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### **Planning Proposal**

Lot 6 DP1133395

1413 Rankins Springs Road, Myall Park

Zone boundary adjustment

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# Introduction

This is a Planning Proposal seeking an amendment to the *Griffith Local Environmental Plan 2014* (GLEP) to make a minor adjustment to a zone boundary that will facilitate the appropriate siting of a dwelling on a vacant rural residential lot in Rankins Springs Road north of Griffith.

The subject land is described as Lot 6 in DP1133395 and addressed as 1413 Rankins Springs Road, Myall Park ("the subject land"). Figure 1 shows the location of the subject land within the context of Griffith and Figure 2 is an aerial view placing the subject land within the context of its immediate surrounds.

The Planning Proposal has been structured and prepared in accordance with the Department of Planning and Environment's (DPE) *A guide to preparing Planning Proposals* ("the Guide").

# PART 1. Intended outcomes

The intended outcome of the Planning Proposal is to allow a development application for a new dwelling to be considered on the subject land in a location where it is currently prohibited development. Concept plans for the future dwelling are included at Attachment 'E' for reference.

# PART 2. Explanation of the provisions

The intended outcomes of the Planning Proposal will be achieved by making a minor amendment to the Land Zoning Map Sheet LZN\_003 in the GLEP to show the adjusted boundary between the E2 and RU2 zones on the subject land (see Figure 6).

# PART 3. Justification

This section of the Planning Proposal sets out the justification for the intended outcomes and provisions, and the process for their implementation. The questions to which responses have been provided are taken from the Guide.

### Section A. Need for the Planning Proposal

#### Q1 Is the Planning Proposal a result of any strategic study or report?

Not directly, although Map 44 within the 2030 Land Use Strategy for Long Term General Planning shows all of the subject land within an area designated as "Large Lot Residential Expansion on land already zoned accordingly" (see Figure 4).

In addition, the plan for future land uses in Myall Park indicates the subject land is within a precinct where "*low density residential development may be considered with special regard to environmental impact and availability of infrastructure*" (see Figure 5). The ecological constraints analysis by Biosis (see Attachment 'D') demonstrates that the proposal can be considered within this context in addition to infrastructure appropriate for rural residential development being available.

### Q2 Is the Planning Proposal the best means of achieving the objectives or intended outcomes, or is there a better way?

The site for the future dwelling is currently within the E2 zone where dwellings, by default in the Land Use Table, are prohibited. There are no current provisions in Environmental Planning Instruments that would override this prohibition and allow for consideration of a dwelling in this location.

The E2 zone is excluded from the provisions in Clause 4.2C of the GLEP that allow for dwelling houses and dual occupancies on land in certain rural and environment protection zones.

Consequently the objective of developing a dwelling at the nominated location on of the subject land can only be achieved through an amendment to the GLEP.

# Section B. Relationship to strategic planning framework

# Q3 Is the planning proposal consistent with the objectives and actions of the applicable regional, sub-regional or district plan or strategy (including any exhibited draft plans or strategies)?

The *Riverina Murray Regional Plan 2036* (RMRP) was finally adopted by the NSW government in 2017. The Minister's foreword to the document states that the RMRP "*encompasses a vision, goals, directions and actions that were developed with the community and stakeholders to deliver greater prosperity for this important region.*"

An assessment of the directions contained within the RMRP as they relate to the Planning Proposal is undertaken at Attachment 'C'. In summary, this assessment concludes that the Planning Proposal does not contradict the overall purpose of the RMRP or the majority of Directions relating to the development of land around Griffith for rural residential purposes.

### Q4 Is the planning proposal consistent with a council's local strategy or other local strategic plan?

The following planning strategies are relevant to the Planning Proposal.

#### Griffith Land Use Strategy – Beyond 2030 (GLUS)

The purpose of the GLUS is stated as "to provide direction for land use and spatial development for Griffith with a forward vision of approximately thirty years." It was introduced in 2012 and is the principal strategic planning document for the Griffith local government area.

Whilst the nearest community to the subject land is Beelbangera, it is technically located within the locality of Myall Park. The GLUS identifies the locality as principally rural land used for agriculture but also acknowledges the significant environmental values of the McPherson Range as well as some opportunities for rural residential development.

