



## NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



The Secretary  
NSW Department of Planning & Environment  
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Your reference: SSD8368  
Our reference: D17/1299  
DA17042707009AB

Attention: Ms Megan Fu

31 July 2017

Dear Ms Fu

**Agency Comment: Environmental Impact Assessment (SSD8368) Grafton Correctional Centre  
313 Avenue Road Lavadia**

I refer to your correspondence dated 14 June 2017 seeking comments from the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) with respect to the above State Significant Development (SSD) application.

The NSW RFS understands the SSD application seeks approval for the design, construction and operation of the Grafton Correctional Centre as detailed below:

*Concept Proposal*

*A correctional centre of 1,700 beds comprised of:*

- *A maximum security section of 1,300 beds that will include:*
  - *1,000 beds for male inmates; and*
  - *300 beds for female inmates;*
- *A minimum security section that will consist of 400 beds for residential male inmates;*
- *Internal access and car park for approx 500 car spaces;*
- *Other associated facilities include recreational oval, special accommodation units, administration, workshops, staff amenities, visits facilities, access, parking and utilities.*

The RFS has reviewed the documents provided with the SSD application and provides the following comment:

- The subject land is not mapped bush fire prone by Clarence Valley Council, however evidence suggest that both woodland and grassland hazards are located on the subject and adjoining lands; and

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- The opportunity to evacuate the facility due to bush fire threat is very limited. The facility is required to have suitable bush fire prevention measures to compensate for this requirement.
- The NSW RFS is the primary response agency for either bush or structural fires impacting on the facility;

The NSW RFS generally has no objection to the proposal however before we provide recommended conditions for any consent to be granted, the following amendment is required to be made to the EIS documentation:

1. The proposed asset protection zones as detailed in Appendix 11 of the EIS prepared by BBC Consulting Planners, dated June 2017 (documented on figure 4.1 Bushfire Protection measures page 20 Bushfire Assessment report dated 30 May 2017) shall include the proposed internal access road and the stage 2 clearing footprint associated with that internal access road.

For any queries regarding this correspondence please contact Alan Bawden on 6691 0400.

Yours Sincerely



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*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'.*