



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



The Secretary
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Your Ref: SSD 6395
Our Ref: D17/891
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ATTENTION: Melissa Anderson

19 December 2018

Dear Ms Anderson

Agency Comment:- Bobs Farm Sand Mine Environmental Impact Statement; Nelson Bay Road Bobs Farm

I refer to NSW Planning and Environment correspondence dated 22 November 2018 seeking comment from the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) on bush fire matters included in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the above State Significant Development proposal.

The subject land is mapped bush fire prone land by Port Stephens Shire Council. The NSW RFS has reviewed the EIS for the proposed sand quarry the NSW RFS understands the application will include:

- *Establishing a quarry to extract and process sand at a rate of 750,000 tonnes per annum, from a total resource of 10 million tonnes; and*
- *Constructing extractive materials processing and transport infrastructure; and*
- *Transporting extractive materials off-site via public road; and*
- *Site rehabilitation; and*
- *Options for final landform and land use incorporating an internal water body that would be used for a tourist facility or a solar energy farm, post mining.*

The NSW RFS has no objection to the project proceeding and provides the following recommended conditions to be included in any consent granted:

1. A Fire Management Plan (FMP) shall be prepared in consultation with NSW RFS Lower Hunter Fire Control Centre. The FMP shall include:
 - 24 hour emergency contact details including alternative telephone contact;
 - Site infrastructure plan;
 - Fire fighting water supply plan;
 - Site access and internal road plan;
 - Construction of Asset Protection Zones (APZ) and their continued maintenance;
 - Location of hazards (Physical, Chemical and Electrical) that will affect fire fighting operations and procedures to manage identified hazards during fire fighting operations;
 - Such additional matters as required by the NSW RFS District Office (FMP review and updates).

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2. A 20,000 litre water supply (tank) fitted with a 65mm storz fitting shall be located adjoining the internal property access road.

3. To allow for emergency service personnel to undertake property protection activities, a 10 metre defensible space (APZ) that permits a minimum 4 metre wide, unobstructed vehicle access is to be provided around the perimeter of the active mining operations and associated infrastructure.

For any enquiries regarding this correspondence, please contact Alan Bawden on 6691 0400.

Yours sincerely



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The RFS has made getting information easier. For general information on 'Planning for Bush Fire Protection, 2006', visit the RFS web page at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au and search under 'Planning for Bush Fire Protection, 2006'.