The future land uses map for Myall Park (see Figure 5) shows the subject land as having both the attributes of 'high conservation value' towards the elevated land at the rear and 'high scenic value' for the larger balance of the lot adjoining Rankins Springs Road. These two attributes align with the allocation of the E2 and RU2 zones respectively. It is noted that the bulk of the subject land is deemed suitable for rural residential development subject to consideration of environmental impacts and infrastructure provision.

The Planning Proposal would be considered inconsistent with this preferred land use if the boundary between the two designations was an accurate depiction of the change in land characteristics. That is, it would be advocating a change that would possibly permit a dwelling in a location deemed to be of 'high conservation value'.

However the ecological constraints assessment undertaken by Biosis (see Attachment 'D') is a site specific analysis and demonstrates that the 'break' in land characteristics occurs slightly to the west of that depicted in future land uses map for Myall Park and land use zones. It is not unreasonable to prefer this assessment over the more 'broad-brushed' approach to determine the merits of the changes requested in the Planning Proposal.

### Q5 Is the Planning Proposal consistent with applicable State Environmental Planning Policies?

Attachment 'A' provides an assessment of the Planning Proposal against all State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPP's). In summary, many of the SEPP's are not applicable to the Griffith local government area and even less are applicable to the circumstances of the Planning Proposal.

The assessment concludes that the Planning Proposal is not inconsistent with any of the relevant SEPP's.

#### Q6 Is the Planning Proposal consistent with applicable Ministerial Directions?

Section 9.1 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act) provides for the Minister for Planning to give directions to Councils regarding the principles, aims, objectives or policies to be achieved or given effect to in the preparation of LEP's. A Planning Proposal needs to be consistent with the requirements of the Direction but in some instances can be inconsistent if justified using the criteria stipulated such as a Local Environmental Study or the proposal is of "*minor significance*".

An assessment of all Ministerial Directions is undertaken in Attachment 'B'. In summary, the Planning Proposal is consistent with the relevant Directions.

### Section C. Environmental, social & economic impact

# Q7 Is there any likelihood that critical habitat or threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats, will be adversely affected as a result of the proposal?

Having regard for the proposal seeking changes to the E2 zone, an ecological constraints assessment was commissioned from consultants Biosis (see Attachment 'D'). The objective of assessment is stated in the report as:

"to determine the presence of any threatened flora, fauna, populations or ecological communities (biota) or their habitat listed under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act) and NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (BC Act) within the study area. A further objective is to determine the ecological constraints associated with development on the land zoned E2 – Environmental Conservation within Lot 6 DP 1133395."

The assessment concluded that:

We see no ecological impediment on this Lot in altering the boundary between the two zones as proposed in Appendix 1, Figure 3. Given the level of residential development in the immediate vicinity, we consider that the existing ecological constraints of the site would not be exacerbated by a proposed residential development (i.e. dwelling house and ancillary structures), provided:

- the proposed dwelling and associated ancillary structures are designed and situated to avoid and minimise further vegetation clearance
- appropriate safeguards are implemented during construction.

Based on this conclusion, it is considered there will be no adverse impact on critical habitat or threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats as a result of the proposal.

### Q8 Are there any other likely environmental effects as a result of the Planning Proposal and how are they proposed to be managed?

Having regard for the minor nature of the Planning Proposal, it is considered there are no other likely environmental effects.

### Q9 How has the Planning Proposal adequately addressed any social and economic effects?

There will be a direct positive social and economic effect for the Beelbangera community resulting from additional residents in the vicinity once the proposed dwelling is constructed following the zone boundary adjustment. There will be a less significant general benefit for Griffith for the same reason.

### Section D. State & Commonwealth interests

#### Q10 Is there adequate public infrastructure for the Planning Proposal?

The subject land was created as part of a rural residential subdivision along Rankins Springs Road. A reticulated raw water supply is provided to all lots as part of that subdivision. The subject land is accessed from a constructed and sealed service road off Rankins Springs Road.

Electricity and telecommunications are available to the subject land.

### Q11 What are the views of State and Commonwealth public authorities consulted in accordance with the gateway determination?

No public authorities have been consulted prior to submitting the Planning Proposal to Council for support and subsequent request for a Gateway Determination. It is assumed the Gateway determination will dictate which authorities are to be consulted on the Planning Proposal.

