
Cooma Ski Club Bushfire report and APZ

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Hello Claire,

Thankyou for your patience with this matter.

My colleague, Kelsey Boreham and I attended an onsite inspection of Cooma Ski Club APZ, with RFS representative, Bradley Bourke on Monday 24th May 2021 .

We discussed the proposed BAL40 APZ, which extends well beyond your lease boundary and encroaches on substantial areas of Biodiversity Values Mapped Land. NPWS can not approve clearing in this land and Cooma SC would be required to have a certified consultant prepare a Biodiversity Assessment Report (as per the Biodiversity Conservation act requirements). These can be costly and time consuming for the lodge. As your proposed works are only minor in nature and constitute 'Repair and replacement' we queried Bradley on the necessity to impose BAL40 APZ, as opposed to 'Within Lease Area APZ', which we could approve without further assessment.

Bradley seemed relatively confident that, while a Bushfire Safety Authority would be required for the purposes of the Cooma SC DA, an APZ (particularly to the proposed BAL40 level) would not necessarily be a required Bushfire Safety Measure for the purposes of that Authority. This was based on the extent of the work proposed meeting RFS requirements for 'repair and replacement'.

We have sent Mark Brown an email outlining our site visit and communication with Bradley and are awaiting a reply.

Feel free to contact me if you have further questions,

Kind Regards,

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