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Regulatory Compliance Report

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2 Apollo Place Lane Cove West

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1. Executive Summary

Development Overview

The proposed development is the redevelopment of an existing 4 storey industrial office complex at 2 Apollo Place, Lane Cove West. The project includes the redevelopment of the existing office building, to later be consolidated with the adjoining lot at 1 Sirus Road Lane Cove West. The subject site will serve as the ancillary office component for a proposed adjoining data centre at 1 Sirius Road Lane Cove West which is currently under construction.

Compliance Summary

As a registered Certifier we have reviewed the architectural design documents prepared by Greenbox (refer appendix A) for compliance with the current building assessment provisions, i.e. the Building Code of Australia 2019 Amendment 1 (BCA).

This report has been prepared to assess the project against the Building Code of Australia to enable issuance of construction approvals. Further assessment of the design will be undertaken as the design develops to ensure compliance is achieved prior to approval being issued

Deviations from the Deemed-to-Satisfy Provisions

The assessment of the design documentation has revealed that the following areas deviate from the deemed-to-satisfy provisions of the BCA. These items are to be addressed to ensure compliance is achieved, either through design amendment to achieve compliance with the deemed-to-satisfy provisions, or through a performance solution demonstrating compliance with the Performance Requirements of the BCA:

No.	Description	DTS Clause	Performance Requirements
Fire Safety Items			
1	The utilisation of the main entrance as a required exit will require the speed gates to trigger in a situation of a fire alarm.	D1.2	DP4
2	Extended Travel distances to be assessed under a performance solution: ○ Extended Travel Distances on Ground Floor Level: • Travel Distance to an exit is 42m in lieu of 40m ○ Extended Travel Distances on Level One: • Point of choice measures 32m in lieu of 20m • Travel distance to an exit is 56m in lieu of 40m	D1.4	DP4, EP2.2
3	The existing staircase can only be accessed from one tenancy that does not occupy the whole storey	D1.7	DP4

The feasibility and any additional requirements that will apply as a result of the performance solution will need to be confirmed by the professional preparing the performance solution. Any performance solution will need to be prepared by a suitably qualified/accredited professional.

Further Assessment

The assessment of the design documentation has also revealed that the following additional information is required in order to complete the assessment, and/or the following areas need to be further reviewed.

No.	Further Information / Review Required

1	Provide tests reports to illustrates that a fire wall on the lower ground floor between the carpark and the office space is constructed with an FRL of 120/120/120 and the two carpark levels will be fire separated
2	Provide test reports for the Vitrapanel to be installed to the external façade on the Ground Floor Level. The façade is required to be non-combustible in accordance with AS1530.1-1994
3	Details of the ramp gradients that are being utilized for egress pathways
4	Details of where the stairs discharge to
5	Details of the egress paths from the building to the road, the basement level travel distance has not been assessed until this is clarified
6	It is understood that the link bridge will be separated from the office building, details of the method of separation to be provided along with FRL rating
7	Please provide a copy of the Annual Fire Safety Statement for the building

Documentation to enable assessment and demonstrate compliance will be required to address the above items prior to approval.

The application for Construction Certificate shall be assessed under the relevant provisions of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979 (As Amended) and the Environmental Planning & Assessment Regulation 2000.

2. Introduction

The proposed development comprises of the redevelopment of an existing 4 storey industrial office complex

The site is located at 2 Apollo Place Lane Cove West

This report is based upon the review of the design documentation listed in Appendix A of this Report

The report is intended as an overview of the relevant provisions of the Building Code of Australia for assistance only. Detailed drawings and associated review will still be required as the final design is developed.

(NSW) The applicable legislation governing the design of buildings is the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. This Act requires that all new building works must be designed to comply with the BCA.

The version of the BCA applicable to the development, is version that in place at the time of the application to the Registered Certifier for the Construction Certificate. For the purposes of this Report, BCA 2019 Amendment 1 has been utilised as the version of the BCA applicable at the time of preparation this Report.

3. Compliance with the Building Code of Australia

The Building Code of Australia is a performance based document, whereby compliance is achieved by complying with the Governing Requirements and the Performance Requirements.

Performance Requirements are satisfied by one of the following:

1) A Performance Solution
2) A Deemed-to-Satisfy Solution
3) A combination of (1) and (2)

4. Documentation of Performance Solutions

A Performance Solution must demonstrate compliance with all relevant Performance Requirements, or the solution must be at least equivalent to the Deemed-to-Satisfy provisions.

Compliance with the Performance Requirements is to be demonstrated through one or a combination of the following:

a) Evidence of suitability in accordance with Part A5 of the BCA that shows the use of a material, product, plumbing and drainage product, form of construction or design meets the relevant Performance Requirements.
b) A Verification Method including the following:
    i. The Verification Methods provided in the NCC.
    ii. Other Verification Methods, accepted by the appropriate authority that show compliance with the relevant Performance Requirements
c) Expert Judgement
d) Comparison with the Deemed-to-Satisfy Provisions

Where a Performance Solution is proposed as the method to achieve compliance, the following steps must be undertaken:

a) Prepare a performance-based design brief in consultation with relevant stakeholders
b) Carry out analysis, using one or more of the assessment methods nominated above, as proposed by the performance-based design brief.
c) Evaluate results from (b) against the acceptance criteria in the performance-based design brief

d) Prepare a final report that includes:
   i. All Performance Requirements and/or Deemed-to-Satisfy Provisions identified as applicable
   ii. Identification of all assessment methods used
   iii. Details of required steps above
   iv. Confirmation that the Performance Requirement has been met; and
   v. Details of conditions or limitations, if an exist, regarding the Performance Solution.

