000 m <sup>2</sup>	5 500 m <sup>2</sup>	3 000 m <sup>2</sup>
	max volume—	48 000 m <sup>3</sup>	33 000 m <sup>3</sup>	18 000 m <sup>3</sup>
6, 7, 8 or 9a (except for patient care areas)	max floor area—	5 000 m <sup>2</sup>	3 500 m <sup>2</sup>	2 000 m <sup>2</sup>
	max volume—	30 000 m <sup>3</sup>	21 000 m <sup>3</sup>	12 000 m <sup>3</sup>

If the building exceeds the area / volume limitations of the BCA provisions, the building is then considered a large isolated building and the following provisions will apply:

- Automatic sprinkler protection to AS2118.1 and BCA Specification 17 (previously Specification E1.5) throughout the development / smoke detection and alarm system in accordance with AS1670,
- Perimeter emergency vehicular access 6m wide located within 18m of the entire building perimeter in accordance with BCA Clause C3D5 (previously C2.4),
- Smoke exhaust or smoke and heat vents required throughout the development if the building exceeds 18,000m<sup>2</sup> or 108,000m<sup>3</sup> in volume
- Provision of a fire hydrant ring main

## **7.2. Fire Resistance (BCA C2D2 (previously C1.1))**

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The building should be constructed generally in accordance with the relevant provisions of Specification 5 (previously Specification C1.1) of the BCA applicable to Type A Construction, Please refer to Appendix C which outlines the required fire rating to be achieved by the development.

Where a fire wall is proposed, it is noted that the wall is to achieve a structural rating regardless of whether it is loadbearing or not. Refer to Appendix C for required FRLs.

Other passive fire protection issues that will need to be addressed in detailed documentation phase include:

- Lift Motor Rooms;
- Emergency Power Supply;
- Emergency Generators;
- Electricity Supply;
- Batteries;
- Fuel Tank Rooms
- Hydrant Pump Rooms;
- Sprinkler Pump Rooms;
- Fire Control Room

Please note that with regards to fire separation, the provisions and required FRL's that apply to the building also apply to an occupiable outdoor space associated with the building.

## **7.3. Fire Hazard Properties (BCA C2D10 and C2D11 (previously C1.10 and BCA C1.9))**

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### External Wall Cladding

Since the building is of Type A construction, the following components are required to be completely non-combustible:

- External walls and common walls, including façade coverings, framing, insulation;
- Flooring and floor framing of lift pits;
- Non-loadbearing internal walls required to have an FRL;
- All non-loadbearing shafts;
- All loadbearing internal walls and loadbearing fire walls, including those that are part of loadbearing shafts.

Please provide product specifications and test reports to AS 1530.1-1994 for all materials to demonstrate compliance

For materials and assemblies that are required to be non-combustible, the material or system must be not deemed combustible when tested in accordance with AS 1530.1-1994.

### Combustible Materials

The following materials, though combustible or containing combustible fibres, may be used wherever a non-combustible material is required:

- a) Plasterboard.
- b) Perforated gypsum lath with a normal paper finish.
- c) Fibrous-plaster sheet.
- d) Fibre-reinforced cement sheeting.
- e) Pre-finished metal sheeting having a combustible surface finish not exceeding 1 mm thickness and where the Spread-of-Flame Index of the product is not greater than 0.
- f) Sarking type materials that do not exceed 1mm in thickness and have a Flammability Index not greater than 5.
- g) Bonded laminated materials where -
  - (i) each laminate is non-combustible; and
  - (ii) each adhesive layer does not exceed 1 mm in thickness; and
  - (iii) the total thickness of the adhesive layers does not exceed 2 mm; and
  - (iv) the Spread-of-Flame Index and the Smoke-Developed Index of the bonded laminated material as a whole does not exceed 0 and 3 respectively.

It is recommended that once material selections are made, copies of the fire test certificates/reports be provided for review and approval.

Any Aluminium Composite Panels must be labelled in accordance with SA TS 5344.

The BCA 2022 has included additional items that are not required to comply with the above, including glazing, fixings, packers, paints, sealants to joints, adhesives and the like.

Furthermore, the BCA now considers the following items as non-combustible, therefore non-combustibility does not need to be demonstrated to achieve compliance. These items are concrete, steel, masonry, aluminium, autoclaved aerated concrete, iron, terracotta, porcelain, ceramic, natural stone, copper, zinc, lead, bronze, brass.

The BCA does nominate that ancillary elements may not be fixed to an external wall that is required to be non-combustible unless they comprise of the following:

- a) An ancillary element that is non-combustible.
- b) A gutter, downpipe or other plumbing fixture or fitting.
- c) A flashing.
- d) A grate or grille not more than 2 m<sup>2</sup> in area associated with a building service.
- e) An electrical switch, socket-outlet, cover plate or the like.
- f) A light fitting.
- g) A required sign.
- h) A sign other than one provided under (a) or (g) that—
  - i) achieves a group number of 1 or 2; and
  - ii) does not extend beyond one storey; and
  - iii) does not extend beyond one fire compartment; and
  - iv) is separated vertically from other signs permitted under (h) by at least 2 storeys.
- i) An awning, sunshade, canopy, blind or shading hood other than one provided under (a) that—

- i) meets the relevant requirements of Table S7C7 as for an internal element; and
- ii) serves a storey—
  - A. at ground level; or
  - B. immediately above a storey at ground level; and
- iii) does not serve an exit, where it would render the exit unusable in a fire.
- j) A part of a security, intercom or announcement system.
- k) Wiring.
- l) Waterproofing material installed in accordance with AS 4654.2 and applied to an adjacent floor surface, including vertical upturn, or a roof surface.
- m) Collars, sleeves and insulation associated with service installations.
- n) Screens applied to vents, weepholes and gaps complying with AS 3959.
- o) Wiper and brush seals associated with doors, windows or other openings.
- p) A gasket, caulking, sealant or adhesive directly associated with (a) to (o)

Please provide fire hazard properties reports for any proposed signs and confirm their extent i.e. not spanning more than one storey or fire compartment:

#### Interior Linings

The fire hazard properties of fixed surface linings and mechanical ductwork will also need to be addressed within the detailed documentation phase pursuant to Specification 7 (previously Specification C1.10) of the Building Code of Australia. The following requirements apply:

#### Sprinkler Protected Areas

- a) Floor Coverings – Critical radiant Flux not less than 1.2 kW/m<sup>2</sup>
- b) Wall and Ceiling Linings – Material Group No. 1, 2 & 3.
- c) Other Materials – Spread of Flame Index not exceeding 0 and Smoke Developed Index not exceeding 2.

Rigid and flexible air handling ductwork must comply with AS4254 Parts 1 & 2 2012.

Floor linings and floor coverings used in lift cars must have a critical radiant flux not less than 2.2, and wall and ceiling linings must be a Material Group No. 1 or 2.

#### **7.4. Separation of equipment (C3D13 (previously C2.12))**

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Equipment listed below must be separated from the remainder of the building providing a FRL as required by Specification 5 (previously Spec C1.1) but not less than 120/120/120 with a self-closing fire door with an FRL or not less than -/120/30. When separating a lift shaft and life motor room, an FRL of not less than 120/-/- is required.

- a) Lift motors and lift control panels; or
- b) Emergency generators used to sustain emergency equipment operating in the emergency mode; or
- c) Central smoke control plant; or
- d) Boilers; or

- e) A battery system installed in that building that has total voltage of 12 volts or more and a storage capacity of 200kWh or more.

#### **7.5. Vertical Separation of openings in external walls (BCA C3D7 (previously C2.6))**

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A building of Type A construction must be provided with spandrel separation between openings on different storeys unless the building is protected with a sprinkler system (other than a FPAA101D or FPAA101H system) throughout in accordance with Specification 17 (previously Specification E1.5).

For the purposes of C3D7 (previously C2.6), window or other opening means that part of the external wall of a building that does not have an FRL of 60/60/60 or greater.

Spandrels are required in accordance with BCA Clause C3D7 (previously C2.6), which stipulates a 900mm high spandrel; with 600mm of this spandrel being above the finished floor level. Alternatively, an 1100mm horizontal slab may be utilized. The spandrel material is required to be non-combustible and to achieve an FRL of 60/60/60.

It is noted that any penetrations in the spandrel construction e.g. for drainage, overflow etc are to be protected.

Detailed elevations will be required to enable a full check and assessment to be undertaken of the spandrels proposed.

#### **7.6. Protection of Openings fire rated building elements (BCA C4D6, C4D11 (previously C3.5 and BCA C3.10))**

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The prescriptive provisions of the BCA stipulate that openings within building elements required to have an FRL shall be protected as follows:

- a) Penetrations through fire rated floors to be protected either by a tested prototype (e.g. fire collar, fire damper, etc) or be installed within a fire rated shaft achieving an FRL the same as the FRL of the floor it is passing through;
- b) Any penetration through a wall or room required to have an FRL (e.g. substation, boiler room, apartment separating wall etc) is to be protected either by a tested prototype (e.g. fire collar, fire damper, etc) or be installed within a shaft achieving an FRL the same as the FRL of the floor it is passing through; (or 120/120/120 where it is a room such as a substation);
- c) Self-closing -/60/30 fire doors to the doors opening to the fire isolated stairs (note that this also includes the access doors to the condenser units on the plant platforms).