# PART 3. Maps

The following maps and figures are provided in support of the Planning Proposal.

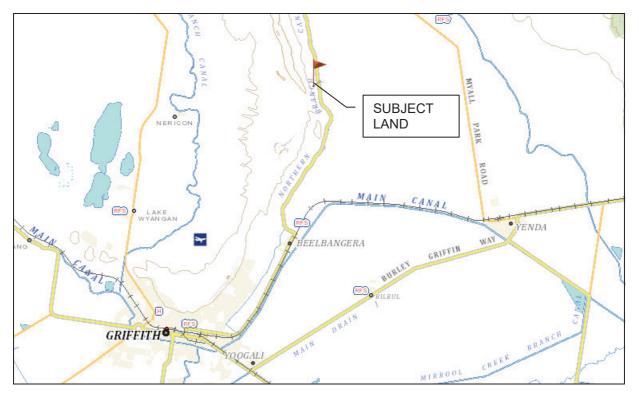


FIGURE 1: Location of the subject land within the context of Griffith (Source: SIX Maps)



FIGURE 2: The subject land within the context of its immediate surrounds (Source: nearmap)

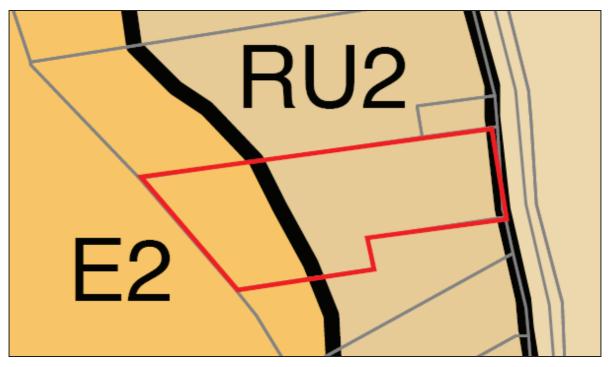


FIGURE 3: Extract from Land Zoning Map (Source: GLEP).

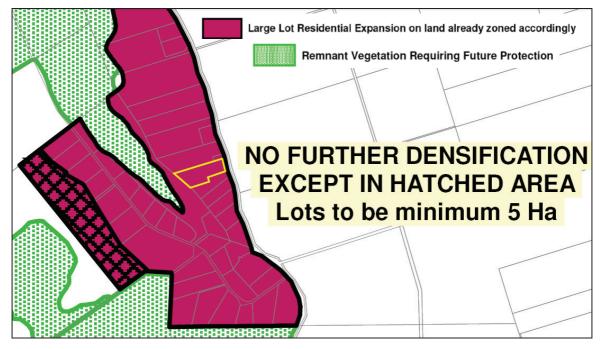


FIGURE 4: Extract from Map 44 Long Term General Planning (Source: GLUS).

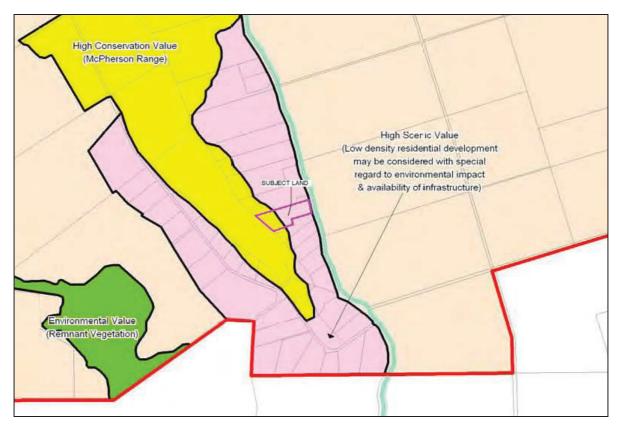


FIGURE 5: Extract from Future Land Uses map for Myall Park (Source: GLUS).

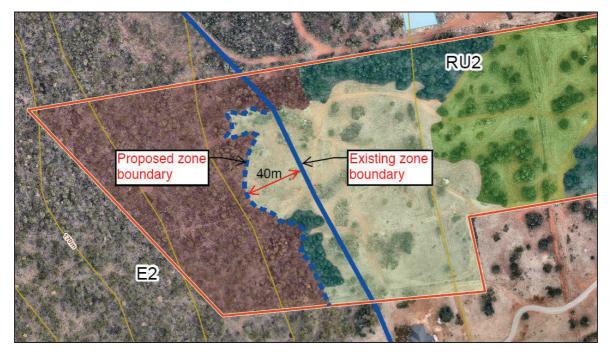


FIGURE 6: Current and proposed zone boundary (Source: Biosis)

AHIMS Web Service search for the following area at Lot : 6. DP:DP1133395 with a Buffer of 50 meters. conducted by Warwick Horsfall on 12 September 2018.

