



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

Department of Planning and Environment (Sydney Offices)
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Your reference: SSI-7614
Our reference: DA20210826003618-Original-1

ATTENTION: Mark Wisely

Date: Wednesday 8 September 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

Development Application

s4.15 - Other - Waste or resource management facility

Merimbula Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrade & Ocean Outfall - ARTHUR KAINE DRIVE MERIMBULA NSW, 320//DP750227, 101//DP1201186, 1//DP853245, 2//DP853245, 1//DP861737, 2//DP861737, 355//DP41837, 7308//DP1167035, 7307//DP1167035

I refer to your correspondence dated 24/08/2021 seeking advice regarding bush fire protection for the above Development Application in accordance with section 4.15 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

The New South Wales Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) has considered the information submitted and provides the following recommended conditions:

General Conditions

The New South Wales Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) has considered the information submitted and notes that the infrastructure has the potential to increase the level of bush fire risk within the landscape and, may be impacted upon during a bush fire event. As such, the Review of Submissions for the land-based components of the upgrade proposal should address the following bush fire criteria:

- The aims and objectives of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019*;
- Essential equipment should be designed and housed in such a way as to minimise the impact of bush fires on the capabilities of the infrastructure during bush fire emergencies;
- Essential equipment should also be designed and maintained so that it will not serve as a bush fire risk to the surrounding bushland;
- A Bush Fire Emergency Management and Operations Plan should identify all relevant risks and mitigation measures associated with the construction and operation of the STP. This should include:
 - detailed measures to prevent or mitigate fire igniting;
 - works that should not be carried out during total fire bans;
 - availability of fire-suppression equipment and access to water;
 - storage and maintenance of fuels and other flammable materials;

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- 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 Anna Jones on 1300 NSW RFS.

Yours sincerely,

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