5. Upgrade to Existing Buildings

The consent authority when assessing the development application may require that the existing building be brought into partial on full compliance with the current provisions at the BCA. The trigger for upgrade includes:

- Where the building works, together with any other works completed or authorised within the previous 3 years, represents more than half the total volume of the building; or
- Council are not satisfied the measures contained in the building are not adequate for the safety of present using the building or prevention of special to adjacent buildings.

Furthermore a Registered Certifier must, when considering issuing a Construction Certificate for building works under a Development Consent that authorises a change of building use, ensure that the fire protection and structural capacity of the building will be appropriate to its new use, and the building will comply with the Category 1 fire safety provisions applicable to the new use.

In the case of building work that involves the alteration, enlargement or extension of an existing building in circumstances that involve no change of use, the Registered Certifier must not issue a Construction Certificate for the work, unless on completion of the building work, the fire protection and structural capacity of the building will not be reduced.

Further investigations, including a site inspection will be required to ascertain the extent of the upgrade works required for the existing building to ensure that a suitable level of life safety, health and amenity for the occupants within the building is maintained. The upgrade works will be based upon using the current regulations as an applicable benchmark and our expertise to judge what is considered to be suitable.

Notwithstanding the above, where practical benefits and improvements to fire and life safety can be achieved without major cost or disruption, it is recommended that the relevant compliance parameters be upgraded to meet current requirements where possible.

6. Preliminaries

6.1. Building Assessment Data

Summary of Construction Determination:

Part of Project	Building 1
Classification	5/7a
Number of Storeys	4
Rise In Storeys	4
Type of Construction	A
Effective Height (m)	12

Note: The effective height of the project includes all stories included in the rise in stories of the project.

Summary of the floor areas and relevant populations where applicable: -

Part of Project	BCA Classification	Approx. Floor Area (m^2)	Approximate Volume (m^3)	Assumed Population
Basement Level	7a	1,426 m2	TBC	TBC
Lower Ground Level	5 / 7a	1,613 m2	TBC	TBC
Ground Floor Level	5	1,648 m2	TBC	TBC
Level 1	5	1,710 m2	TBC	TBC
Total		6433 m2		

Notes:

- The populations are to be verified by the client to enable further assistance

6.2. Council Development Approval / Planning Permit Approval

A Development Permit will be required from the Local Authority for the development. A copy of the Development Approval conditions, and approved drawings will be required prior to the issuing of the Building Approval for that component of works.

The proposed development must not be inconsistent with the endorsed drawings and all relevant conditions will need to be satisfied and accurately reflect the construction issue drawings.

7. Fire Protection

7.1. Fire Compartmentation (BCA C1.1)

The BCA stipulates three levels of fire-resistant construction, which is based upon the rise in storeys and classification of the building. Each of these types of construction has maximum floor area and volume limitations as per BCA Table C2.2.

Based upon the rise in storeys and use of the building, it is required to be constructed in accordance with the requirements of Type A Construction, in accordance with Table 3 & 3.9 of Specification C1.1 of the Building Code of Australia 2019 Amendment 1.

The maximum floor area and volume limitations of a fire compartment as nominated in the deemed to satisfy provisions are as follows:

Classification		Type of Construction
		A
5	max floor area—	8 000 m^2
	max volume—	48 000 m^3

7.2. Fire Resistance (BCA C1.1)

The building should be constructed generally in accordance with the relevant provisions of Specification C1.1 of the BCA applicable to Type A Construction, please refer to Appendix D which outlines the required fire rating to be achieved by the development.

Please note that with regards to fire separation, the provisions and required FRL's that apply to the building also apply to an occupiable outdoor space associated with the building.

7.3. Fire Hazard Properties (BCA C1.10 and BCA C1.9)

The fire hazard properties of fixed surface linings and mechanical ductwork will also need to be addressed within the detailed documentation phase pursuant to Specification C1.10 of the Building Code of Australia. The following requirements apply:

Sprinkler Protected Areas

a) Floor Coverings – Critical radiant Flux not less than 1.2 kW/m^2
b) Wall and Ceiling Linings – Material Group No. 1,2,3
c) Other Materials or locations and insulation materials other than sarking – Spread of Flame Index not exceeding 9 and Smoke Developed Index not exceeding 8 if the spread of flame index is more than 5

Non-Sprinkler Protected Areas

a) Floor Coverings – Critical radiant Flux not less than 2.2 a maximum smoke development rate of 750 percent-minutes
b) Wall and Ceiling Linings – Material Group No. 1,2,3 for walls and Group 1 and 2 for Ceilings and with a smoke growth rate index not more than 100, or an average specific extinction area less than 250m^2/kg
c) Other Materials – Spread of Flame Index not exceeding 9 and Smoke Developed Index not exceeding 8 (if Spread of Flame if >5)

Rigid and flexible air handling ductwork must comply with AS4254 Parts 1 & 2 2012.

Floor linings and floor coverings used in lift cars must have a critical radiant flux not less than 2.2, and wall and ceiling linings must be a Material Group No. 1 or 2.