The context area of your search is shown in the map below. Please note that the map does not accurately display the exact boundaries of the search as defined in the paragraph above. The map is to be used for general reference purposes only.



A search of the Office of the Environment and Heritage AHIMS Web Services (Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System) has shown that:

0 Aboriginal sites are recorded in or near the above location. 0 Aboriginal places have been declared in or near the above location. \*

FIGURE 7: Results of AHIMS search for recorded Aboriginal sites (Source: OEH)

# PART 4. Community consultation

The Planning Proposal will be subject to public exhibition following the Gateway process. The Gateway determination will specify the community consultation that must be undertaken for the Planning Proposal, if any. As such, the exact consultation requirements are not known at this stage.

This Planning Proposal will be exhibited for a period of 28 days in accordance with the requirements of Clause 4 in Schedule 1 of the EP&A Act and the Guide. At a minimum, the future consultation process is expected to include:

- written notification to landowners adjoining the subject land;
- consultation with relevant Government Departments and agencies, service providers and other key stakeholders, as determined in the Gateway determination;
- public notices to be provided in local media, including in a local newspaper and on Councils' website;
- static displays of the Planning Proposal and supporting material in Council public buildings; and
- electronic copies of all documentation being made available to the community free of charge (preferably via downloads from Council's website).

At the conclusion of the public exhibition period Council staff will consider submissions made with respect to the Planning Proposal and prepare a report to Council.

It is considered unlikely that a Public Hearing will be required for the proposal although this can't be confirmed until after the exhibition/notification process has been completed.

# PART 5. Project timeline

The project timeline for the Planning Proposal is outlined in Table 1. There are many factors that can influence compliance with the timeframe including the cycle of Council meetings, consequences of agency consultation (if required) and outcomes from public exhibition. Consequently the timeframe should be regarded as indicative only.

#### TABLE 1: - Project timeline

| Milestone   | Date/timeframe   |
|---|--|
| Anticipated commencement date (date of Gateway determination)   | 4 weeks following Council resolution to request Gateway determination. |
| Anticipated timeframe for the completion of required studies  | No required studies are anticipated.                                   |
| Timeframe for government agency<br>consultation (pre and post exhibition as<br>required by Gateway determination) | 6 weeks from Gateway determination.                                    |
| Commencement and completion dates for public exhibition period  | 6 weeks from Gateway determination.                                    |
| Dates for public hearing (if required)  | Not required.  |
| Timeframe for consideration of submissions  | 2 weeks following completion of exhibition.                            |
| Timeframe for the consideration of a proposal post exhibition   | 4 weeks following completion of exhibition.                            |
| Anticipated date RPA will make the plan (if delegated)  | To be determined by Gateway determination.                             |
| Anticipated date RPA will forward to the department for notification (if delegated).                              | To be confirmed.   |

## Conclusion

The Planning Proposal is to make a minor alteration to the boundary between the E2 and RU2 zones as they apply to the property at 1413 Rankins Springs Road, Myall Park. The purpose of the Planning Proposal is to facilitate the development of a dwelling in a location on the lot that maximises residential amenity. An amendment to the GLEP is necessary as a dwelling is currently prohibited at the preferred site.

In summary, the Planning Proposal is considered to have merit because:

- the subject land is already within an area strategically preferred for rural residential development;
- it is in effect a minor zone boundary adjustment that will result in a more accurate depiction of land characteristics on the subject land;
- the site for the proposed dwelling is not constrained for development from an ecological perspective;
- having regard for the purpose of the E2 zone, it is incorrectly applied to the site for the proposed dwelling;
- it will allow for the dwelling to be sited so as to maximise the amenity opportunities offered by the subject land; and
- it is not inconsistent with the broader planning framework (e.g. State provisions) that applies to the subject land.