Note that where fire dampers, fire collars, etc are utilised, allowance needs to be made for access hatches to be provided within the walls / ceilings to ensure that maintenance access is provided.

As the design develops, details will need to be included in relation to sealing of penetrations / construction of fire rated shafts.

## 8. Access and Egress

### 8.1. Provision for Escape (BCA D2 (previously D1))

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The egress provisions for the proposed building are provided by the following:

- Fire isolated stairways
- Required non-fire isolated stairways
- Non Fire isolated Stairs
- External Doors
- Horizontal Exits

The egress provisions that apply to the building also apply to any occupiable outdoor areas.

Detailing issues that will need to be addressed as the design develops include:

- Door Hardware
- Exit Door Operation
- Stair Construction
- Handrail and Balustrade construction
- Details of Separation of Rising and Descending Stairs
- Discharge from Fire Isolated Exits
- Details of the egress provisions to the Road.
- Door swings

### 8.2. Required Fire Isolation of Exits (BCA Clause D2D5 (previously D1.3))

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*Class 5 to 9*

Stairs utilised as required exits must be fire isolated where they connect, pass through or pass by more than 2 consecutive storeys and, an extra storey may be added if the building has a sprinkler system (other than a FPAA101D system) installed throughout.

Alternatively, where the stair does not provide access to or egress from the third storey, and is separated from that storey by construction achieving and FRL of 60 minutes or, in a Type A building where the construction is loadbearing, 90 minutes, the exit is also not required to be fire isolated.

The proposed exits are required to be fire isolated.

### 8.3. Travel via Fire Isolated Exits (BCA D2D12 (previously D1.7))

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The BCA requires each fire isolated stairway to provide independent egress from each storey served and discharge directly, or by way of its own fire isolated passageway to:

- A road or open space; or
- To a point in a storey within the confines of the building, that is used only for pedestrian movement, car parking or the like and is open for at least 2/3 of its perimeter, and an unimpeded path of travel not more than 20m to a road or open space; or
- A covered area that adjoins a road or open space, is open for at least 1/3 of its perimeter, has an unobstructed clear height throughout of not less than 3m, and provides an unimpeded path of travel to a road or open space of not less than 6m.

Additionally, where the path of travel from the point of discharge requires occupants to pass within 6m of any part of the external wall of the same building (measured horizontally), that external wall must have a 60/60/60 FRL and have any openings protected internally for a distance of 3m above or below the path of travel.

#### **8.4. Fire Stair Re-Entry (BCA D3D27 (previously D2.22))**

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The doors of a fire isolated exit must not be locked from the inside so as to allow provision for fire stair re-entry in Class 9a, 9b early childhood centre and 9c buildings or parts, or within fire isolated exits serving any storey above any effective height of 25m.

The requirement for doors to remain unlocked do not apply to a door fitted with a fail-safe device that automatically unlocks the door upon activation of a fire alarm and –

- a) On at least every fourth storey the doors are not able to be locked and a sign is fixed on such doors stating that re-entry is available; or
- b) An intercommunication system, or an audible or visual alarm system operated from within the enclosure is provided, and a sign is fixed adjacent to such doors explaining its purpose and method of operation.

(b) above is not required in an early childhood centre where the door is fitted with a fail-safe device that automatically unlocks on activation of the fire alarm.

Further review will be undertaken to ensure compliance as the design develops.

#### **8.5. Exit Travel Distances (BCA D2D5, D2D6 (previously D1.4, D1.5))**

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The locations of the proposed exits would appear to indicate that the deemed to satisfy requirements in terms of travel distances, distances between alternative exits and egress widths would be satisfied.

The travel distances to exits should not exceed:

##### **Class 5 to 9**

- no point on the floor must be more than 20m to a single exit or point of choice and where two exits are provided, a maximum of 40m to one of those exits; and
- exits shall be located to not be more than 60m apart and not closer than 9m

There are multiple rooms with not exit doors marked. The location of retail exit is also not known at this stage. Please refer to the attached mark up for locations and distances.

**Further review will be undertaken to ensure compliance as the design develops.**

The extended travel distances and distance between the exit stairs will need to be addressed to comply with the requirements of the deemed to satisfy provisions noted above, or be assessed as performance solutions by the Fire Safety Engineer using BCA Performance Requirements D1P4 and E2P2 (previously DP4 & EP2.2)

Further review will be undertaken to ensure compliance as the design develops.

## **8.6. Dimensions of Exits (BCA D2D7, D2D8, D2D9, D2D10, D2D11 (previously D1.6))**

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Minimum dimensions of 1000mm and 2000mm height to be provided within exits, with the paths of travel should provide a minimum width of 1000mm (note that all maintenance access, cat walks, etc may comply with AS1657-2018 in which case a 600mm clear width is required).

Doorways are permitted to contain a clear opening width of the required width of the exit minus 250mm, with a height of 1980mm as part of egress requirements. Access for persons with disabilities however requires a clear doorway opening width of 850mm (i.e. minimum 920 mm doors).

Further review will be undertaken to ensure compliance as the design develops.

## **8.7. Travel via Required Non-Fire Isolated Stairs (BCA D2D14 (previously D1.9))**

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A required non-fire isolated stair must provide direct egress, via its own flights from every storey served to the level of road or open space.

The following additional travel distance parameters apply where a required non-fire isolated stair is utilised for egress:

- In Class 5-9 buildings, the distance from any point of a floor to road or open space is not to exceed 80m
- In a Class 5 to 8 or 9b building, a required non-fire-isolated stairway or non-fire-isolated ramp must discharge at a point not more than:
  - 20 m from a doorway providing egress to a road or open space or from a fire-isolated passageway leading to a road or open space; or
  - 40 m from one of 2 such doorways or passageways if travel to each of them from the non-fire-isolated stairway or non-fire isolated ramp is in opposite or approximately opposite directions

## **8.8. Balustrades and Handrails (BCA D3D17, D3D18, D3D19, D3D20, D3D22, D3D29 (previously D2.16 / BCA D2.17 / D2.24))**

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### Generally

Balustrading to a minimum height of 1000mm with a maximum opening of 124mm in any direction should be provided adjacent to balconies, landings, corridors etc where located adjacent to a change in level exceeding 1000mm, or where it is possible to fall through an openable window located more than 4m above the surface beneath.

Where it is possible to fall more than 4m to the surface below, the balustrade shall not contain any horizontal or near horizontal members that facilitate climbing between 150 – 760mm above the floor. It is noted that these provisions also apply to any building elements, including AC covers and the like, that are within 1m of the required balustrade.

Where a required barrier is fixed to the vertical face forming an edge of a landing, balcony, deck, stairway or the like, the opening formed between the barrier and the face must not exceed 40 mm.

Handrails should generally be provided at a minimum height of 865mm alongside of all ramps and stairs.

The public stairs and ramps located along an accessible path of travel should be designed in accordance with the requirements of AS1428.1 for persons with disabilities. This requires a handrail on each side of the stair and ramp and for the handrail to extend approximately 550mm – 600mm past the last tread / end of ramp.

In addition to the above, handrails are required to both sides of all stairs with a width of 2m or more.

Strength and rigidity of all balustrades to play spaces are to comply with AS 1926.1.

## Fire Isolated Stairways & Class 7b/8 Buildings

Balustrades in the fire isolated stairways (excluding those serving a Class 9b early childhood centre) and Class 7b or 8 parts of buildings are permitted to contain a 3 rail system, with a bottom rail situated at not more than 150mm above the nosings. The distance between the rails shall not exceed 460mm.

Handrails are required on both sides of all stairways except for fire isolated stairways used only for emergency egress purposes.

Note: in a required exit serving an area required to be accessible, handrails must be designed and constructed to comply with Clause 12 of AS1428.1-2009

Further review will be undertaken to ensure compliance as the design develops.

### **8.9. Slip Resistance (BCA D3D15 (previously D2.14))**

The adoption of BCA 2014 introduced a requirement for slip resistance of stairway treads and ramp surfaces. The requirements are as follows:

Table D3D15 (prev. Table D2.14) SLIP-RESISTANCE CLASSIFICATION

Application	Surface conditions	
	Dry	Wet
Ramp steeper than 1:14	P4 or R11	P5 or R12
Ramp steeper than 1:20 but not steeper than 1:14	P3 or R10	P4 or R11
Tread or landing surface	P3 or R10	P4 or R11
Nosing or landing edge strip	P3	P4

## **9. Services and Equipment**

The following section of this report describes the essential fire safety measures and the minimum performance requirements of those measures. A draft essential fire safety schedule can be found in Appendix B.

It is noted that the provisions below also apply to occupiable outdoor areas.

### **9.1. Fire Hydrants (BCA E1D2 (previously E1.3))**

A system of Fire Hydrants is required to be provided in accordance with BCA Clause E1D2 (prev. E1.3) and AS2419.1-2021.

The new version of the fire hydrant standard notes that the standard does not apply to the following:

- Class 7b or 8 buildings with a total volume of more than 108,000m<sup>3</sup>
- Buildings that include automatic racked storage systems
- Buildings with an effective height of more than 135m
- Buildings and associated areas that include special hazards.

Where the building falls into one of the above criteria, the hydrant system is required to be assessed on a performance basis with consultation with the relevant fire brigade as required by legislation. Performance solutions are required to be verified to BCA Performance Requirement E1P3 (previously EP1.3).