External Wall Cladding

Since the building is of Type A construction, the following components are required to be completely non-combustible:

- External walls, including façade coverings, framing, insulation;
- Flooring and framing of lift pits;
- Non-loadbearing internal walls required to have an FRL;
- All non-loadbearing shafts;
- All loadbearing internal walls and loadbearing fire walls, including those that are part of loadbearing shafts.

Please provide product specifications and test reports to AS 1530.1-1994 for all materials to demonstrate compliance

For materials and assemblies that are required to be non-combustible, the material or system must be not deemed combustible when tested in accordance with AS 1530.1-1994.

Combustible Materials

The following materials, though combustible or containing combustible fibres, may be used wherever a non-combustible material is required:

a) Plasterboard.
b) Perforated gypsum lath with a normal paper finish.
c) Fibrous-plaster sheet.
d) Fibre-reinforced cement sheeting.
e) Pre-finished metal sheeting having a combustible surface finish not exceeding 1 mm thickness and where the Spread-of-Flame Index of the product is not greater than 0.
f) Sarking type materials that do not exceed 1mm in thickness and have a Flammability Index not greater than 5.
g) Bonded laminated materials where -
   (i) each laminate is non-combustible; and
   (ii) each adhesive layer does not exceed 1 mm in thickness; and
   (iii) the total thickness of the adhesive layers does not exceed 2 mm; and
   (iv) the Spread-of-Flame Index and the Smoke-Developed Index of the bonded laminated material as a whole does not exceed 0 and 3 respectively.

It is recommended that once material selections are made, copies of the fire test certificates/reports be provided for review and approval.

Any Aluminium Composite Panels must be labelled in accordance with SA TS 5344.
The BCA does nominate that ancillary elements may not be fixed to an external wall that is required to be non-combustible unless they comprise of the following:

a) An ancillary element that is non-combustible.
b) A gutter, downpipe or other plumbing fixture or fitting.
c) A flashing.
d) A grate or grille not more than 2 m² in area associated with a building service.
e) An electrical switch, socket-outlet, cover plate or the like.
f) A light fitting.
g) A required sign.
h) A sign other than one provided under (a) or (g) that—
   i) achieves a group number of 1 or 2; and
   ii) does not extend beyond one storey; and
   iii) does not extend beyond one fire compartment; and
   iv) is separated vertically from other signs permitted under (h) by at least 2 storeys.

Please provide fire hazard properties reports for any proposed signs and confirm their extent i.e. not spanning more than one storey or fire compartment:

7.4. Vertical Separation of openings in external walls (BCA C2.6)

A building of Type A construction must be provided with spandrel separation between openings on different storeys unless the building is protected with a sprinkler system (other than a FPAA101D or FPAA101H system) throughout in accordance with Specification E1.5.

For the purposes of C2.6, window or other opening means that part of the external wall of a building that does not have an FRL of 60/60/60 or greater.

Spandrels are required in accordance with BCA Clause C2.6, which stipulates a 900mm high spandrel; with 600mm of this spandrel being above the finished floor level. Alternatively, an 1100mm horizontal slab may be utilized. The spandrel material is required to be non-combustible and to achieve an FRL of 60/60/60.

It is noted that any penetrations in the spandrel construction e.g. for drainage, overflow etc. are to be protected.

Detailed elevations will be required to enable a full check and assessment to be undertaken of the spandrels proposed.

7.5. Protection of Openings fire rated building elements (BCA C3.5 and BCA C3.10)

The prescriptive provisions of the BCA stipulate that openings within building elements required to have an FRL shall be protected as follows:

a) Self-closing -/60/30 fire doors to the doors opening to the fire isolated stairs (note that this also includes the access doors to the condenser units on the plant platforms).

8. Access and Egress

8.1. Provision for Escape (BCA D1)

The egress provisions for the proposed building are provided by the following:

- Fire isolated stairways
- External perimeter doorways
- External Doors
- Horizontal Exits

The egress provisions that apply to the building also apply to any occupiable outdoor areas.

Detailing issues that will need to be addressed as the design develops include:

- Door Hardware
- Exit Door Operation
- Stair Construction
- Handrail and Balustrade construction
- Discharge from Fire Isolated Exits
- Details of the egress provisions to the Road.
- Door swings

8.2. Travel via Fire Isolated Exits (BCA D1.7)

The proposed exits are required to be fire isolated.

The BCA requires each fire isolated stairway to provide independent egress from each storey served and discharge directly, or by way of its own fire isolated passageway to:

- A road or open space; or
- To a point in a storey within the confines of the building, that is used only for pedestrian movement, car parking or the like and is open for at least 2/3 of its perimeter, and an unimpeded path of travel not more than 20m to a road or open space; or
- A covered area that adjoins a road or open space, is open for at least 1/3 of its perimeter, has an unobstructed clear height throughout of not less than 3m, and provides an unimpeded path of travel to a road or open space of not less than 6m.

Additionally, where the path of travel from the point of discharge requires occupants to pass within 6m of any part of the external wall of the same building (measured horizontally), that external wall must have a 60/60/60 FRL and have any openings protected internally for a distance of 3m above or below the path of travel.

