



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



The Secretary
NSW Planning & Environment
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Your Ref: SSD 9103
Our Ref: D18/627
DA18071814060 PC

ATTENTION: Teresa Gizzi

14 August 2018

Dear Ms Gizzi,

New Macksville Hospital - Old Coast Road, Macksville (SSD 9103) - exhibition

I refer to your correspondence dated 16 July 2018 seeking comments from the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) regarding exhibition of the Environmental Impact Statement for the above development proposal.

The NSW RFS has considered the information submitted and advises that further information or clarification is required with respect to the following matters:

- Further details are required regarding revegetation / landscaping (existing or proposed) of the land between the hospital site boundary and the newly constructed Pacific Highway and an assessment of this vegetation in accordance with 'Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2006', if applicable.
- A plan is required showing all areas proposed to be managed as an asset protection zone.
- The applicant is required to clarify access arrangements and the extent to which the access complies with the requirements of 'Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2006', including the following:
 - the southern access road from Letitia Close is >100 metres in length from a public through road;
 - details of the 'fire service road' off the north-west corner of the car park are required; and
 - the extent of landscaping along the access roads and measures to reduce the impact of grass fire and/or bush fire.
- Clarification of the proposed fire fighting water supply for the development.

It should also be noted that areas identified on the Site Plan (Ref: SSD-MHR-0400 / 05) as 'future expansion' have not been assessed as part of this proposal and will require a separate bush fire assessment at the time of construction.

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Recommended approval conditions have not been provided at this stage as it is understood that a further opportunity to provide recommendations will be available following referral of the applicant's response to submissions.

For any queries regarding this correspondence, please contact Paul Creenaune on 6691 0400.

Yours sincerely,



Alan Bawden

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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'.