



## NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



The Secretary  
NSW Planning & Environment  
GPO Box 39  
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Your Ref: MP 06\_0258 (Mod 10)  
Our Ref: D16/0555  
DA16022300836 PC

**ATTENTION:** Emma Butcher

30 November 2017

Dear Ms Butcher,

### **MP 06\_0258 (Mod 10) – Casuarina Town Centre**

I refer to your correspondence dated 17 November 2017 seeking comments from the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) with respect to the Applicant's Response to Submissions for the above development.

The NSW RFS notes that the Applicant has included a preliminary bush fire threat assessment in the response to submissions. However, the NSW RFS is not in a position to properly assess the application as submitted on the basis of the information provided. In this regard, the following comments are provided with respect to the preliminary bush fire threat assessment:

- The report identifies coastal dune vegetation to the east as being within 140 metres of the site but does not include this vegetation in the bush fire threat assessment. The coastal dune vegetation is mapped as bush fire prone land and should be assessed.
- The assessment relies on management of the coastal reserve (Lot 13 DP 1014470 – between the site and the coastal dune vegetation) by Tweed Shire Council. It is noted that the coastal reserve is currently the subject to a draft Plan of Management which is on public exhibition by Tweed Shire Council. The draft Plan of Management does not identify the area to the east of proposed Lots 85 – 91 as being an asset protection zone or include specific management provisions regarding the ongoing management of this area as an inner protection area. Further details are required to establish the provision of a suitable asset protection zone to the east of proposed Lots 85 – 91.
- Confirmation is required as to whether the landscaping shown on Lot 13 DP 1014470 forms part of the proposed development or is indicative only.
- The report has not discussed the lack of a perimeter road for proposed Lots 85 – 91 with respect to the requirements of 'Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2006'.

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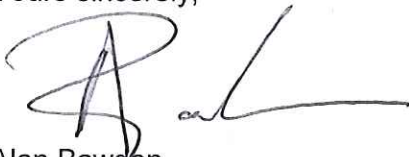
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From the receipt of the required information the NSW RFS will respond with its recommendations within 14 days.

If additional information is not received within 100 days the application will be refused on the basis of requested information not provided. A formal request for re-assessment would be required after this time.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Alan Bawden', with a stylized 'A' and 'B'.

Alan Bawden

**Team Leader – Development Assessment & Planning**

*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](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au) and search under 'Planning for Bush Fire Protection, 2006'.*