Pressure and flow information will be required to confirm the required pressures and flow to the system, depending on the type of hydrant to be utilized;

The fire services/hydraulic engineer is to confirm the required flow rates for the development.

The building is required to be provided with a booster assembly as part of the fire hydrant requirements. The booster is required to be located attached to the building at the main entry. If remote from the building, the booster is to be located at the main vehicle entry or with sight of the main entry of the building within 20m of a hardstand area.

A fire ring main is required.

Further review will be undertaken to ensure compliance as the design develops.

### 9.2. Fire Hose Reels (BCA E1D3 (previously E1.4))

A Fire Hose Reel System is required to BCA Clause E1D3 (previously E1.4) and AS2441-2005.

The system is required to provide coverage to Data Hall floor zones only.

Fire hose reels are to be located within 4m of exits and provide coverage within the building based on a 36m hose length and 4m of water spray. Where required, additional fire hose reels shall be located internally as required to provide coverage. These hose reels are to be located adjacent to internal hydrants.

Fire hose reel cupboards must not contain any other services such as water meters, etc., and doors to fire hose reel cupboards are not to impede the path of egress unless a performance solution is developed under BCA Performance Requirement E1P1 (previously EP1.1).

Fire Hose reel are not to extend through Fire and Smoke Walls.

The hose reels not shown on the plans. Any omissions of hose reels will require justification via performance solution pathway.

Further review will be undertaken to ensure compliance as the design develops.

### 9.3. Fire Extinguishers (BCA E1D14 (previously E1.6))

The provision of portable fire extinguishers is required to BCA Clause E1D14 (previously E1.6) and AS2444 - 2001 to provide coverage to the all-floor zones.

Table E.6 details when portable fire extinguishers are required:

Occupancy Class	Risk Class (as defined in AS 2444)
General provisions – Class 2 to 9 buildings (except within sole-occupancy units of a Class 9c building)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) To cover Class AE or E fire risks associated with emergency services switchboards. (Note 1)</li> <li>b) To cover Class F fire risks involving cooking oils and fats in kitchens.</li> <li>c) To cover Class B fire risks in locations where flammable liquids in excess of 50 litres are stored or used (not excluding that held in fuel tanks of vehicles).</li> <li>d) To cover Class A fire risks in normally occupied fire compartments less than 500m<sup>2</sup> not provided with fire hose reels (excluding open deck carparks).</li> <li>e) To cover Class A fire risks in classrooms and associated schools</li> </ul>

Occupancy Class	Risk Class (as defined in AS 2444)
	not provided with fire hose reels. f) To cover Class A fire risks associated with Class 2 or 3 building or class 4 part of building.

Fire extinguishers are to be located in accordance with AS 2444 - 2001, often collocated with fire hydrants and/or fire hose reels.

The fire extinguisher locations are not shown on plans.

Further review will be undertaken to ensure compliance as the design develops.

#### **9.4. Automatic Sprinkler Protection (BCA E1D4 – E1D13 (previously E1.5))**

Automatic sprinkler protection is required to Specification 17 (previously Spec. E1.5) and AS2118.1-2017 to the following areas:

- Throughout the entire building where the effective height exceeds 25m;
- Throughout the entire building if it is classified as large isolated under BCA Clause C2.3;
- Throughout any Class 7a car park (other than open deck car parks) containing accommodation for more than 40 vehicles;
- Throughout any fire compartment that exceeds 2,000m<sup>2</sup> in floor area or 12,000m<sup>3</sup> in volume where occupancies of excessive hazard are proposed

Location of pumps, tanks, FIP, control valves and booster assemblies will be subject to review by the QFES as part of the Building Approval process.

The sprinkler system shall be connected to and activate an occupant warning system complying with BCA Specification 20 (prev. Spec E2.2a).

Details of the proposed sprinkler system design will need to be reviewed as the design develops.

An occupant warning system should be provided in accordance with BCA Specification 17 (previously Spec E1.5).

#### **9.5. Smoke Hazard Management (BCA E2D3 – E2D21 (previously E2.2))**

Smoke hazard management shall be provided throughout the building by means of the following systems:

- Zone Pressurisation System/Smoke Control between vertically separated fire compartments in accordance with the requirements of AS/NZS 1668.1-2015 Amendment 1 ;
- Automatic Smoke Detection/Alarm System in accordance with the requirements of BCA Spec 20 Clause 3, 4 or a combination of Clause 3 and 4 (previously E2.2a) and AS 3786 and/or AS 1670.1-2018;
- Building Occupant Warning System activated by the smoke alarm/detection in accordance with BCA Specification 20 Clause 7 (previously Spec E2.2a) and Clause 3.22 of AS 1670.1-2018
- Carpark ventilation systems must comply with Clause 5.5 of AS/NZS1668.1-2015 Amendment 1

A fire indicator panel is required as part of the detection system. This panel is to be located within 4m of the main entry and should be incorporated within the fire control room. Any variation to the prescriptive provisions will require the consent of the fire brigade and should form part of the fire safety engineering report to verify the performance requirements of the BCA.

## **9.6. Lift Services (BCA E3D3, E3D4, E3D5, E3D9, E3D10, E3D11E3.4 and BCA E3.6)**

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The passenger lifts to be installed are to be:-

- Fitted with warning signs, fire service controls in accordance with Clauses E3D4, Figure E3D4, E3D9, E3D11, and E3D12 (previously E3.3, Figure E3.3, E3.7, E3.9 and E3.10) of the BCA.
- Stretcher facilities are to be provided within the lifts with minimum dimensions of 600mm wide, 2000mm long and 1400mm high;
- At least two emergency lifts with stretcher facilities in accordance with Clause E3D5 (previously Part E3.4) of the BCA. The two emergency lifts shall be located in separate shafts. These lifts are to serve all storeys that are served by passenger lifts.
- Be provided with the following in order to satisfy accessibility requirements:
  - A handrail in accordance with AS1735.12-1999,
  - Minimum internal floor dimensions of 1400 x 1600mm for lifts which travel more than 12m, or 1100 x 1400mm for lifts which travel not more than 12m,
  - Fitted with a series of door opening sensory devices which will detect a 75mm diameter or across the door opening between 50mm and 1550mm above floor level,
  - Have a set of buttons for operating the lift located at heights above level complying with AS1735.12 - 1999
  - For lifts serving more than 2 levels, automatic audible information within the lift car identifying the level each time the car stops, and audible and visual indication at each lift landing to indicate the arrival of a car

## **9.7. Exit Signs and Emergency Lighting (BCA E4D2, E4D4, E4D5, E4D6 and E4D8 (previously E4.2 E4.5, E4.6, E4.8))**

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Emergency Lighting and Exit Signs indicating exit location paths of travel to exits to be provided in accordance with BCA Part E4 and AS/NZS 2293.1-2018, including the potential use of photo luminescent exit signs.

Where exit signs are proposed to be above 2.7m to avoid potential damage by forklifts in the warehousing areas, this will need to be documented as a performance solution by an accredited fire safety engineer. This would need to be assessed to BCA Performance Requirement E4P2 (previously EP4.2).

Details are required to be provided for review.

## **9.8. Sound Systems and Intercom Systems for Emergency Purposes (BCA E4D9 (previously E4.9))**

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A Sound System and Intercom System is required in accordance with AS1670.4-2018 and BCA Clause E4D9 (previously E4.9).

Details are to be provided for our review.

## **9.9. Fire Control Centre (BCA E1D15 (previously E1.8))**

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As the building is a Class 6, 7, 8 or 9 building that contains a floor area of greater than 18,000m<sup>2</sup>, a fire control centre is required in accordance with BCA Specification 19 (previously Spec E1.8).

As the building has an effective height of greater than 25m, a fire control centre is required. Where the effective height of the building exceeds 50m, the fire control centre must be located within a dedicated, fire rated room in accordance with the requirements of BCA Specification 19 (previously Spec E1.8)

Further review will be undertaken to ensure compliance as the design develops.

## 9.10. Fire Precautions During Construction (BCA E1D16 (previously E1.9))

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After the building has reached an effective height of 12m, the following fire services are required to be operational:

- Required fire hydrants and fire hose reels on every storey covered by the roof/floor structure (except the 2 uppermost storeys); and
- Booster connections installed.

Due to the height of the building this will need to be considered and implemented during construction.

## 10. Health and Amenity

### 10.1. Stormwater Drainage (BCA Clause F1D3 (previously Clause F1.1))

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Stormwater drainage systems serving the building are to comply with AS3500.3 - 2018.

The use of a syphonic stormwater drainage system is not covered by Australian Standards and any design incorporating one would need an appropriate performance solution will need to be documented by the hydraulic consultant addressing the system compliance against BCA Performance Requirements F1P2 and F1P3 (prev. FP1.2 & FP1.3).

### 10.2. Surface Water Management (BCA Part F1)

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#### Exposed Joints

Exposed joints in the drainage surface on a roof, balcony, podium or similar horizontal surface part of a building must not be located beneath or run through a planter box, water feature or similar part of the building.

Joints are to be protected in accordance with Section 2.9 of AS 4654.2.

#### External Waterproofing Membranes

All external above ground areas (roof slabs, balconies etc.) shall be protected by a waterproofing system in accordance with AS4654 Parts 1 and 2 – 2012.