# Attachment A

Consistency with State Environmental Planning Policies

| No. | Title   | Consistency   |
|-----|---|---|
| 1   | Development Standards   | Not applicable since gazettal of GLEP.  |
| 14  | Coastal Wetlands  | Not applicable to the Griffith local government area.   |
| 19  | Bushland in Urban Areas   | Not applicable to the Griffith local government area.   |
| 21  | Caravan Parks   | Not applicable as 'caravan parks' are prohibited in the RU2 zone.   |
| 26  | Littoral Rainforests  | Not applicable to the Griffith local government area.   |
| 30  | Intensive Agriculture   | Intensive agriculture is prohibited in the E2 zone but permissible<br>with consent in the RU2 zone. Hence the Planning Proposal, in<br>theory at least, creates an additional small amount of land available<br>for this purpose. However the stated purpose of the Planning<br>Proposal is to facilitate the construction of a dwelling on the small<br>area proposed for the RU2 zone.<br>The Planning Proposal does not conflict with the aims, consent<br>triggers and assessment considerations as provided in the SEPP. |
| 33  | Hazardous & Offensive<br>Development                                    | Not applicable as 'industries' are prohibited in the RU2 zone.  |
| 36  | Manufactured Home<br>Estate   | The Planning Proposal does not conflict with the aims, strategies, development consent, assessment and location provisions as provided in the SEPP.   |
| 44  | Koala Habitat Protection  | Not applicable to the Griffith local government area.   |
| 47  | Moore Park Showground   | Not applicable to the Griffith local government area.   |
| 50  | Canal Estate<br>Development   | The Planning Proposal does not conflict with the aims and canal estate development prohibitions as provided in the SEPP.  |
| 52  | Farm Dams and Other<br>Works in Land and Water<br>Management Plan Areas | The Planning Proposal does not conflict with the aims consent requirements stipulated in the SEPP.  |
| 55  | Remediation of Land   | As the Planning Proposal will create the opportunity for residential development, Clause 6 of this SEPP requires Council to consider whether the subject land is potentially contaminated.<br>Council can be satisfied in this regard as the land use history is one of rural with low scale agriculture (grazing). There is no visible evidence of any 'hot spots' where an activity may have been undertaken leading to potential soil contamination (e.g. sheep dip).  |
| 62  | Sustainable Aquaculture   | Aquaculture is prohibited in the E2 zone but permissible with<br>consent in the RU2 zone. Hence the Planning Proposal, in theory<br>at least, creates an additional small amount of land available for<br>this purpose. However given the elevation and slope of the land, it<br>is highly unlikely the use of the land for this purpose would be<br>feasible.<br>The Planning Proposal does not conflict with the aims, consent<br>triggers and assessment considerations as provided in the SEPP.                           |
| 64  | Advertising & Signage   | The Planning Proposal does not conflict with the aims, development consent requirements and assessment criteria for advertising and signage as provided in the SEPP.  |
| 65  | Design Quality of<br>Residential Flat<br>Development                    | Not applicable as residential flat buildings are prohibited in the RU2 zone.  |