8.3. Exit Travel Distances (BCA D1.4)

The travel distances to exits should not exceed:

Class 5 to 9

- no point on the floor must be more than 20m to a single exit or point of choice and where two exits are provided, a maximum of 40m to one of those exits; and
- exits shall be located to not be more than 60m apart and not closer than 9m
- in a class 5 building, the distance to a single exit serving a storey at the level of access to a road or open space maybe increased to 30m

The locations of the proposed exits are to be provided for further assessment of the below travel distances, which have been assessed on a worst-case scenario:

- Extended Travel Distances on Ground Floor Level:
  - Travel Distance to an exit is 42m in lieu of 40m
- Extended Travel Distances on Level One :
  - Point of choice measures 32m in lieu of 20m
  - Travel distance to an exit is 56m in lieu of 40m

8.4. Dimensions of Exits (BCA D1.6)

Minimum dimensions of 1000mm and 2000mm height to be provided within exits, with the paths of travel should provide a minimum width of 1000mm (note that all maintenance access, cat walks, etc may comply with AS1657-2018 in which case a 600mm clear width is required).

The following table summarises the exit widths required by BCA Clause D1.6:

Storey	Number of people	Exit Width Required	Exit Width Provided
Lower ground Floor – New Exit Door	TBC	0.85m	0.9m
Lower Ground Level – Proposed Fire Stairway	TBC	0.85m	0.9m
Ground Floor- Proposed Fire Stairway	TBC	0.85m	0.9m
Level 1 – Propsoed fire Stairway	TBC	0.85	0.9m

Doorways are permitted to contain a clear opening width of the required width of the exit minus 250mm, with a height of 1980mm as part of egress requirements. Access for persons with disabilities however requires a clear doorway opening width of 850mm (i.e. minimum 920 mm doors).

8.5. Balustrades and Handrails (BCA D2.16 / BCA D2.17 / D2.24)

Generally

Balustrading to a minimum height of 1000mm with a maximum opening of 124mm in any direction should be provided adjacent to balconies, landings, corridors etc where located adjacent to a change in level exceeding 1000mm, or where it is possible to fall through an openable window located more than 4m above the surface beneath.

Where it is possible to fall more than 4m to the surface below, the balustrade shall not contain any horizontal or near horizontal members that facilitate climbing between 150 – 760mm above the floor.

Handrails should generally be provided at a minimum height of 865mm alongside of all ramps and stairs.

The public stairs and ramps located along an accessible path of travel should be designed in accordance with the requirements of AS1428.1 for persons with disabilities. This requires a handrail on each side of the stair and ramp and for the handrail to extend approximately 550mm – 600mm past the last tread / end of ramp.

In addition to the above, handrails are required to both sides of all stairs with a width of 2m or more.

Intermediate rails located between 665mm and 750 mm should be provided within Class 9b Primary Schools.

Fire Isolated Stairways & Class 7b/8 Buildings

Balustrades in the fire isolated stairways and Class 7b or 8 parts of buildings are permitted to contain a 3 rail system, with a bottom rail situated at not more than 150mm above the nosings. The distance between the rails shall not exceed 460mm.

Handrails are required on both sides of all stairways except for fire isolated stairways used only for emergency egress purposes.

Note: in a required exit serving an area required to be accessible, handrails must be designed and constructed to comply with Clause 12 of AS1428.1-2009

8.6. Slip Resistance

The adoption of BCA 2014 introduced a requirement for slip resistance of stairway treads and ramp surfaces. The requirements are as follows:

Table D2.14 SLIP-RESISTANCE CLASSIFICATION

Application	Surface conditions	
	Dry	Wet
Ramp steeper than 1:14	P4 or R11	P5 or R12
Ramp steeper than 1:20 but not steeper than 1:14	P3 or R10	P4 or R11
Tread or landing surface	P3 or R10	P4 or R11
Nosing or landing edge strip	P3	P4

9. Services and Equipment

The following section of this report describes the essential fire safety measures and the minimum performance requirements of those measures.

It is noted that the provisions below also apply to occupiable outdoor areas.

9.1. Fire Hydrants (BCA E1.3)

A system of Fire Hydrants is required to be provided in accordance with BCA Clause E1.3 and AS2419.1-2005.

Pressure and flow information will be required to confirm the required pressures and flow to the system, depending on the type of hydrant to be utilized;

The fire services/hydraulic engineer is to confirm the required flow rates for the development.

The building is assumed to be fitted with a booster assembly as part of the fire hydrant requirements. The booster is required to be located attached to the building at the main entry. If remote from the building, the booster is to be located at the main vehicle entry or with sight of the main entry of the building within 20m of a hardstand area.

The fire services consultant is to confirm compliant coverage is provided with the existing services.

9.2. Fire Hose Reels

A Fire Hose Reel System not required to BCA Clause E1.4 and AS2441-2005.

9.3. Fire Extinguishers (BCA E1.6)

The provision of portable fire extinguishers is required to BCA Clause E1.6 and AS2444 - 2001 to provide coverage to Class 5 locations.

Table E.6 details when portable fire extinguishers are required:

Occupancy Class	Risk Class (as defined in AS 2444)
General provisions – Class 2 to 9 buildings (except within sole-occupancy units of a Class 9c building)	a) To cover Class A fire risks associated with Class 2 or 3 building or class 4 part of building.

Fire extinguishers are to be located in accordance with AS 2444 - 2001, often collocated with fire hydrants and/or fire hose reels.

There are no fire extinguishers locations currently indicated on the provided plans.

