

**NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE** 



Director of Infrastructure Department of Planning and Environment GPO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001 Your reference: Our reference: DIS/0001 EDIS/020730

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Dear Sir/Madam

## Northern Beaches Hospital Road Connectivity and Network Enhancement Project – Stage 2

Reference is made to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment notification that the Environmental Impact Statement for Stage 2 Network Enhancement Project is on display and that the Department is seeking feedback for this proposal.

In this regard the NSW Rural Fire Service would like to advise that it supports the connection to and from Aquatic Drive with Wakehurst Parkway. The completion of Aquatic Drive as a through road will improve the vehicular access for fire fighters and the egress for residents, employees and visitors during a bush fire emergency.

Large sections of land adjoining Aquatic Drive is mapped as Bush Fire Prone Land. This road provides vehicular access for several vulnerable developments and other traffic generating sites such as the Aquatic Centre. Currently there is only a single point of entry to Aquatic Drive at the intersection with Allambie Road which may be congested during peak usage and thereby reducing response times for fire fighters and impede evacuation.

For any enquires regarding this correspondence please contact Garth Bladwell on 1300 NSW RFS.

Yours sincerely

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