### 10.3. Floor Wastes (BCA Clause F2D4 (previously F1.11))

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Floor wastes to be provided within sanitary facility areas.

Floor wastes are required to be provided where wall hung urinals are provided and the floor shall be sloped towards these wastes.

Further review will be undertaken to ensure compliance as the design develops.

### 10.4. Roof & Wall Cladding (BCA Part F3 (previously Part F1))

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BCA 2022 has introduced some deemed to satisfy provisions that relate to the waterproofing of external walls. These provisions apply as follows:

- Masonry, including masonry veneer, unreinforced and reinforced masonry is to comply with AS 3700
- Autoclaved aerated concrete is to comply with AS 5146.3
- Metal wall cladding is to comply with AS 1562.1

Where the installation is not proposed to comply with the above, or a different material is proposed to be used, a performance solution can be utilised to demonstrate compliance.

Performance Requirement F3P1 (previously FP1.4) which relates to the prevention of the penetration of water through external walls, must be complied with. Where a performance solution is proposed, it is to be prepared by a suitably qualified professional (façade engineer with NER for structural engineering) that demonstrates that the external walls of the proposed building comply with Performance Requirement F3P1 (previously FP1.4) which reads as follows:

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

- a) *unhealthy or dangerous conditions, or loss of amenity for occupants; and*
- b) *undue dampness or deterioration of building elements.*

### **10.5. Wet Areas & Overflow Protection (BCA Part F2 (previously Part F1))**

Internal wet areas throughout the development (e.g. bathrooms, laundries) shall be waterproofed in accordance with AS3740 - 2010 requirements.

Further review will be undertaken as the design develops with respect to the specification of waterproofing membrane, provision of water-stops at doorways etc.

### **10.6. Sanitary Facilities (BCA F4D2, F4D3, F4D4, F4D5, F4D6 (previously F2.2 and F2.3))**

**Retail** - Separate sanitary facilities are required to be provided for male & female employees. In relation to the public, sanitary facilities are required to be provided either where more than 600 persons can be accommodated (standard shops) or for café / restaurant where there are more than 20 seats.

**Offices** - Separate sanitary facilities are required to be provided for male & female employees at a rate at the following.

The following table summarises the sanitary facilities provided for **office spaces**:

<b>Sanitary Facilities Required / Provided</b>			
	WC	Urinals	Basins
<b>Male</b>	3	3	2
<b>Female</b>	4	N/A	2
<b>Accessible</b>	1	N/A	1
The Above Facilities are adequate for 60 males & 60 females			

Detailed designs will need to be developed as to the layout, dimensions, etc of the sanitary facilities.

Note: The Unisex facilities provided for people with disabilities may be counted once for each sex. These facilities are to be provided in accordance with AS1428.1-2009.

#### *Bathroom Construction*

Where bathrooms or rooms containing water closets have the WC within 1200mm of the doorway, the door shall be either sliding, open outwards, or be provided with removable hinges.

**As the design develops and occupant loads is confirmed, a reassessment of sanitary facility distribution will need to be carried out.**

## 10.7. Light and Ventilation (BCA Part F6 (previously Part F4))

Natural Ventilation is required to be provided to rooms at a rate of 5% of the floor area in openings. Alternatively, mechanical ventilation is required in accordance with AS1668.2-2012

Artificial lighting complying with AS/NZS1680.0-2009 is to be incorporated with the final detailed design to be developed to confirm this.

These provisions also apply to areas considered as occupiable outdoor areas.

## 11. Energy Efficiency

### 11.1. SECTION J (JP1 Energy Efficiency)

Efficient energy use must be achieved appropriate to the function and use of the building, level of human comfort, solar radiation, energy source of the services and sealing of the building envelope. To achieve this JV1, JV2, JV3, JV4 and JV5 verification methods have been introduced as options available to achieve compliance.

It is noted that a deemed to satisfy pathway is still available.

The proposed site will be located in a climate zone 6.

Due to special nature of the building some energy provisions may not be appropriate.

Certification from an appropriately qualified engineer should be provided for either option with a report / computations outlining how compliance is achieved.

#### Verification Methods

The Verification Methods available to demonstrate compliance with the BCA on a performance basis are as follows:

#### J1V1 (previously JV1) NABERS Energy for Offices

- To achieve compliance with J1P1 (previously JP1) a class 5 building must achieve a minimum of 5.5 NABERS Energy for Offices Base Building Commitment Agreement.
- The energy model demonstrates the base buildings greenhouse gas emissions are not more than 67% of the 5.5 star level when excluding:
  - Tenant supplementary heating and cooling systems
  - External lighting; and
  - Car park services.
  - A thermal comfort level between predicted mean vote of -1 to +1 is achieved across not less than 95% of the floor area of all occupied zones for not less than 98% of annual hours of operation.
- The building also need to comply with additional requirements of Spec 33 (previously JVb).

The calculation method must comply with ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 140

#### J1V2 (previously JV3) Green Star

To achieve compliance with J1P1 (previously JP1) for Class 3,4,5,6, 7, 8, 9 and common area of Class 2 buildings Green Star can be used as a verification method when the calculation method complies with ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 140, Specification 34 (previously Spec JVb) and when:

- The building complies with simulation requirements and is registered for a Green Star – Design & As-Built rating; and
- The annual greenhouse gas emissions of the proposed building are less than 90% of the annual greenhouse gas emissions of the reference building; and
- In the proposed building, a thermal comfort level of between predicted mean vote of -1 to +1 is achieved across not less than 95% of the floor area of all occupied zones for not less than 98% of the annual hours of operation of the building; and

#### J1V3 (previously JV3) Verification Using a Reference Building

To achieve compliance with JP1 for Class 3,4,5,6, 7, 8, 9 and common area of Class 2 buildings verification using a reference building can be used when the calculation method complies with ANSI/ASHRAE Standard, Specification 34 (previously Spec JVb) and when:

- It is determined that the annual greenhouse gas emissions of the proposed building are not more than the annual greenhouse gas emissions of a reference building when
  - the proposed building is modelled with the proposed services; and
  - the proposed building is modelled with the same services as the reference building.
    - The proposed building thermal comfort level is to be between predicted mean vote of -1 to +1 across not less than 95% of the floor area of all occupied zones for not less than 98% of the annual hours of operation; and
    - The building achieves the additional requirements in Specification 33 (previously Spec JVa); and
    - The greenhouse gas emissions of the proposed building may be offset by renewable energy generated and use on site and another process such as reclaimed energy used on site.

#### J1V4 (previously JV4) Building Envelope Sealing

Compliance with J1P1(e) (previously JP1) and J1P2 (previously JP2) is verified for building envelope sealing when the envelope is sealed at an air. For a class 5 building other than a ward area in climate zones 1, 7 and 8, 5 m<sup>3</sup>/hr.m<sup>2</sup> at 50 Pa reference pressure; or

Part J3 and performance solution that uses one of the other NCC assessment Methods which verifies that compliance with JP1 (e) will be achieved can also be used as verification methods.

### **11.2. Building Fabric (Part J4 (previously Part J1))**

#### **Roof and Ceiling Construction (Part J4D4 (previously J1.3))**

For a deemed-to-satisfy solution roofs and or ceilings are to be constructed to provide a total R-Value greater than or equal to-

- (i) in climate zones 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, R3.7 for a downward direction of heat flow; and
- (ii) in climate zone 6, R3.2 for a downward direction of heat flow; and
- (iii) in climate zone 7, R3.7 for an upward direction of heat flow; and
- (iv) in climate zone 8, R4.8 for an upward direction of heat flow;

In climate zones 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, the solar absorptance of the upper surface of a roof must be not more than 0.45.

Where the layer of insulation is penetrated by the percentages as tabled below, additional upgrading of the remainder of the insulation level is required.

To achieve compliance with J0.2 (c) a roof that has a metal sheet roofing fixed to metal purlins, metal rafters or metal battens and does not have a ceiling lining or has a ceiling lining fixed directly to those metal purlins, metal

rafters or metal battens must have a thermal break. The thermal break to be consisting of a material with a R-Value of not less than R0.2, installed at all points of contact between the metal sheet roofing and its supporting metal purlins, metal rafters or metal battens.

### Roof lights (Part J4D5 (previously J1.4))

Where roof lights are installed they must have :-

- (a) a total area of not more than 5% of the floor area of the room or space served; and
- (b) transparent and translucent elements, including any imperforate ceiling diffuser, with a combined performance of:-
  - (i) for Total system SHGC, in accordance with the below table; and
  - (ii) for Total system U-value, not more than U3.9;

Roof light shaft index (see Note 1)	Total area of roof lights up to 3.5% of the floor area of the room or space	Total area of roof lights more than 3.5% and up to 5% of the floor area of the room or space
Less than 1.0	Not more than 0.45	Not more than 0.29
1.0 to less than 2.5	Not more or equal to than 0.51	Not more than 0.33
Greater than 2.5	Not more than or equal to 0.76	Not more than 0.49

### External Walls and Glazing (Part J4D6 (previously J1.5))

For walls and glazing construction the total system U-value must not be greater than-

- (i) for a Class 5 & 7, U2.0;

The total system U-value of wall-glazing construction should be calculated in accordance with Specification 37 (previously J1.5a).