9.4. Automatic Sprinkler Protection (BCA E1.5)

Automatic sprinkler protection is required to Specification E1.5 and AS2118.1-2017 to the following areas:

- Throughout any Class 7a car park (other than open deck car parks) containing accommodation for more than 40 vehicles;

Currently the carpark contains less than 40 vehicles per level, confirmation is to be provided that each level of the basement is fire separated from the other level by an FRL of 120/120/120

The sprinkler system shall be connected to and activate an occupant warning system complying with BCA Specification E2.2a.

An occupant warning system should be provided in accordance with BCA Specification E1.5.

9.5. Smoke Hazard Management (BCA E2.2)

Smoke hazard management shall be provided throughout the building by means of the following systems:

- Automatic air pressurisation for fire isolated exits in accordance with AS/NZS1668.1-2015 Amendment 1;
- Automatic smoke detection and alarm system complying with BCA Specification E2.2b and AS/NZS1668.1-2015 Amendment 1;

9.6. Lift Services (BCA E3.4 and BCA E3.6)

The passenger lifts to be installed are to be:-

- Fitted with warning signs, fire service controls in accordance with Clauses E3.3, Figure E3.3, E3.7, E3.9 and E3.10 of the BCA.
- Stretcher facilities are to be provided within the lifts with minimum dimensions of 600m wide, 2000mm long and 1400mm high;
- Be provided with the following in order to satisfy accessibility requirements:
  - A handrail in accordance with AS1735.12-1999,
  - Minimum internal floor dimensions of 1400 x 1600mm for lifts which travel more than 12m, or 1100 x 1400mm for lifts which travel not more than 12m,
  - Fitted with a series of door opening sensory devices which will detect a 75mm diameter or across the door opening between 50mm and 1550mm above floor level,
  - Have a set of buttons for operating the lift located at heights above level complying with AS1735.12 - 1999

- For lifts serving more than 2 levels, automatic audible information within the lift car identifying the level each time the car stops, and audible and visual indication at each lift landing to indicate the arrival of a car

9.7. Exit Signs and Emergency Lighting (BCA E4.2 and BCA E4.5)

Emergency Lighting and Exit Signs indicating exit location paths of travel to exits to be provided in accordance with BCA Part E4 and AS/NZS 2293.1-2018, including the potential use of photo luminescent exit signs.

10. Health and Amenity

10.1. Sanitary Facilities (BCA F2.2 and BCA F2.3)

Offices

Separate sanitary facilities are required to be provided for male & female employees at a rate at the following.

The following table summarises the sanitary facilities provided:

Sanitary Facilities Provided			
	WC	Urinals	Basins
Male	8	8	7
Female	10	0	5
Accessible	3		3
The Above Facilities are adequate for 160 males & 150 females			

Note: The Unisex facilities provided for people with disabilities may be counted once for each sex. These facilities are to be provided in accordance with AS1428.1-2009.

10.2. Light and Ventilation (BCA Part F4)

Class 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9

Natural Ventilation is required to be provided to rooms at a rate of 5% of the floor area in openings. Alternatively, mechanical ventilation is required in accordance with AS1668.2-2012

Artificial lighting complying with AS/NZS1680.0-2009 is to be incorporated with the final detailed design to be developed to confirm this.

These provisions also apply to areas considered as occupiable outdoor areas.

10.3. Waterproofing (BCA FP1.4)

Performance Requirement FP1.4 which relates to the prevention of the penetration of water through external walls, must be complied with. It is noted that there are no Deemed-to-Satisfy Provisions for this Performance Requirement in respect of external walls.

Wet Areas

Internal wet areas throughout the development (e.g. bathrooms, laundries) shall be waterproofed in accordance with AS3740 - 2010 requirements.

Further review will be undertaken as the design develops with respect to the specification of waterproofing membrane, provision of water-stops at doorways etc.

11. Energy Efficiency

11.1. SECTION J (Transition Period)

The commentary below is an assessment based on the provisions included in BCA 2019 Amendment 1.

11.2. SECTION J (JP1 Energy Use)

Efficient energy use must be achieved appropriate to the function and use of the building, level of human comfort, solar radiation, energy source of the services and sealing of the building envelope. To achieve this JV1, JV2, JV3 and JV4 verification methods have been introduced as options available to achieve compliance.

It is noted that a deemed to satisfy pathway is still available.

Access for maintenance is to be provided to the building in accordance with the requirements of BCA Part J8.

The proposed site will be located in a climate zone 5.

11.3. Building Fabric (Part J1)

Roof and Ceiling Construction (Part J1.3)

For a deemed-to-satisfy solution roofs and or ceilings are to be constructed to provide a total R-Value greater than or equal to-

(i) in climate zones 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, R3.7 for a downward direction of heat flow; and
(ii) in climate zone 6, R3.2 for a downward direction of heat floor; and
(iii) in climate zone 7, R3.7 for an upward direction of heat flow; and
(iv) in climate zone 8, R4.8 for an upward direction of heat flow;

In climate zones 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, the solar absorptance of the upper surface of a roof must be not more than 0.45.

Where the layer of insulation is penetrated by the percentages as tabled below, additional upgrading of the remainder of the insulation level is required.

To achieve compliance with J0.2 (c) a roof that has a metal sheet roofing fixed to metal purlins, metal rafters or metal battens and does not have a celling lining or has a ceiling lining fixed directly to those metal purlins, metal rafters or metal battens must have a thermal break. The thermal break to be consisting of a material with a R-Value of not less than R0.2, installed at all points of contact between the metal sheet roofing and its supporting metal purlins, metal rafters or metal battens.

