

Australian Ski Club
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Dear Glenn

Approved Application No DA 22/5422

Granted on the 25 May 2023

Signed M Brown

Sheet No 25 of 26

Asset Protection Zone Plan – Australian Ski Club, Guthega

I refer to your application to the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) to undertake vegetation management works for the establishment and ongoing management of an Asset Protection Zone (APZ) for the Australian Ski Club, Guthega as per the attached APZ plan.

I understand that the proposed works are required to provide a defensible space around the building and to remove any potentially hazardous branches which are overhanging the building. The works proposed are:

- removal of all fine fuels such as leaves, twigs, bark etc surrounding the building;
- removal of any branches that are overhanging the building whether live or dead; no tree removal required.
- trimming of ground cover within the defensible space (primarily to the west of the building).

In undertaking the works, the minimum amount of removal is to be conducted to achieve compliance with the guidance issued by the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS). In this regard, I note the following provisions of the *Planning for Bushfire Protection 2019* guide adopted under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* (NSW) which may be relevant to the works:

- native tree canopies will not exceed 15% of the APZ area;
- understorey vegetation will not exceed 10% of the APZ area;
- tree canopies will not be continuous from hazard to asset/building;
- lower branches will be pruned up to 2m above the ground;
- tree canopies will not overhang the asset/building; and
- no understorey vegetation to be located below trees.

A full copy of the guide is available online at the following URL:

<https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/building-in-a-bush-fire-area/planning-for-bush-fire-protection>.

Based on the information provided to NPWS, the proposed works are considered likely to have minimal environmental impact and are required to provide an APZ for the Australian Ski Club. Approval is hereby given under clause 21(2) of the *National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2019* (NSW) for the proposed works.

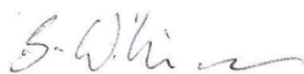
This approval is granted subject to conditions which are set out below:

1. If works beyond the scope of those described above are required, then further consultation with, and additional application to, NPWS is required.
2. All vegetation must be checked to ensure there are no fauna or fauna habitats present prior to felling. If fauna or evidence of fauna is found, then further consultation with NPWS is required.
3. All works must be conducted by handheld equipment (e.g. chainsaw, brush cutter, push mower) by experienced and appropriately licenced (where required) persons.
4. All cut vegetation should be moved away from the building so that it does not add to the fuel load around the building.
 - a. Tree removal should be undertaken by dismantling piece by piece rather than cutting down whole. If suitable placement areas are not available in the immediate vicinity of the works or if the cut timber would become a hazard, then the timber must either be removed from Kosciuszko National Park or cut up and stacked appropriately for use as firewood.
 - b. Tree stumps are to be cut to ground level only. Stumps are not permitted for removal and surrounding soil must not be disturbed.
5. All works must be in accordance with RFS guidance and standards, and otherwise performed according to law.

This approval is granted for the current term of the lease for the Australian Ski Club and is for both the implementation of the APZ plan as well as vegetation management required to maintain the APZ.

If you have any enquires regarding this matter, please contact Amy Slocombe, Resorts Liaison Officer, on (02) 6450 5575.

Yours sincerely




Bryce Williams
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23 June 2022


Australian Ski Club APZ – Management/Implementation Plan



Legend

 Lease/APZ Area

 Trees to remain

 Drainage line

APZ Composition (RFS Standards)

- The entire allotment is to be maintained as an inner protection area.
- Maximum 15% of the APZ as canopy (trees)
- Maximum 10% of the APZ as understory (heath)
- Remainder APZ to have vegetation managed to a height of 100mm or below.

**** No shrubs beneath trees.**

**** Where APZ management works leads to bare ground then this area must be planted with native Poa and be maintained until an erosion resistant state is achieved.**

APZ Management

- Removal of fine fuels.
- Regular maintenance of grass – to less than 100mm in height.
- Tree canopy should not overhang the building.
- Separate tree crowns by 2-5 metres.
- Prune lower branches from trees up to 2m above ground.
- Vegetation growing along bank of drainage line to remain intact.
- No shrubs within 10m of an exposed window or door.
- Native trees and shrubs can be retained as clumps or islands.
- Vegetation should not touch the building.
- Remove weeds and flammable species first.
- Remove saplings as they grow.

Plan Name: Australian Ski Club APZ Management Plan

Plan date: 24/05/2022

Who drew the plan: Amy Slocombe

Site address: Lot 233 DP704184

62 Mount Tate Road

Guthega NSW 2624

Other notes: Not to scale

This Plan is for an Inner Protection Area (IPA) Asset Protection Zone (APZ).

APZ to be maintained according to RFS APZ standards whilst protecting sensitive areas.