Wall components of the wall-glazing construction must achieve a minimum total R-Value of R1.0 where the wall is less 80% if the area and reflect the value specified in Table J4D6a (previously J1.5a) where the wall is \*0% or more of the area.

There are further design parameters for display glazing and solar admittances for wall-glazing construction, both of which should comply with the relevant provisions of J4D6 (previously J1.5).

### Floors (Part J4D7 (previously J1.6))

Floors are to achieve an R rating of 2.0 for slab without in slab heating or cooling system and 3.25 for an in slab heating or cooling system.

## 11.3. Building sealing (Part J5 (previously J3))

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### Windows and Doors (Part J5D5 (previously J3.4))

- a) A door, openable window or the alike must be sealed –
  - (i) When forming part of the envelope; or
  - (ii) In climate zones 4,5,6,7 or 8
- b) The requirements of (a) do not apply to –

- (i) A window complying with AS2047; or
  - (ii) A fire door or smoke door; or
  - (iii) A roller shutter door, roller shutter grille or other security door or device installed only for out of house security
- c) A seal to restrict air infiltration –
- (i) For the bottom edge of a door, must be draft protection device; and
  - (ii) For the other edged of a door or the edges of an openable window or other such opening, may be a foam or rubber compression strip, fibrous seal or the like.
- d) An entrance to a building, if leading to a conditioned space must have an airlock, self-closing door, rapid roller door, revolving door or the like, other than –
- (i) When the conditioned space has a floor area of not more than 50m<sup>2</sup>; or
  - (ii) Where a café, restaurant, open front shop or the like has –
    - (A) A 3m deep un-conditioned zone between the main entrance, including an open front, and the conditioned space; and
    - (B) At all other entrances to the café, restaurant, open front shop or the like, self-closing doors.
  - (iii) A loading dock entrance, if leading to a conditioned space, must be fitted with a rapid roller door or the like

#### **Exhaust fans (Part J5D6 (previously J3.5))**

An exhaust fan must be fitted with a sealing device such as a self-closing damper or the like when serving a conditioned space or a habitable room in climate zones 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8.

#### **Construction of ceilings, walls and floors (Part J5D7 (previously J3.6))**

A seal to restrict air infiltration must be fitted to each edge of the external doors and openable windows. The seals may be foam or compressible strip, fibrous seal or the like. The main entry doors must have either an airlock, or self-closing doors, or a revolving door.

Ceilings, walls, floors and any openings such as a window frame, door frame, roof light frame or the like must be constructed to minimise air leakage in accordance with the below when forming part of –

- (i) The envelope; or
- (ii) In climate zones 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8

Construction required by above must be –

- (iii) Enclosed by internal lining systems that are close fittings at ceiling, wall and floor junctions; or
- (iv) Sealed at junctions and penetrations with –
  - (A) Close fitting architrave, skirting or cornice; or
  - (B) Expanding foam, rubber compressible strip, caulking or the like

The above does not apply to openings, grilles or the like required for smoke hazard management.

#### **Evaporative coolers (Part J5D8 (previously J3.7))**

An evaporative cooler must be fitted with a self-closing damper or the like –

- (a) When serving a heated space; or
- (b) In climate zones 4,5,6,7 or 8.

#### 11.4. Air Conditioning and Ventilation systems (Part J6 (previously J5))

Air conditioning and ventilation systems must be designed to comply with the following provisions:

- Be capable of being deactivated when the building or part of a building being served by that system is not occupied;
- Where motorised dampers are in place, they should close when the system is deactivated
- Where serving a sole-occupancy unit in a Class 3 building, must not operate when any external door of the sole-occupancy unit that opens to a balcony or the like, is open for more than one minute;
- Time switches should be provided to control an air-conditioning system of more than 2kW<sub>r</sub> and a heater of more than 1kW<sub>heating</sub> used for air-conditioning, and be capable of switching electric power on and off at variable pre-programmed times on variable pre-programmed days.
- Ductwork and fittings in an air-conditioning system should have insulation complying with AS/NZS 4859.1 and have an insulation R-Value greater than or equal to:-
  - for flexible ductwork R1.0; or
  - for cushion boxes, that of the connecting ductwork; or
  - That specified in Table J6D6 (previously J5.5)

Table J6D6 (previously Table J5.5)

Location of ductwork and fittings	Climate zone 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7	Climate zone 8
Within a conditioned space	1, 2	2.0
Where exposed to direct sunlight	3.0	3.0
All other locations	2.0	3.0

#### Mechanical:

- Be capable of being deactivated where the building or part of the building served by that system is not occupied
- Time switches must be provided to a mechanical ventilation system with an air flow rate of more than 1000 L/s, capable of switching electric power on and off at variable pre-programmed times and on variable pre-programmed days;

#### Heaters

A heater used for air-conditioning or as part of an air-conditioning system must be either a solar heater, gas heater, heat pump heaters, a heater using reclaimed heat or an electric heater.

A gas water heater, that is used as part of an air-conditioning system must:-

- (i) if rated to consume 500 MJ/hour of gas or less, achieve a minimum gross thermal efficiency of 86% ; or
- (ii) If rated to consume more than 500 MJ/hour of gas, achieve a minimum gross thermal efficiency of 90%

#### Refrigerant chillers

An air-conditioning system refrigerant chiller must comply with MEPS and the full load operation energy efficiency ratio and integrated part load energy efficiency ratio laid out under clause J5.10 of the BCA when determined in accordance with AHRI 551/591

## Unitary air-conditioning equipment

Unitary air-conditioning equipment including packaged air-conditioners, split systems, and variable refrigerant flow systems must comply with MEPS and for a capacity greater than or equal to 65 kW<sub>r</sub> –

- (a) Where water cooled, have a minimum energy efficiency ratio of  $4.0 W_r / W_{input\ power}$  for cooling when tested in accordance with AS/NZS 3823.1.2 at test condition T1, where input power includes both compressor and fan input power; or
- (b) Where air cooled, have a minimum energy efficiency ratio of  $2.9 W_r / W_{input\ power}$  for cooling when tested in accordance with AS/NZS 3823.1.2 at test condition T1, where input power includes both compressor and fan input power.

## **11.5. Artificial Lighting and Power (Part J6)**

### **Interior Artificial Lighting and Power Control (Part J6.2 & 6.3)**

In a sole-occupancy unit of a Class 2 building or Class 4 part the lamp power density/illumination power density of artificial lighting must not exceed the allowance of 5 W/m<sup>2</sup> within a sole-occupancy unit and 4 W/m<sup>2</sup> on a verandah, balcony or the like attached to a sole-occupancy unit.

In a building other than a sole-occupancy unit of a Class 2 building or a Class 4 building for artificial lighting, the aggregate design illumination power load must not exceed the sum of the allowances obtained by multiplying the area of each space by the maximum illumination power density below:-

The maximum illumination power density;

Common rooms, spaces and corridors in a Class 2 building	4.5W/m <sup>2</sup>
Stairways, including fire-isolated stairways	2W/m <sup>2</sup>
Toilet, locker room, staff room, rest room or the like	3W/m <sup>2</sup>
Lift cars	3W/m <sup>2</sup>
Service area, cleaner's room and the like	3W/m <sup>2</sup>
Control room, switch room or the like	
(A) intermittent monitoring	3W/m <sup>2</sup>
(B) Constant monitoring	4.5W/m <sup>2</sup>
Plant room:	
(A) Where an average of 160 lx vertical illuminance is required on a vertical panel such as in switch rooms	4W/m <sup>2</sup>
(B) With a horizontal illuminance target of 80 lx	2W/m <sup>2</sup>
Library:	
(A) Stack & shelving area	2.5W/m <sup>2</sup>
(B) Reading room & general areas	4.5W/m <sup>2</sup>
Office:	
(A) Artificially lit to an ambient level of 200 lx or more	4.5W/m <sup>2</sup>
(B) Artificially lit to an ambient level of less than 200 lx	2.5W/m <sup>2</sup>
Museum & gallery	2.5W/m <sup>2</sup>
Retail:	14W/m <sup>2</sup>
Corridors:	5W/m <sup>2</sup>
Common rooms, spaces & corridors in a Class 2 building	4.5W/m <sup>2</sup>
Lounge area for communal use in a Class 3 or 9c building	4.5W/m <sup>2</sup>

Dormitory of Class 3 building:	
(A) Used for sleeping only	3W/m <sup>2</sup>
(B) Used for sleeping & study	4W/m <sup>2</sup>
Storage	1.5W/m <sup>2</sup>
School:	4.5W/m <sup>2</sup>
Health Care:	
(A) Infants & children's wards & ED	4W/m <sup>2</sup>
(B) Exam room	4.5W/m <sup>2</sup>
(C) Exam room in intensive care & high dependency ward	6W/m <sup>2</sup>
(D) All other patient care areas inc wards & corridors	2.5W/m <sup>2</sup>
Kitchen and food preparation area:	4W/m <sup>2</sup>
Car parks:	
(A) General	2W/m <sup>2</sup>
(B) Entry zone (first 15m of travel during the daytime)	11.5W/m <sup>2</sup>
(C) Entry zone (next 4m of travel) during the day	2.5W/m <sup>2</sup>
(D) Entry zone (first 20m of travel) during nighttime	2.5W/m <sup>2</sup>
Auditoriums, church and public hall :	8W/m <sup>2</sup>
Restaurant, café, bar:	14W/m <sup>2</sup>

Artificial Lighting must be controlled by a time switch, other control device or a combination of both.