External Walls and Glazing (Part 1.5)

For walls and glazing construction the total system U-value must not be greater than-

(i) for a Class 2 common area, a Class 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9b building other than a ward area, U2.0; and

The total system U-value of wall-glazing construction should be calculated in accordance with Specification J1.5a.

Wall components of the wall-glazing construction must achieve a minimum total R-Value of R1.0 where the wall is less 80% if the area and reflect the value specified in Table J1.5a where the wall is *0% or more of the area.

There are further design parameters for display glazing and solar admittances for wall-glazing construction, both of which should comply with the relevant provisions of J1.5.

To achieve compliance with J0.2 (c) a wall that does not have a wall lining or has a wall lining that is fixed directly to the same metal frame and has a lightweight external cladding such as weatherboards, fibre-cement or metal sheeting fixed to a metal frame must have a thermal break. The thermal break is to consist of a material with an R-Value of not less than R.02, installed at all points of contact between the external cladding and metal frame.

11.4. Building sealing (Part J3)

Windows and Doors (Part J3.4)

a) A door, openable window or the alike must be sealed –
   (i) When forming part of the envelope; or
   (ii) In climate zones 5
b) The requirements of (a) do not apply to –
   (i) A window complying with AS2047; or
   (ii) A fire door or smoke door; or
   (iii) A roller shutter door, roller shutter grille or other security door or device installed only for out of house security
c) A seal to restrict air infiltration –
   (i) For the bottom edge of a door, must be draft protection device; and
   (ii) For the other edged of a door or the edges of an openable window or other such opening, may be a foam or rubber compression strip, fibrous seal or the like.

Exhaust fans (Part J3.5)

An exhaust fan must be fitted with a sealing device such as a self-closing damper or the like when serving a conditioned space or a habitable room in climate zones 5.

11.5. Air Conditioning and Ventilation systems (Part J5.0)

Air conditioning and ventilation systems must be designed to comply with the following provisions:

- Be capable of being deactivated when the building or part of a building being served by that system is not occupied;
- Where motorised dampers are in place, they should close when the system is deactivated
- Where serving a sole-occupancy unit in a Class 3 building, must not operate when any external door of the sole-occupancy unit that opens to a balcony or the like, is open for more than one minute;

- Time switches should be provided to control an air-conditioning system of more than 2kWr and a heater of more than 1kW $_{heating}$ used for air-conditioning, and be capable of switching electric power on and off at variable pre-programmed times on variable pre-programmed days.
- Ductwork and fittings in an air-conditioning system should have insulation complying with AS/NZS 4859.1 and have an insulation R-Value greater than or equal to:-
  - for flexible ductwork R1.0; or
  - for cushion boxes, that of the connecting ductwork; or
  - That specified in Table J5.5

Table J5.5

Location of ductwork and fittings	Climate zone 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7
Within a conditioned space	1, 2
Where exposed to direct sunlight	3.0
All other locations	2.0

Mechanical:

- Be capable of being deactivated where the building or part of the building served by that system is not occupied
- Time switches must be provided to a mechanical ventilation system with an air flow rate of more than 1000 L/s, capable of switching electric power on and off at variable pre-programmed times and on variable pre-programmed days;

11.6. Artificial Lighting and Power (Part J6)

Interior Artificial Lighting and Power Control (Part J6.2 & 6.3)

In a building other than a sole-occupancy unit of a Class 2 building or a Class 4 building for artificial lighting, the aggregate design illumination power load must not exceed the sum of the allowances obtained by multiplying the area of each space by the maximum illumination power density below:-

The maximum illumination power density;

Office:

(a) Artificially lit to an ambient level of 200 lx or more	4.5W/ m^2
(b) Artificially lit to an ambient level of less than 200 lx	2.5W/ m^2

Plant Room :

(a) Where an average of 160 lx vertical illuminance is required on a vertical panel such as switch rooms	4W/ m^2
(b) With a horizontal illuminance target of 80 lx	2W/ m^2

Stairways, including fire-isolated stairways	2W/ m^2
Lift Cars	3W/ m^2

Car parks:

(A) General	2W/m^2
(B) Entry zone (first 15m of travel during the daytime	11.5W/m^2
(C) Entry zone (next 4m of travel) during the day	2.5W/m^2

(D) Entry zone (first 20m of travel) during nighttime 2.5W/m^2

Artificial Lighting must be controlled by a time switch, other control device or a combination of both.

Lifts (Part 6.7)

Lifts must be configured to ensure artificial lighting and ventilation in the car are turned off when it is unused for 15 minutes and achieve the idle and standby energy performance level required, and the energy efficiency class under J6.7 of the BCA.

12. Access for People with Disabilities

The development is required to comply with the accessibility provisions contained within:

- The Building Code of Australia 2019 Amendment 1;
- Disability (Access to Premises – Buildings) Standards 2010;
- AS1428.1-2009 General Requirements for Access – New Building Work;
- AS1428.4.1 -2009 Tactile Ground Surface Indicators
- AS2890.6-2009 Car Parking for People with Disabilities

Note: With the introduction of the Commonwealth *Disability Discrimination Act (DDA)* in 1992 (enacted in 1993), all organisations have a responsibility to provide equitable and dignified access to goods, services and premises used by occupants. Organisations and individuals since its introduction, are required to work to the objects of the Act which are to eliminate, as far as possible, discrimination against persons on the ground of disability in the **areas of work, accommodation, education, access to premises, clubs and sports, and the provision of goods, facilities, services and land, existing laws and the administration of Commonwealth laws and programs.**

This report assesses against the requirements contained with the Building Code of Australia (and documents referred to therein) and is not considered to be a full assessment against the Disability Discrimination Act.

