

4.1.3 Bush Fire Prone Land

Sub-section 4.14 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 provides that development consent cannot be granted for any purpose on bush fire prone land unless the consent authority;

- (a) is satisfied that the development conforms to the specifications and requirements of the version (as prescribed by the regulations) of the document entitled *Planning for Bush Fire Protection* prepared by the NSW Rural Fire Service in co-operation with the Department (or, if another document is prescribed by the regulations for the purposes of this paragraph, that document) that are relevant to the development (*the relevant specifications and requirements*), or

The Planning for Bushfire Protection 2019 document make no reference to extractive industry, or quarries, hence has no mandatory requirements relevant to this proposal. It does contain the following reference to mining;

Where mining and associated activities are carried out on BFPL, consideration should be given to any hazards and risks associated with bush fire. It may be necessary to implement measures to control and manage any identified hazards and risks.

Part of the project site and access track have been mapped as bushfire prone, hence mitigation measures have been proposed in Section 5.14 that are appropriate for the context and nature of the project. The proposed development complies with the intent of the Planning for Bushfire Protection 2019 document and the risks arising from bush or grass fires can be managed to avoid any significant risk to the safety of quarry staff, quarry visitors, the public and emergency responders.

4.1.4 Environmental planning instruments

4.1.4.1 SEPP (Resources & Energy) 2021

State Environmental Planning Policy (Resources and Energy) 2021 (Resources SEPP) specifies various “matters for consideration” by the consent authority for a development application for an “extractive industry”, including quarries, in Part 2.3. A summary and review of clauses from Part 2.3 that are relevant to this proposal is provided in Table 4.1 below.