



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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Your reference: SSI-22338205
Our reference: DA20220421007218-CL55-1

ATTENTION: Jess Fountain

Date: Wednesday 1 March 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

Development Application

Other - Other Assessment - Other

Submissions Report and an Amendment Report - Kurri Kurri Pipeline Project CESSNOCK NSW, 1//DP370470

I refer to your correspondence regarding the above proposal which was received by the NSW Rural Fire Service on 04/10/2022.

Asset Protection Zones

The intent of measure is to minimise the risk of bush fire attack and provide protection for emergency services personnel and others assisting firefighting activities

1. From the start of building works, the land around the Jemena Gas Network Off-take Facility infrastructure as well as around the Compressor and Delivery Station infrastructure must be managed as an inner protection area (IPA) for a distance of 10 metres, except where limited by property boundaries, in accordance with the requirements of Appendix 4 of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019*.

When establishing and maintaining an inner protection area, the following requirements apply:

- tree canopy cover should be less than 15% at maturity;
- trees at maturity should not touch or overhang the building;
- lower limbs should be removed up to a height of 2 m above the ground;
- tree canopies should be separated by 2 to 5 m;
- preference should be given to smooth-barked and evergreen trees;
- large discontinuities or gaps in the shrubs layer should be provided to slow down or break the progress of fire towards buildings;
- shrubs should not be located under trees;
- shrubs should not form more than 10% ground cover;
- clumps of shrubs should be separated from exposed windows and doors by a distance of at least twice the height of the vegetation;
- grass should be kept mown (as a guide, grass should be kept to no more than 100mm in height); and
- leaves and vegetation debris should be removed regularly.

Emergency Management Planning

The intent of measure is to provide suitable emergency and evacuation arrangements for occupants of SFPP developments.

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2. A Bush Fire Emergency Management and Operations Plan must be developed, identifying all relevant risk and mitigation measures associated with the construction and operation of the pipeline and related infrastructure.

This must include the following:

- detailed measures to prevent or mitigate fires igniting;
- work that should not be carried out during total fire bans;
- availability of fire-suppression equipment, access and water;
- storage and maintenance of fuels and other flammable materials;
- notification of the local NSW RFS Fire Control Centre for any works that have the potential to ignite surrounding vegetation, proposed to be carried out during a bush-fire fire danger period to ensure weather conditions are appropriate; and
- appropriate bush fire emergency management planning

For any queries regarding this correspondence, please contact Nicole Van Dorst on 1300 NSW RFS.

Yours sincerely,

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