Each light control in a building must not operate lights within an area of more than;

- 250m<sup>2</sup> if in a Class 6 building or Class 8 laboratory
- Not operate lighting for an area more than -
  - a) 250m<sup>2</sup> for a space of not more than 2000m<sup>2</sup>;
  - b) 1000m<sup>2</sup> for a space of more than 2000m<sup>2</sup>
 if in a Class 3, 6, 7, 8 (other than a laboratory) or 9 building;
- 1000m<sup>2</sup> for a space of more than 2000m<sup>2</sup>

#### Interior decorative and display lighting

Interior decorative and display lighting, such as for a foyer mural or art display, must be controlled -

- Separately from other artificial lighting; and
- By a manual switch for each area other than when operating times of the displays are the same in a number of areas (e.g. where in a museum) in which case they may be combined; and
- By a time switch in accordance with Specification 40 (previously J6) where the display lighting exceeds 1 kW

Window display must be controlled separately from other display lighting exceeds 1kW.

#### Exterior artificial lighting

Artificial lighting attached to or directed at the façade of the building if it exceeds a total of 100W must;

- Use LED luminaires for 90% of the total lighting load; or
- Be controlled by a motion detector in accordance with Specification J6 of the BCA;

- When used for decorative purposes, such as façade lighting or signage lighting, have a separate switch in accordance with Specification J6.

### **Lifts (Part J7D8 (previously J6.7))**

Lifts must be configured to ensure artificial lighting and ventilation in the car are turned off when it is unused for 15 minutes and achieve the idle and standby energy performance level required, and the energy efficiency class under J7D8 (previously J6.7) of the BCA.

## **11.6. Energy Monitoring and On-Site Distributed Energy Resources (Part J9 (previously Part J8))**

### **Facilities for Energy Monitoring (J9D3 (previously J8.3))**

A building or sole-occupancy unit with a floor area of more than 500 m<sup>2</sup> must have energy meters configured to record the time-of-use consumption of gas and electricity.

A building with a floor area of more than 2 500 m<sup>2</sup> must have energy meters configured to enable individual time-of-use energy data recording, in accordance with the below, of—

- a) artificial lighting; and
- b) appliance power; and
- c) central hot water supply; and
- d) internal transport devices including lifts, escalators and moving walkways where there is more than one serving the building; and
- e) on-site renewable energy equipment; and
- f) on-site electric vehicle charging equipment; and
- g) on-site battery systems; and
- h) other ancillary plant.

Energy meters required by the above must be interlinked by a communication system that collates the time-of-use energy data to a single interface monitoring system where it can be stored, analysed and reviewed.

These provisions do not apply to energy meters serving—

- a) a Class 2 building where the total floor area of the common areas is less than 500 m<sup>2</sup>; or
- b) individual sole-occupancy units with a floor area of less than 2 500 m<sup>2</sup>

### **Facilities for Electric Vehicle Charging Equipment (Clause J9D4)**

A carpark associated with a Class 2, 3, 5, 6, 7b, 8 or 9 building must be provided with electrical distribution boards dedicated to electric vehicle charging in accordance with Table J9D4 in each storey of the carpark, and labelled to indicate use for electric vehicle charging equipment.

Electrical distribution boards dedicated to serving electric vehicle charging in a carpark must—

- a) be fitted with a charging control system with the ability to manage and schedule charging of electric vehicles in response to total building demand; and
- b) when associated with a Class 2 building, have capacity for each circuit to support an electric vehicle charger able to deliver a minimum of 12 kWh from 11:00 pm to 7:00 am daily; and
- c) when associated with a Class 5 to 9 building, have capacity for each circuit to support an electric vehicle charger able to deliver a minimum of 12 kWh from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm daily; and
- d) when associated with a Class 3 building, have capacity for each circuit to support an electric vehicle charger able to deliver a minimum of 48 kWh from 11:00 pm to 7:00 am daily; and
- e) be sized to support the future installation of a 7 kW (32 A) type 2 electric vehicle charger in—
  - i. 100% of the car parking spaces associated with a Class 2 building; or
  - ii. 10% of car parking spaces associated with a Class 5 or 6 building; or
  - iii. 20% of car parking spaces associated with a Class 3, 7b, 8 or 9 building; and

- f) contain space of at least 36 mm width of DIN rail per outgoing circuit for individual sub-circuit electricity metering to record electricity use of electric vehicle charging equipment; and
- g) be labelled to indicate the use of the space required by (f) is for the future installation of metering equipment.

These provisions do not apply to a stand-alone Class 7a building.

### **Facilities for Solar Photovoltaic and Battery Systems**

The main electrical switchboard of a building must—

- a) contain at least two empty three-phase circuit breaker slots and four DIN rail spaces labelled to indicate the use of each space for—
  - i. a solar photovoltaic system; and
  - ii. a battery system; and
- b) be sized to accommodate the installation of solar photovoltaic panels producing their maximum electrical output on at least 20% of the building roof area.

At least 20% of the roof area of a building must be left clear for the installation of solar photovoltaic panels, except for buildings—

- a) with installed solar photovoltaic panels on—
  - i. at least 20% of the roof area; or
  - ii. an equivalent generation capacity elsewhere on-site; or
- b) where 100% of the roof area is shaded for more than 70% of daylight hours; or
- c) with a roof area of not more than 55 m<sup>2</sup>; or
- d) where more than 50% of the roof area is used as a terrace, carpark, roof garden, roof light or the like.

The requirements do not apply to a building with solar photovoltaic panels installed on at least 20% of the roof area or to a building with battery systems installed.

## 12. Access for People with Disabilities

The development is required to comply with the accessibility provisions contained within:

- The Building Code of Australia 2022;
- Disability (Access to Premises – Buildings) Standards 2010;
- AS1428.1-2009 General Requirements for Access – New Building Work;
- AS1428.4.1 -2009 Tactile Ground Surface Indicators
- AS2890.6-2009 Car Parking for People with Disabilities

**Note:** With the introduction of the Commonwealth *Disability Discrimination Act (DDA)* in 1992 (enacted in 1993), all organisations have a responsibility to provide equitable and dignified access to goods, services and premises used by occupants. Organisations and individuals since its introduction, are required to work to the objects of the Act which are to eliminate, as far as possible, discrimination against persons on the ground of disability in the **areas of work, accommodation, education, access to premises, clubs and sports, and the provision of goods, facilities, services and land, existing laws and the administration of Commonwealth laws and programs.**

This report assesses against the requirements contained with the Building Code of Australia (and documents referred to therein) and is not considered to be a full assessment against the Disability Discrimination Act.

### 12.1. General Building Access Requirements (BCA D4D2 (previously D3.1))

Access for people with disabilities shall be provided to and within the building in accordance with the requirements of Clause D4D3, D4D4 and D4D5 (previously D3.2, D3.3 and D3.4) of the BCA 2022 and AS 1428.1. Parts of the building required to be accessible shall comply with the requirements of:-

- AS1428.1-2009 General Requirements for Access – New Building Work;
- AS1428.4.1 -2009 Tactile Ground Surface Indicators
- AS2890.6-2009 Car Parking for People with Disabilities

Access for persons with a disability is to be provided as follows:

#### Office/shops (Class 5/Class 6 buildings)

To and within all areas normally used by the occupants

#### Car parks (Class 7a buildings)

To and within any level containing accessible car parking spaces.

#### Warehouse and production/Manufacturing facilities

To and within all areas normally used by the occupants,

Where the uses of these areas could be deemed inappropriate, confirmation is required as the appropriateness of the areas in question by the owners or tenant. Where an exemption is sought from providing access under clause D4D5 (previously D3.4), this is to be applied for as part of the application for building work approval.

#### Assembly Halls/Sporting venues

To all required wheelchair seating spaces and to all areas normally used by occupants except tiers or seating areas or platforms not containing accessible wheelchair seating areas.

## **12.2. Provision for Access to Buildings (BCA Clause D4D3 (previously D3.2))**

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The BCA prescribes access to be provided to and within the building as follows:

- Via the principle pedestrian entry and at least 50% of all other entrances from the allotment boundary
- From designated car parking spaces for the use of occupants with a disability.
- From another accessible building connected by a pedestrian link.
- All areas used by the occupants.

In buildings over 500m<sup>2</sup> in floor area, a non-accessible entrance must not be located more than 50m from an accessible entrance.

Where a pedestrian entry contains multiple doors, the following is required;

- Entrance containing not more than 3 doors, at least one of the doorways must be accessible.
- Where an entrance contains more than 3 doors, not less than 50% of the doorways must be accessible.

A door is considered to be accessible if it is automatic (open and closing) or is more than 850mm in clear opening width and contains the required door circulation space.

## **12.3. Accessibility within Building (BCA Clause D4D4 (previously D3.3))**

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A building required to be accessible is required to be equipped with either a AS 1428.1 compliant lift or AS 1428.1 compliant ramp, (but the maximum vertical rise of a ramp must not exceed 3.6m).

