



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



The Secretary
Department of Planning & Environment
GPO Box 39
Sydney NSW 2001

Your reference: SSD 9741

Our reference: D18/8341

9 October 2019

Attention: Patrick Copas
Industry Assessments

Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposed Development of Lane Cove West Data Centre at 1 Sirius Road Lane Cove West

Reference is made to the correspondence dated 13 September 2019 seeking key issues and assessment requirements regarding bush fire protection for the above State Significant Development in accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

The New South Wales Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) has reviewed the information provided and is not in a position to properly assess the proposal.

A revised and updated bush fire protection assessment is required for further assessment of the proposal against the provisions of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection (PBP) 2006* or any subsequent versions, particularly in respect of the following factors:

- The proposed fuel storage tanks in their current locations are considered to have the potential to generate or accelerate bush fire risk to adjacent buildings on and off site and to emergency personnel when defending the property during bush fire events. Additional bush fire protection measures (either within *PBP*, *Australian Standard 3959 -2009 Construction of buildings in bushfire-prone areas* or *Building Code of Australia*), such as constructional standards and design provisions, to support the location and suitability of the proposed diesel fuel tanks need to be provided given these are possible ignition points and fuel sources.
- Additional information to address safe access to the proposed buildings, with regard to the location of part of the proposed vehicular access on the south western elevation of the Data Centres in the form of an elevated driveway, needs to be provided. This driveway is partially located above Generator Platform No 1 (diesel fuel tanks located below) which in the course of a bush fire event might impact adversely on the safety of fire fighters either fighting the fire or accessing or egressing the site.

If additional information is not received within 100 days, the application will be refused on the basis of Requested Information not provided. A formal request for re-assessment would be required after this time.

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If you have any queries regarding this advice, please contact Craig Casey, Development Assessment and Planning Officer, on 1300 NSW RFS.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kalpana Varghese', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kalpana Varghese
Acting Manager
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