| No. | Title   | Consistency   |
|-----|---|---|
| 70  | Affordable Housing<br>(Revised Schemes)                         | Not applicable to the Griffith local government area.   |
| 71  | Coastal Protection  | Not applicable to the Griffith local government area.   |
|     | Affordable Rental<br>Housing 2009                               | The Planning Proposal does not conflict with the aims and functions of this SEPP as the RU2 zone does not discriminate against the provision of affordable housing (and consequently affordable rental housing). The GLEP cannot influence the provision of rental housing. |
|     | Building Sustainability<br>Index (BASIX) 2004                   | The Planning Proposal does not conflict with the aims and<br>development consent requirements relating to BASIX affected<br>building(s) that seeks to reduce water consumption, greenhouse<br>gas emissions and improve thermal performance as provided in<br>the SEPP.     |
|     | Exempt & Complying<br>Development Codes 2008                    | The Planning Proposal does not conflict with the aims and functions of this SEPP with respect to exempt and complying development provisions.   |
|     | Housing for Seniors &<br>People with a Disability<br>2004       | Not applicable as this SEPP can't be used in the RU2 zone.  |
|     | Infrastructure 2007   | The Planning Proposal does not conflict with the aims,<br>permissibility, development consent, assessment and consultation<br>requirements, capacity to undertake additional uses, adjacent,<br>exempt and complying development provisions as provided in the<br>SEPP.     |
|     | Kosciuszko National Park<br>– Alpine Resorts 2007               | Not applicable to the Griffith local government area.   |
|     | Kurnell Peninsula 1989  | Not applicable to the Griffith local government area.   |
|     | Major Development 2005  | Not applicable as the subject land is not a nominated State significant site.   |
|     | Mining, Petroleum<br>Production & Extractive<br>Industries 2007 | The Planning Proposal does not conflict with the aims,<br>permissibility, development assessment requirements relating to<br>mining, petroleum production and extractive industries as provided<br>in the SEPP.   |
|     | Miscellaneous Consent<br>Provisions 2007                        | The Planning Proposal does not conflict with the aims, permissibility, development assessment requirements relating to temporary structures as provided in the SEPP.  |
|     | Penrith Lakes Scheme<br>1989                                    | Not applicable to the Griffith local government area.   |
|     | Murray Regional<br>Environmental Plan No. 2<br>– Riverine Land  | Not applicable as the land is not within the area to which MREP2 applies.   |
|     | Rural Lands 2008  | This SEPP is relevant because the matters for consideration at<br>Clause 10 will apply to the development application for the future<br>dwelling on the small area of RU2 zone proposed.  |
|     |   | In addition Clause 7 requires consideration courtesy of Minister Direction 1.5 (see Attachment 'B').  |
|     |   | The Planning Proposal does not conflict with the aims, principles, development assessment requirements as provided in the SEPP.   |

| No. | Title                                   | Consistency  |
|-----|---|--|
|     | State & Regional<br>Development 2011    | Not applicable as the Planning Proposal is not for State significant development.    |
|     | State Significant Precincts             | Not applicable as the subject land is not within a State significant precinct.       |
|     | Sydney Drinking Water<br>Catchment 2011 | Not applicable to the Griffith local government area.                                |
|     | Sydney Region Growth<br>Centres 2006    | Not applicable to the Griffith local government area.                                |
|     | Three Ports 2013                        | Not applicable to the Griffith local government area.                                |
|     | Urban Renewal 2010                      | Not applicable as the subject land is not within a nominated urban renewal precinct. |
|     | Vegetation in Non-Rural<br>Areas 2017   | Not applicable as the subject land is in a rural area.                               |
|     | Western Sydney<br>Employment Area 2009  | Not applicable to the Griffith local government area.                                |
|     | Western Sydney<br>Parklands 2009        | Not applicable to the Griffith local government area.                                |

# Attachment B

Consistency with Ministerial Directions

| No. | Title  | Consistency  |
|-----|--|--|
| 1.  | Employment and Resour                                      | ces  |
| 1.1 | Business & Industrial<br>Zones                             | Not applicable as the proposal does not affect land in a business or commercial zone.  |
| 1.2 | Rural Zones  | <ul> <li>This direction is relevant as the Planning Proposal involves a rural zone.</li> <li>The proposal is consistent with the direction because:</li> <li>it is not zoning land to an urban use; and</li> <li>it is not increasing the density of development on land in a rural zone because a dwelling is already permissible (with consent) on that part of the land currently zoned RU2.</li> </ul> |
| 1.3 | Mining, Petroleum<br>Production & Extractive<br>Industries | Not applicable as the Planning Proposal does not restrict mining.  |
| 1.4 | Oyster Aquaculture   | Not applicable as the subject land is not within a Priority Oyster Aquaculture Area.   |