Within the building the following are required;

- Door circulation space as per AS1428.1 Clause 13.3 and as attached in Appendix B;
- Doorways must have a clear opening of 850mm;
- Passing spaces (1.8m wide passages) must be provided at maximum of 20m intervals
- Within 2.0m of end access ways/corridors, turning areas spaces are required to be provided.
- Carpet pile height of not more than 11mm to an adjacent surface and backing <4mm
- Any glazing capable of being mistaken for a doorway or opening must be clearly marked (or contain chair rail, hand rail or transom as per AS 1288 requirements)

The design would generally comply with the prescriptive provisions of the BCA with additional ongoing review being undertaken as to door widths, circulation, etc. Further details are to be provided or access to these areas is to be assessed by an access consultant.

## **12.4. Car Parking (BCA Clause D4D6 (previously D3.5))**

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Accessible car parking spaces are required to comply with AS 2890.6-2009.

A 'shared zone' of minimum 5400mm x 2400mm is required adjacent to accessible car parking spaces, protected with a bollard.

## **12.5. Tactile Indicators (BCA Clause D4D9 (previously D3.8))**

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Tactile indicators are required to be provided to warn occupants of all stairs (except Fire Isolated stairs) and ramps regardless of public nature or private environment and where an overhead obstruction occurs less than 2.0m above the finished floor level.

## 12.6. Stairs (BCA Clause D4D4 (previously clause D3.3 inter Alia AS1428.1))

Stairs shall be constructed as follows:

- a) Where the intersection is at the property boundary, the stair shall be set back by a minimum of 900mm so that the handrail and TGSIs do not protrude into the transverse path of travel.
- b) Where the intersection is at an internal corridor, the stair shall be set back one tread width plus 300mm (nominally 700mm as per AS 1428.1-2009 Fig 26(b)), so the handrails do not protrude into transverse path of travel.
- c) Stairs shall have opaque risers.
- d) Stair nosing shall not project beyond the face of the riser and the riser may be vertical or have a splay backwards up to a maximum 25mm.
- e) Stair nosing profiles shall;
  - Have a sharp intersection;
  - Be rounded up to 5mm radius; or
  - Be chamfered up to 5mm x 5mm
- f) All stairs, including fire isolated stairs shall, at the nosing of each tread have a strip not less than 50mm and not more than 75mm deep across the full width of the path of travel. The strip may be set back a maximum of 15mm from the front of the nosing. The strip shall have a minimum luminance contrast of 30% to the background. Where the luminous contrasting strip is affixed to the surface of the tread, any change in level shall not exceed a difference of 5mm.

## 12.7. Accessible Sanitary Facilities (BCA Clause F4D5, F4D6, F4D7 (previously F2.4))

### *Unisex Accessible Sanitary Facilities*

An accessible unisex sanitary facility must be located so that it can be entered without crossing an area reserved for one sex only and provided in accordance with AS 1428.1-2009 and must contain a closet pan, washbasin, shelf or bench top and adequate means of disposal of sanitary products and as per following.

Building Type	Minimum accessible unisex sanitary compartments to be provided
Office, industrial, assembly building, schools, health care except for within a ward area of a Class 9a health-care building	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) 1 on every storey containing sanitary compartments; and</li> <li>b) Where a storey has more than 1 bank of sanitary compartments containing male and female sanitary compartments, at not less than 50% of those banks.</li> </ol>

### *Ambulant Facilities*

At each bank of toilets where there is one or more toilets in addition to an accessible unisex sanitary compartment, a sanitary compartment suitable for a person with an ambulant disability in accordance with AS 1428.1-2009 must be provided for use by males and females.

Where male sanitary facilities are provided at a separate location to female sanitary facilities, accessible unisex sanitary facilities are only required at one of those locations.

## **12.8. Signage (BCA Clause D4D7 (previously D3.6))**

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As part of the detailed design package, specifications will need to be developed indicating:

- Sanitary Facility Identification Signs (note that they are to comply with BCA Specification 15 (previously Spe. D3.6) and include the use of Braille, Tactile, etc and be placed on the wall on the latch side of the facility);
- Directional / Way Finding signs to the Lifts, Sanitary Facilities, etc;
- Hearing Augmentation System;
- Identify each door required by BCA Clause E4D5 (previously E4.5) to be provided with an exit sign, stating 'EXIT' and 'Level' number
- Braille and tactile signs must be illuminated to ensure *luminance contrast* requirements are met at all times during which the sign is required to be read.

## **12.9. Hearing Augmentation (BCA Clause D4D8 (previously D3.7))**

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A hearing augmentation system shall be installed throughout the building in accordance with the requirements of Clause D4D8 (previously D3.7) of the BCA, where ever in a 9b building, auditorium conference room, meeting room etc. contain a PA system not used for emergency purposed or any ticket office or teller's booth or reception where the public is screened from the service provider.

## **12.10. Lifts (BCA Clause E3D7, E3D8 (previously E3.6))**

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Lifts compliant to BCA E3D7, E3D8, and E3D9 (previously E3.6, E3.7) must be provided, where required to be provided, with a minimum size of 1400 x 1600mm or 1100mm x 1400mm (whichever is appropriate) in size – with appropriate handrails and auditory commands.

## 13. Appendix A - Reference Documentation

The following documentation was used in the assessment and preparation of this report:

Drawing No.	Title	Revision	Date	Prepared By
ARC-NXT- DRG-00000-3000	Overall Plan-Building A Ground Floor	CP01	22/03/2024	HDR
ARC-NXT- DRG-00000-3001	Overall Plan-Building A Level 01_Building B Basement Floor	CP01	22/03/2024	HDR
ARC-NXT- DRG-00000-3002	Overall Plan-Building A Level 02_Building B Ground Floor	CP01	22/03/2024	HDR
ARC-NXT- DRG-00000-3003	Overall Plan-Building A Level 03	CP01	22/03/2024	HDR
ARC-NXT- DRG-00000-3004	Overall Plan-Building A Level 04_Building B Level 01	CP01	22/03/2024	HDR
ARC-NXT- DRG-00000-3005	Overall Plan-Building A Level 05	CP01	22/03/2024	HDR
ARC-NXT- DRG-00000-3006	Overall Plan-Building A Level 06_Building B Level 02	CP01	22/03/2024	HDR
ARC-NXT- DRG-00000-3007	Overall Plan-Building A Level 07	CP01	22/03/2024	HDR
ARC-NXT- DRG-00000-3008	Overall Plan-Building A Level 08_Building B Level 03	CP01	22/03/2024	HDR
ARC-NXT- DRG-00000-3009	Overall Plan-Building A Level 09	CP01	22/03/2024	HDR
ARC-NXT- DRG-00000-3010	Overall Plan-Building A Level 10_Building B Level 04	CP01	22/03/2024	HDR
ARC-NXT- DRG-00000-3011	Overall Plan-Building A Level 11	CP01	22/03/2024	HDR
ARC-NXT- DRG-00000-3012	Overall Plan-Building A Level 12_Building B Level 05	CP01	22/03/2024	HDR
ARC-NXT- DRG-00000-3013	Overall Plan-Building A Level 13	CP01	22/03/2024	HDR
ARC-NXT- DRG-00000-3014	Overall Plan-Building A Level 14_Building B Level 06	CP01	22/03/2024	HDR
ARC-NXT- DRG-00000-3015	Overall Plan-Building A Roof Level_Building B Level 07	CP01	22/03/2024	HDR
ARC-NXT- DRG-00000-3016	Overall Plan – Roof Plan	CP01	22/03/2024	HDR
ARC-NXT- DRG-00000-6000	Master Plan – Longitudinal Section-Sheet1	CP01	22/03/2024	HDR
ARC-NXT- DRG-00000-6001	Master Plan – Longitudinal Section-Sheet2	CP01	22/03/2024	HDR

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ARC-NXT- DRG-00000-6002	Master Plan – Cross Sections	CP01	22/03/2024	HDR
ARC-NXT- DRG-00000-7001	Overall Elevations – Sheet 1	CP01	22/03/2024	HDR
ARC-NXT- DRG-00000-7002	Overall Elevations – Sheet 2	CP01	22/03/2024	HDR
ARC-NXT- DRG-00000-7003	Overall Elevations – Sheet 3	CP01	22/03/2024	HDR
ARC-NXT- DRG-A0101-3020	Building (A) GA Plan – Ground Floor Plan	CP01	22/03/2024	HDR