12.1. General Building Access Requirements (BCA D3.1)

Access for people with disabilities shall be provided to and within the building in accordance with the requirements of Clause D3.2, D3.3 and D3.4 of the BCA 2019 Amdt 1 and AS 1428.1. Parts of the building required to be accessible shall comply with the requirements of:-

- AS1428.1-2009 General Requirements for Access – New Building Work;
- AS1428.4.1 -2009 Tactile Ground Surface Indicators
- AS2890.6-2009 Car Parking for People with Disabilities

Access for persons with a disability is to be provided as follows:

Office/shops (Class 5/Class 6 buildings)

To and within all areas normally used by the occupants

Car parks (Class 7a buildings)

To and within any level containing accessible car parking spaces.

12.2. Provision for Access to Buildings

The BCA prescribes access to be provided to and within the building as follows:

- Via the principle pedestrian entry and at least 50% of all other entrances from the allotment boundary
- From designated car parking spaces for the use of occupants with a disability.
- From another accessible building connected by a pedestrian link.
- All areas used by the occupants.

In buildings over 500m^2 in floor area, a non-accessible entrance must not be located more than 50m from an accessible entrance.

A door is considered to be accessible if it is automatic (open and closing) or is more than 850mm in clear opening width and contains the required door circulation space.

12.3. Accessibility within Building (BCA D3.3)

A building required to be accessible is required to be equipped with a AS 1428.1 compliant lift .

Within the building the following are required;

- Door circulation space as per AS1428.1 Clause 13.3
- Doorways must have a clear opening of 850mm;
- Passing spaces (1.8m wide passages) must be provided at maximum of 20m intervals
- Within 2.0m of end access ways/corridors, turning areas spaces are required to be provided.
- Carpet pile height of not more than 11mm to an adjacent surface and backing <4mm

The design would generally comply with the prescriptive provisions of the BCA with additional ongoing review being undertaken as to door widths, circulation, etc. Further details are to be provided or access to these areas is to be assessed by an access consultant.

12.4. Car Parking (BCA D3.5)

Accessible car parking spaces are required to comply with AS 2890.6-2009.

The development is proposed to contain 46 car parking spaces on the basement level and 28 car parking spaces on the lower ground level. This requires a minimum of 1 accessible space.

A ‘shared zone’ of minimum 5400mm x 2400mm is required adjacent to accessible car parking spaces, protected with a bollard.

12.5. Tactile Indicators (BCA D3.8)

Tactile indicators are required to be provided to warn occupants of all stairs (except Fire Isolated stairs) and ramps regardless of public nature or private environment and where an overhead obstruction occurs less than 2.0m above the finished floor level.

12.6. Stairs (BCA D3.3 inter Alia AS1428.1)

Stairs shall be constructed as follows:

a) Where the intersection is at the property boundary, the stair shall be set back by a minimum of 900mm so that the handrail and TGSIs do not protrude into the transverse path of travel.
b) Where the intersection is at an internal corridor, the stair shall be set back one tread width plus 300mm (nominally 700mm as per AS 1428.1-2009 Fig 26(b)), so the handrails do not protrude into transverse path of travel.
c) Stairs shall have opaque risers.
d) Stair nosing shall not project beyond the face of the riser and the riser may be vertical or have a splay backwards up to a maximum 25mm.
e) Stair nosing profiles shall;
    - Have a sharp intersection;
    - Be rounded up to 5mm radius; or
    - Be chamfered up to 5mm x 5mm
f) All stairs, including fire isolated stairs shall, at the nosing of each tread have a strip not less than 50mm and not more than 75mm deep across the full width of the path of travel. The strip may be set back a maximum of

15mm from the front of the nosing. The strip shall have a minimum luminance contrast of 30% to the background. Where the luminous contrasting strip is affixed to the surface of the tread, any change in level shall not exceed a difference of 5mm.

12.7. Accessible Sanitary Facilities (BCA F2.4)

Unisex Accessible Sanitary Facilities

An accessible unisex sanitary facility must be located so that it can be entered without crossing an area reserved for one sex only and provided in accordance with AS 1428.1-2009 and must contain a closet pan, washbasin, shelf or bench top and adequate means of disposal of sanitary products and as per following.

Building Type	Minimum accessible unisex sanitary compartments to be provided
Office, industrial, assembly building, schools, health care except for within a ward area of a Class 9a health-care building	a) 1 on every storey containing sanitary compartments; and b) Where a storey has more than 1 bank of sanitary compartments containing male and female sanitary compartments, at not less than 50% of those banks.

12.8. Signage (BCA D3.6)

As part of the detailed design package, specifications will need to be developed indicating:

- Sanitary Facility Identification Signs (note that they are to comply with BCA Specification D3.6 and include the use of Braille, Tactile, etc and be placed on the wall on the latch side of the facility);
- Directional / Way Finding signs to the Lifts, Sanitary Facilities, etc;
- Hearing Augmentation System;
- Identify each door required by BCA Clause E4.5 to be provided with an exit sign, stating ‘EXIT’ and ‘Level” number
- Braille and tactile signs must be illuminated to ensure *luminance contrast* requirements are met at all times during which the sign is required to be read.