| No. | Title       | Consistency  |
|-----|-------------|--|
| 1.5 | Rural Lands | This direction is relevant as the Planning Proposal involves the alteration of existing rural and environment protection zones.<br>The direction requires that the planning proposal must be consistent  |
|     |             | with the following Rural Planning Principles expressed in the SEPP (Rural Lands).  |
|     |             | a) the promotion and protection of opportunities for current and<br>potential productive and sustainable economic activities in rural<br>areas,  |
|     |             | <i>b)</i> recognition of the importance of rural lands and agriculture and<br>the changing nature of agriculture and of trends, demands and<br>issues in agriculture in the area, region or State,   |
|     |             | <i>c)</i> recognition of the significance of rural land uses to the State and rural communities, including the social and economic benefits of rural land use and development,   |
|     |             | <i>d) in planning for rural lands, to balance the social, economic and environmental interests of the community,</i>   |
|     |             | e) the identification and protection of natural resources, having<br>regard to maintaining biodiversity, the protection of native<br>vegetation, the importance of water resources and avoiding<br>constrained land,   |
|     |             | f) the provision of opportunities for rural lifestyle, settlement and housing that contribute to the social and economic welfare of rural communities,   |
|     |             | <i>g) the consideration of impacts on services and infrastructure and appropriate location when providing for rural housing,</i>   |
|     |             | <ul> <li>ensuring consistency with any applicable regional strategy of<br/>the Department of Planning or any applicable local strategy<br/>endorsed by the Director-General.</li> </ul>  |
|     |             | The planning proposal can be considered consistent with these principles for the following reasons:  |
|     |             | <ul> <li>At 5.9ha and located in a rural residential subdivision, the<br/>subject land is not being used for agriculture and has no<br/>opportunity to do so. The land is also constrained for<br/>commercial agriculture by the E2 zone (approximately one-third<br/>of the area), slope and vegetation.</li> </ul> |
|     |             | b) As for a) above.  |
|     |             | <ul><li>c) As for a) above.</li><li>d) The appaired apparent and appaired protocol interacts of the</li></ul>  |
|     |             | <ul> <li>d) The social, economic and environmental interests of the<br/>community will be unchanged by the proposal.</li> </ul>  |
|     |             | e) The ecological constraints assessment at Attachment 'D' demonstrates that biodiversity will not be detrimentally impacted by the proposal.  |
|     |             | f) The rural lifestyle opportunity has already been created by the<br>subdivision that created the lot and others in this area. Most of<br>these lots have already been developed with dwellings.  |
|     |             | g) The existing raw water supply to the subject land was provided<br>at the time of the subdivision and anticipated a future dwelling.<br>The subject land is in proximity of the village of Beelbangera<br>that offers basic services for day-to-day needs.   |
|     |             | h) See an assessment of the proposal against the <i>Riverina Murray</i><br><i>Regional Plan 2036</i> at Attachment 'C'.  |

| No. | Title   | Consistency   |
|-----|---|---|
| 2.  | Environment and Heritag                           | e   |
| 2.1 | Environment Protection<br>Zones                   | This direction is relevant because it applies to all Planning Proposals.  |
|     |   | The Planning Proposal is consistent with the direction because it<br>does not compromise existing environmental protection standards in<br>the GLEP. The ecological constraints assessment at Attachment 'D'<br>demonstrates that biodiversity will not be detrimentally impacted by<br>the proposal. |
| 2.2 | Coastal Protection                                | Not applicable as the subject land is not within a coastal zone.  |
| 2.3 | Heritage Conservation                             | This direction is relevant because it applies to all Planning Proposals.  |
|     |   | The Planning Proposal is consistent with this direction because the subject land does not contain any known " <i>items, places, buildings, works, relics, moveable objects or precincts of environmental heritage significance</i> " or Aboriginal objects.   |
|     |   | A search of the AHIMS data base reveals there are no recorded<br>Aboriginal items on the subject land or within 50 metres (see Figure<br>7).  |
| 2.4 | Recreation Vehicle<br>Areas                       | This direction is relevant because it applies to all Planning Proposals.  |
|     |   | The Planning Proposal is consistent with the direction because it does not advocate the designation of the subject land as a recreation vehicle area pursuant to an order in force under section 11 (1) of the <i>Recreation Vehicles Act 1983</i> .  |
| 2.5 | Application of E2 and E3 Zones and                | Not applicable as the subject land is not on the Far North Coast.   |
|     | Environmental Overlays<br>in Far North Coast LEPs |   |
| 3.  | Housing Infrastructure ar                         | nd Urban Development  |
| 3.1 | Residential Zones                                 | Not applicable as the proposal does not relate to residential zones or advocate significant residential development.  |
| 3.2 | Caravan Parks &<br>Manufactured Home              | This direction is relevant because it applies to all Planning Proposals.  |
|     | Estates   | The Planning Proposal is consistent with this direction because it does not reduce the opportunities for caravan parks and manufactured homes estates on the subject land given that caravan parks are already prohibited in the RU2 and E2 zones.  |
| 3.3 | Home Occupations                                  | This direction is relevant because it applies to all Planning Proposals.  |
|     |   | The Planning Proposal will not prevent the future dwelling being used for 'home occupations' and hence is consistent with this direction.   |
| 3.4 | Integrating Land Use and Transport                | This direction is not relevant because the Planning Proposal is not making alterations to an urban zone.  |
| 3.5 | Development Near<br>Licensed Aerodromes           | Not applicable as the subject land is not in the vicinity of a licensed aerodrome.  |
| 3.6 | Shooting Ranges                                   | Not applicable as the subject land land is not in the vicinity of a shooting range.   |

