



### **NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE**

Department of Planning and Environment Issued under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 Approved Application No 22/1254 Granted on the 1 November 2022 Signed M Brown Sheet No 10 of 10

Department of Planning and Environment (Alpine Resorts) PO Box 36 Jindabyne NSW 2627

Your reference: (CNR-35854) DA 22/1254 Our reference: DA20220225005321-Original-1

**ATTENTION:** Alexander Richard

Date: Monday 15 August 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

#### Integrated Development Application s100B - SFPP - Other Tourist Accommodation VALHALLA LODGE - 31 CANDLE HEATH RD PERISHER VALLEY NSW 2624, 1//DP1172991

I refer to your correspondence dated 24/02/2022 seeking general terms of approval for the above Integrated Development Application.

The New South Wales Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) has considered the information submitted. General Terms of Approval, under Division 4.8 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, and a Bush Fire Safety Authority, under section 100B of the *Rural Fires Act 1997*, are now issued subject to the following conditions:

#### **General Conditions**

1. The development shall be generally consistent with;

- the Plans prepared by TZ Designs titled "Proposed Development Alterations, Valhalla Ski Lodge" dated 12/07/21.
- the Bush Fire Assessment Report titled '*Alterations to Existing Tourist Accommodation Lodge*', 31 Candle Heath Road, Perisher Valley, Kosciuszko National Park NSW 2624 Revision 3

#### **Asset Protection Zones**

## The intent of measure is to minimise the risk of bush fire attack and provide protection for emergency services personnel, residents and others assisting firefighting activities.

2. At the commencement of building works, and in perpetuity, all land within the subject leasehold site shall be managed as an inner protection area (IPA) in accordance with Appendix 4 of '*Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019*'.

#### **Construction Standards**

The intent of measure is to minimise the risk of bush fire attack and provide protection for emergency services personnel, residents and others assisting firefighting activities.



- 3. All proposed external alternations to the existing building identified as repair and replacement works shall:
  - Not comprise the making of, or an alteration to the size of, any opening in a wall or roof, such as a doorway, window or skylight;
  - Be adequately sealed or protected to prevent the entry of embers; and
  - Use equivalent or improved fire-resistant materials that do not affect any existing fire resisting components of the building.

4. The existing buildings are required to be upgraded where practical to improve ember protection (if not already constructed to the relevant Bushfire Attack Level under Australian Standard AS3959). Improved ember protection can be achieved by undertaking some, or all of the following; enclosing all openings (excluding roof tile spaces) or covering openings with a non-corrosive metal screen mesh with a maximum aperture of 2mm. Where applicable, this includes any subfloor areas, openable windows, vents, weep holes and eaves. External doors are to be fitted with draft excluders. Details of proposed upgrades to improve ember protection shall be submitted with the application for the Construction Certificate.

#### Water and Utility Services

The intent of measure is to provide adequate services of water for the protection of buildings during and after the passage of a bush fire, and to locate gas and electricity so as not to contribute to the risk of fire to a building.

5. The provision of all new, and the modification of any existing water, electricity, and gas services must comply with Table 6.8c of Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019.

#### Landscaping Assessment

## The intent of measure is to minimise the risk of bush fire attack and provide protection for emergency services personnel, residents and others assisting firefighting activities.

6. Landscaping within the required asset protection zone must comply with Appendix 4 of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019*. In this regard, the following principles are to be incorporated:

- A minimum 1 metre wide area (or to the property boundary where the setbacks are less than 1 metre), suitable for pedestrian traffic, must be provided around the immediate curtilage of the building;
- Planting is limited in the immediate vicinity of the building;
- Planting does not provide a continuous canopy to the building (i.e. trees or shrubs are isolated or located in small clusters);
- Landscape species are chosen to ensure tree canopy cover is less than 15% (IPA), and less than 30% (OPA) at maturity and trees do no touch or overhang buildings;
- Avoid species with rough fibrous bark, or which retain/shed bark in long strips or retain dead material in their canopies;
- Use smooth bark species of trees species which generally do not carry a fire up the bark into the crown;
- Avoid planting of deciduous species that may increase fuel at surface/ ground level (i.e. leaf litter);
- Avoid climbing species to walls and pergolas:
- Locate combustible materials such as woodchips/mulch, flammable fuel stores away from the building;
- Locate combustible structures such as garden sheds, pergolas and materials such as timber garden furniture away from the building; and
- Low flammability vegetation species are used.

#### Emergency and Evacuation Planning Assessment The intent of measure is to provide suitable emergency and evacuation arrangements for occupants.

7. A Bush Fire Emergency Management and Evacuation Plan must be prepared in accordance with Table 6.8d of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019* and be consistent with the following:

- The NSW RFS document: A Guide to Developing a Bush Fire Emergency Management and Evacuation Plan;
- include planning for the early relocation of occupants and;
- detailed plans of all emergency assembly areas, including on-site and off-site arrangements as stated in AS 3745 '*Planning for emergencies in facilities*', are clearly displayed.

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For any queries regarding this correspondence, please contact David Webster on 1300 NSW RFS.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Gray Manager Planning & Environment Services Built & Natural Environment





# **BUSH FIRE SAFETY AUTHORITY**

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This Bush Fire Safety Authority is issued on behalf of the Commissioner of the NSW Rural Fire Service under s100b of the Rural Fires Act (1997) subject to the attached General Terms of Approval.

This authority confirms that, subject to the General Terms of Approval being met, the proposed development will meet the NSW Rural Fire Service requirements for Bush Fire Safety under *s100b of the Rural Fires Act 1997.* 

## **Michael Gray**

Manager Planning & Environment Services Built & Natural Environment

Monday 15 August 2022