## 14. Appendix B - Draft Fire Safety Schedule

	Essential Fire Safety Measures	Standard of Performance
1.	Access Panels, Doors and Hoppers	BCA 2022 Clause C4D14
2.	Automatic Fail Safe Devices	BCA 2022 Clause D3D24 & D3D26
3.	Automatic Smoke Detection and Alarm System	BCA 2022 Clause E2D3, E2D5, E2D7, E2D8, E2D9, E2D10, E2D11, E2D13, E2D14, E2D15, E2D16, E2D17, E2D19, E2D20, Spec 20 Clause S20C3/S20C4/S20C5, AS 1670.1 – 2018, AS/NZS 1668.1 – 2015, AS 3786-2014
4.	Automatic Fire Suppression System	BCA 2022 Clause C3D4, E1D5, E1D6, E1D7, E1D8, E1D9, E1D10, E1D11, E1D13, E2D8, E2D9, E2D10, E2D11, E2D13, E2D14, E2D15, E2D16, E2D17, E2D19, E2D20, G3D8, Spec 17, Spec 31 & AS 2118.1 – 2017 Amdt 1 & 2, AS 2118.6 – 2012 (Combined sprinkler & hydrant)
5.	Building Occupant Warning System activated by the Sprinkler System	BCA 2022 Spec 17 & Spec 20 Clause S20C7 & AS 1670.1 – 2015 – Clause 3.22
6.	Emergency Lifts	BCA 2022 Clause E3D5 & AS 1735.2 - 2001
7.	Emergency Lighting	BCA 2022 Clause E4D2, E4D4 & AS/NZS 2293.1 – 2018
8.	EWIS	BCA 2022 Clause E4D9 & AS 1670.4 - 2018
9.	Emergency Evacuation Plan	Fire Engineering Report XXXX Revision XX prepared by XXXX dated XXXX and AS 3745 – 2002
10.	Exit Signs	BCA 2022 Clauses E4D5, E4D6 & E4D8 and AS/NZS 2293.1 – 2018
11.	Fire Control Centres and Rooms	BCA 2022 Spec. 19
12.	Fire Dampers	BCA 2022 Clause C3D13, C4D15, Spec 11, D2D12, E2D3, E2.3, F4.12, Spec E2.2, E2D21, Spec 21, Spec 31 & AS 1668.1 – 2015
13.	Fire Doors	BCA 2022 Clause C4D3, C4D5, C4D6, C4D7, C4D8 & C4D9 and AS 1905.1 – 2015
14.	Fire Hose Reels	BCA 2022 Clause E1D3 & AS 2441 – 2005 Amdt 1
15.	Fire Hydrant System	BCA 2022 Clause C3D13, E1D2, Spec 18, I3D9 & AS 2419.1 – 2021
16.	Fire Seals	BCA 2022 Clause C4D15, C4D16, Spec 13, Spec 14, & AS 1530.4 –2014
17.	Fire Shutters	BCA 2022 C4D5, Spec 12 & AS 1905.2 – 2005
18.	Fire Windows	BCA 2022 C4D5, Spec 12
19.	Lightweight Construction	BCA 2022 Clause C2D9, Spec 6
20.	Mechanical Air Handling System	BCA 2022 Clause E2D3, E2D4, E2D6, E2D7, E2D8, E2D9, E2D10, E2D11, E2D12, E2D13, E2D14, E2D15, E2D16, E2D17, E2D18, E2D19, E2D20, G3D8, Spec 21, AS/NZS 1668.1 – 2015 & AS 1668.2 – 2012
21.	Portable Fire Extinguishers	BCA 2022 Clause E1D14 & I3D11, AS 2444 – 2001

	<b>Essential Fire Safety Measures</b>	<b>Standard of Performance</b>
22.	Pressurising Systems	BCA 2022 Clause E2D3, E2D4, E2D6, E2D7, E2D9, E2D11, E2D12 & AS/NZS 1668.1 – 2015
23.	Smoke Alarms	BCA 2022 Spec 20 & AS 3786 - 2014
24.	Smoke and/or Heat Alarm System	BCA 2022 Spec 20 & AS 3786 – 2014
25.	Smoke Dampers	BCA 2022 Clause E2D3, E2D21, Spec 21, Spec 31 & AS/NZS 1668.1 – 2015
26.	Smoke Doors	BCA 2022 Spec 11
27.	Solid Core Doors	BCA 2022 Clause C4D12
28.	Stand-by Power System	BCA 2022 Clause G3D8, Spec 31
29.	Warning and Operational Signs	BCA 2022 Clause C4D7, D2.23, E3D4, AS 1905.1 –2015

## 15. Appendix C - Fire Resistance Levels

The table below represents the Fire resistance levels required in accordance with BCA 2022:

### Type A Construction

Table S5C11a: Type A Construction: FRL of loadbearing parts of external walls

Distance from a fire source feature	FRL (in minutes): Structural Adequacy/ Integrity/ Insulation			
	Class 2,3 or 4 part	Class 5, 7a or 9	Class 6	Class 7b or 8
Less than 1.5m	90/90/90	120/120/120	180/180/180	240/240/240
1.5 to less than 3m	90/60/30	120/90/90	180/180/120	240/240/180
3m or more	90/60/30	120/60/30	180/120/90	240/180/90

Table S5C11b: Type A Construction: FRL of non-loadbearing parts of external walls

Distance from a fire source feature	FRL (in minutes): Structural Adequacy/ Integrity/ Insulation			
	Class 2,3 or 4 part	Class 5, 7a or 9	Class 6	Class 7b or 8
Less than 1.5m	-/90/90	-/120/120	-/180/180	-/240/240
1.5 to less than 3m	-/60/60	-/90/90	-/180/120	-/240/180
3m or more	-/-/-	-/-/-	-/-/-	-/-/-

Table S5C11c: Type A Construction: FRL of external columns non incorporated in an external wall

Column type	FRL (in minutes): Structural Adequacy/ Integrity/ Insulation			
	Class 2,3 or 4 part	Class 5, 7a or 9	Class 6	Class 7b or 8
Loadbearing	90/-/-	120/-/-	180/-/-	240/-/-
Non-loadbearing	-/-/-	-/-/-	-/-/-	-/-/-

Table S5C11d: Type A Construction: FRL of common walls and fire walls

Wall type	FRL (in minutes): Structural Adequacy/ Integrity/ Insulation			
	Class 2,3 or 4 part	Class 5, 7a or 9	Class 6	Class 7b or 8
Loadbearing or non-loadbearing	90/90/90	120/120/120	180/180/180	240/240/240

Table S5C11e: Type A Construction: FRL of loadbearing internal walls

Location	FRL (in minutes): Structural Adequacy/ Integrity/ Insulation			
	Class 2,3 or 4 part	Class 5, 7a or 9	Class 6	Class 7b or 8
Fire-resisting lift and stair shafts	90/90/90	120/120/120	180/120/120	240/120/120

Bounding public corridors, public lobbies and the like	90/90/90	120/-/-	180/-/-	240/-/-
Between or bounding sole-occupancy units	90/90/90	120/-/-	180/-/-	240/-/-
Ventilating, pipe, garbage, and like shafts not used for the discharge of hot products of combustion	90/90/90	120/90/90	180/120/120	240/120/120

Table S5C11f: Type A Construction: FRL of non-loadbearing internal walls

Location	FRL (in minutes): Structural Adequacy/ Integrity/ Insulation			
	Class 2,3 or 4 part	Class 5, 7a or 9	Class 6	Class 7b or 8
Fire-resisting lift and stair shafts	-/90/90	-/120/120	-/120/120	-/120/120
Bounding public corridors, public lobbies and the like	-/60/60	-/-/-	-/-/-	-/-/-
Between or bounding sole-occupancy units	-/60/60	-/-/-	-/-/-	-/-/-
Ventilating, pipe, garbage, and like shafts not used for the discharge of hot products of combustion	-/90/90	-/90/90	-/120/120	-/120/120

Table S5C11g: Type A Construction: FRL of other building elements not covered by Tables S5C11a to S5C11f

Location	FRL (in minutes): Structural Adequacy/ Integrity/ Insulation			
	Class 2,3 or 4 part	Class 5, 7a or 9	Class 6	Class 7b or 8
Other loadbearing internal walls, internal beams, trusses and columns	90/-/-	120/-/-	180/-/-	240/-/-
Floors	90/90/90	120/120/120	180/180/180	240/240/240
Roofs	90/60/30	120/60/30	180/60/30	240/90/60

### (3) Carparks

For building elements in a carpark as described in (1) and (2), the following minimum FRLs are applicable:

- a) External wall:
- i. Less than 3 m from a fire-source feature to which it is exposed:
    - A. Loadbearing: 60/60/60.
    - B. Non-loadbearing: -/60/60.

- ii. 3 m or more from a fire-source feature to which it is exposed: -/-/-.
- b) Internal wall:
- i. Loadbearing, other than one supporting only the roof (not used for carparking): 60/-/-.
  - ii. Supporting only the roof (not used for carparking): -/-/-.
  - iii. Non-loadbearing: -/-/-.
- c) Fire wall:
- i. From the direction used as a carpark: 60/60/60.
  - ii. From the direction not used as a carpark: as required by Tables S5C11a to S5C11g.
- d) Columns:
- i. Supporting only the roof (not used for carparking) and 3 m or more from a fire-source feature to which it is exposed: -/-/-.
  - ii. Steel column, other than one covered by (i) and one that does not support a part of a building that is not used as a carpark—
    - A. 60/-/-; or
    - B. an ESA/M of not greater than 26m<sup>2</sup>/tonne.
  - iii. Any other column not covered by (i) or (ii): 60/-/-.
- e) Beams:
- i. Steel floor beam in continuous contact with a concrete floor slab
    - A. 60/-/-; or
    - B. an ESA/M of not greater than 30m<sup>2</sup>/tonne.
  - ii. Any other beam: 60/-/-.
- f) Fire-resisting lift and stair shaft (within the carpark only): 60/60/60.
- g) Floor slab and vehicle ramp: 60/60/60.
- h) Roof (not used for carparking): -/-/-.
- (4) For the purposes of subclause (3):
- a) ESA/M means the ratio of exposed surface area to mass per unit length.
  - b) Refer to Specification 17 for special requirements for a sprinkler system in a carpark complying with (3) and (b) located within a multi-classified building.