

## Zoe Halpin

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### SSD-9691 Orica Southlands Warehouse Estate proposal: Exhibition of EIS

Dear Zoe,

In regards to your email correspondence dated the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2020, Fire & Rescue NSW confirms receipt of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Orica Southlands Warehouse Estate (SSD 9691) – 28 McPherson Street, Banksmeadow.

It has been the experience of FRNSW that large isolated buildings (warehouses) pose unique challenges to firefighters when responding to and managing an incident. Factors such as high and potentially hazardous fuel loads, facility layout, and design of fire safety systems have a significant impact on the ability to conduct firefighting operations safely and effectively. Consultation with organisations such as FRNSW throughout the development process enables the design and implementation of more effective fire safety solutions that help to mitigate the impact of incidents when they occur.

The following notes and comments are provided following a review of relevant parts of the Report and appendices.

- It is understood that a State Environmental Planning Policy No. 33 (Hazardous and Offensive Development) (SEPP 33) assessment has been undertaken and the development has not be deemed to be either hazardous or offensive.

The following recommendations are provided following a review of relevant parts of the Report and appendices.

- As there is limited evidence of the proposed fire and life safety systems for the site, consultation with FRNSW be undertaken by way of the Fire Engineering Brief Questionnaire (FEBQ) process prior to the issue of the relevant construction certificate.
- While there is currently no requirement for a Fire Safety Study, FRNSW may request one be undertaken at a later stage should information be provided such that it is deemed that the development poses unique challenges to the response to and management of an incident.

For further information please contact the Fire Safety Infrastructure Liaison Unit, referencing FRNSW file number BFS20/1174. Please ensure that all correspondence in relation to this matter is submitted electronically to [firesafety@fire.nsw.gov.au](mailto:firesafety@fire.nsw.gov.au).

Regards  
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