Our Reference

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Bushfire Mitigation Consultants

Attention: David Rann

Re: Defendable Space to the HMRI Building, Lookout Road, New Lambton Heights

Dear David,

This letter confirms that I have spoken to Jason Hulston from the Development Assessment & Planning division of the NSW Rural Fire Service and following investigation and confirmation that the advice relating to the effective slope of the land to the northwest of the proposed building is correct as provided in the Bushfire Protection Assessment Report prepared by Australian Bushfire Protection Planners Pty Limited [< 10 degrees downslope] the NSW Rural Fire Service agrees to the width of the 'defendable space' to the building being 40 metres in lieu of the 50 metres required in Condition 1 of the Service's letter dated 30th October 2009.

Furthermore, I am advised by Mr Hulston that an amendment to the advice will be issued directly to Ms Alix Carpenter from the Department of Planning.

If you require any further information please contact the undersigned

Yours faithfully,

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Graham Swain. Managing Director, Australian Bushfire Protection Planners Pty Limited 12.12.2009