12.9. Lifts (BCA E3.6)

Lifts compliant to BCA E3.6 and BCA E3.7 must be provided, where required to be provided, with a minimum size of 1400 x 1600mm or 1100mm x 1400mm (whichever is appropriate) in size – with appropriate handrails and auditory commands.

The dimensions for the new lift are 1.6m x 1.8m which complies with the requirements for an accessible lift.

13. Appendix A - Reference Documentation

The following documentation was used in the assessment and preparation of this report:

Final drawing schedule will be updated once final drawings are provided for DA

14. Appendix B - Fire Resistance Levels

The table below represents the Fire resistance levels required in accordance with BCA 2019 Amendment 1:

Table 3 **TYPE A CONSTRUCTION: FRL OF BUILDING ELEMENTS**	**Class of building — FRL: (in minutes)** ***Structural adequacy/Integrity/Insulation***			
	2, 3 or 4 part	**5, 7a or 9**	**6**	**7b or 8**
EXTERNAL WALL (including any column and other building element incorporated within it) or other external building element, where the distance from any fire-source feature to which it is exposed is -				
For *loadbearing* parts-				
less than 1.5 m	90/ 90/ 90	120/120/120	180/180/180	240/240/240
1.5 to less than 3 m	90/ 60/ 60	120/ 90/ 90	180/180/120	240/240/180
3 m or more	90/ 60/ 30	120/ 60/ 30	180/120/ 90	240/180/ 90
For non-*loadbearing* parts -				
less than 1.5 m	–/ 90/ 90	–/120/120	–/180/180	–/240/240
1.5 to less than 3 m	–/ 60/ 60	–/ 90/ 90	–/180/120	–/240/180
3 m or more	–/–/–	–/–/–	–/–/–	–/–/–
EXTERNAL COLUMN not incorporated in an *external wall*, where the distance from any *fire-source feature* to which it is exposed is -				
less than 3 m	90/–/–	120/–/–	180/–/–	240/–/–
3 m or more	–/–/–	–/–/–	–/–/–	–/–/–
COMMON WALLS and FIRE WALLS	90/ 90/ 90	120/120/120	180/180/180	240/240/240
INTERNAL WALLS				
Fire-resisting lift and stair *shafts*				
Loadbearing	90/ 90/ 90	120/120/120	180/120/120	240/120/120
Non-*loadbearing*	–/ 90/ 90	–/120/120	–/120/120	–/120/120
Bounding *public corridors*, public lobbies and the like				
Loadbearing	90/ 90/ 90	120/–/–	180/–/–	240/–/–
Non-*loadbearing*	–/ 60/ 60	–/–/–	–/–/–	–/–/–
Between or bounding *sole-occupancy units*				
Loadbearing	90/ 90/ 90	120/–/–	180/–/–	240/–/–
Non-*loadbearing*	–/ 60/ 60	–/–/–	–/–/–	–/–/–
Ventilating, pipe, garbage, and like *shafts* not used for the discharge of hot products of combustion				
Loadbearing	90/ 90/ 90	120/ 90/ 90	180/120/120	240/120/120
Non-*loadbearing*	–/ 90/ 90	–/ 90/ 90	–/120/120	–/120/120
OTHER LOADBEARING INTERNAL WALLS, INTERNAL BEAMS, TRUSSES and COLUMNS	90/–/–	120/–/–	180/–/–	240/–/–
FLOORS	90/ 90/ 90	120/120/120	180/180/180	240/240/240
ROOFS	90/ 60/ 30	120/ 60/ 30	180/ 60/ 30	240/ 90/ 60

Table 3.9 REQUIREMENTS FOR CARPARKS				FRL (not less than) Structural adequacy/Integrity/Insulation ESA/M (not greater than)
Wall				
(a)	*external wall*			
	(i)	less than 3 m from a *fire-source feature* to which it is exposed:		
			Loadbearing	60/60/60
			Non-*loadbearing*	–/60/60
	(ii)	3 m or more from a *fire-source feature* to which it is exposed		–/–/–
(b)	*internal wall*			
	(i)	*loadbearing*, other than one supporting only the roof (not used for carparking)		60/–/–
	(ii)	supporting only the roof (not used for carparking)		–/–/–
	(iii)	non-*loadbearing*		–/–/–
(c)	*fire wall*			
	(i)	from the direction used as a *carpark*		60/60/60
	(ii)	from the direction not used as a *carpark*		as *required* by Table 3
Column				
(a)	supporting only the roof (not used for carparking) and 3 m or more from a *fire-source feature* to which it is exposed			–/–/–
(b)	steel column, other than one covered by (a) and one that does not support a part of a building that is not used as a *carpark*			60/–/– or 26 m^2/tonne
(c)	any other column not covered by (a) or (b)			60/–/–
Beam				
(a)	steel floor beam in continuous contact with a concrete floor slab			60/–/– or 30 m^2/tonne
(b)	any other beam			60/–/–
Fire-resisting lift and stair shaft (within the *carpark* only)				60/60/60
Floor slab and vehicle ramp				60/60/60
Roof (not used for carparking)				–/–/–
Notes:	1. ESA/M means the ratio of exposed surface area to mass per unit length.			
	2. Refer to Specification E1.5 for special requirements for a sprinkler system in a *carpark* complying with Table 3.9 and located within a multi-classified building.			