



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



Director General
Department of Planning & Environment
GPO Box 39
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Your reference: SSD 6764
Our reference: S14/0030

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Attention: Matthew Riley

Dear Sir/Madam

State Significant Development Application for Wilpinjong Extension Project

Reference is made to your correspondence dated 16 February 2016 seeking comments regarding bush fire protection for the above application.

The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) notes that the proposal seeks to extend Wilpinjong Coal Mine including both physical extensions to the mine footprint and an extension to the approved life of the mine.

The following comments regarding bush fire protection are provided:

- Any future construction or relocation of infrastructure and supporting facilities located within 100 metres from bush fire prone vegetation retained on site or off site needs to consider the bush fire risk posed by the unmanaged vegetation and address the provision of adequate bush fire protection measures including Asset Protection Zones (APZs) to minimise the risk in accordance with *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2006*.
- The preparation or updating of a Bush Fire Risk Management and Emergency/Evacuation Plan is recommended for the subject site. The emergency/evacuation plan shall include the proposed extension to the existing mine and relocation/rehabilitation of vegetation and shall be consistent with the NSW Rural Fire Service document *Guidelines for the Preparation of Emergency/Evacuation plan*.

For any queries regarding this correspondence please contact Matthew Apps on 1300 NSW RFS.

Yours sincerely

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