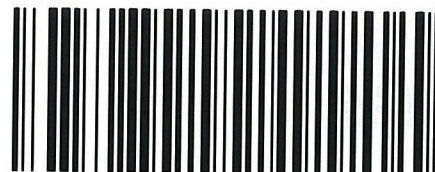




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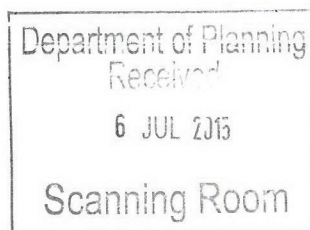
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Your reference: SSD 6875
Our reference: D15/1327

26 June 2015

Attention: Matthew Sprott

Dear Sir/Madam,



SSD 6875 - Drayton South Coal Project – Request for Submissions

Reference is made to your correspondence dated 15 May 2015 seeking comment regarding bush fire planning and protection in relation to the above proposal in accordance with Section 89F of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

The New South Wales Rural Fire Service provides the following recommendations:

Asset Protection Zones

Sufficient space must be provided for fire fighters and other emergency services personnel during a fire event, ensuring radiant heat levels permit operations while supporting or evacuating staff and occupants. Therefore, at the commencement of works, and in perpetuity, a 100m Asset Protection Zone (APZ) shall be provided around the subject development. Particularly, the property around all structures and central mining operations shall be maintained as an inner protection area (IPA) to a distance of 70 metres, with an additional 30 metres maintained as an outer protection area (OPA). The whole APZ is recommended to be managed as outlined within section 4.1.3 and Appendix 5 of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2006* and the NSW Rural Fire Service's document *Standards for asset protection zones*.

Property Access

To ensure safe access to and from the public road system for fire fighters providing property protection during a bush fire and for staff faced with evacuation, property access roads shall comply with section 4.1.3 (2) of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2006*.

Water Provision

No evidence has been provided that indicate a reticulated water supply will be connected to the site. Therefore, a dedicated 20 000L water supply is to be provided for fire fighting purposes. The water source should be located within the inner protection area (IPA) and have a hardened ground surface for truck access supplied up to and within 4 metres of the water source.

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Emergency and Evacuation

In recognition of the isolated location of the development, an emergency/evacuation plan is to be prepared consistent with the NSW Rural Fire Service document *Guidelines for the Preparation of Emergency/Evacuation plan*.

Based upon an assessment of the information provided, and acceptance of the above recommendations, the New South Wales Rural Fire Service raises no objection to the proposal.

If you have any queries regarding this advice please contact Aaron Howard, Development Assessment and Planning Officer, on 1300 NSW RFS.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Iona Cameron', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Iona Cameron
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