| No.  | Title   | Consistency  |
|------|---|--|
| 4.   | Hazard and Risk   |  |
| 4.1  | Acid Sulphate Soils   | Not applicable as the subject land does not contain acid suphate soils.  |
| 4.2  | Mine Subsidence & Unstable Land   | Not applicable as the subject land is not within Mine Subsistence District.  |
| 4.3  | Flood Prone Land  | Not applicable as the subject land is not mapped as flood prone.   |
| 4.4  | Planning for Bushfire<br>Protection   | This direction is relevant because the land is mapped as bush fire prone land.<br>The proposal is considered to be consistent with this direction because the bush fire assessment at Attachment 'F' demonstrates the proposed dwelling can meet the requirements of the <i>Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2006</i> . |
| 5.   | Regional Planning   |  |
| 5.1  | Implementation of<br>Regional Strategies  | Revoked in 2017.   |
| 5.2  | Sydney Drinking Water<br>Catchment  | Not applicable as the subject land is not within the Sydney Drinking Water Catchment.  |
| 5.3  | Farmland of State &<br>Regional Significance<br>on the NSW Far North<br>Coast         | Not applicable as the subject land is not within one of the local government areas nominated in this direction.  |
| 5.4  | Commercial and Retail<br>Development along the<br>Pacific Highway, North<br>Coast     | Not applicable as the subject land is not near the Pacific Highway.  |
| 5.5  | Development in the<br>Vicinity of Ellalong,<br>Paxton and Millfield<br>(Cessnock LGA) | Revoked in 2010.   |
| 5.6  | Sydney to Canberra<br>Corridor  | Revoked in 2008.   |
| 5.7  | Central Coast   | Revoked in 2008.   |
| 5.8  | Second Sydney Airport:<br>Badgerys Creek  | Not applicable as the subject land is not near the site for a second Sydney airport.   |
| 5.9  | North West Rail Link<br>Corridor Strategy   | Not applicable as the subject land is not near this corridor.  |
| 5.10 | Implementation of<br>Regional Plans   | This direction is relevant because it applies to all Planning<br>Proposals.<br>The Planning Proposal complies with this direction because it is<br>generally consistent with the <i>Riverina Murray Regional Plan 2036</i><br>(see Attachment 'C').  |

| No. | Title  | Consistency   |
|-----|--|---|
| 6.  | Local Plan Making  |   |
| 6.1 | Approval and Referral<br>Requirements  | This direction is relevant because it applies to all Planning<br>Proposals.<br>The Planning Proposal is consistent with this direction because it<br>does not propose any referral requirements or nominate any<br>development as 'designated development'. |
| 6.2 | Reserving Land for<br>Public Purposes  | This direction is relevant because it applies to all Planning<br>Proposals.<br>The Planning Proposal is consistent with this direction because it<br>does not remove or propose any public land.  |
| 6.3 | Site Specific Provisions   | Not applicable as the proposal does not propose any site specific provisions.   |
| 7.  | Metropolitan Planning  |   |
| 7.1 | Implementation of A<br>Plan for Growing<br>Sydney  | Not applicable as the subject land is not within one of the local government areas nominated in this direction.   |
| 7.2 | Implementation of<br>Greater Macarthur Land<br>Release Investigation   | Not applicable as the subject land is not within one of the local government areas nominated in this direction.   |
| 7.3 | Parramatta Road<br>Corridor Urban<br>Transformation Strategy   | Not applicable as the subject land is not within one of the local government areas nominated in this direction.   |
| 7.4 | Implementation of North<br>West Priority Growth<br>Area Land Use and<br>Infrastructure<br>Implementation Plan                    | Not applicable as the subject land is not within the North West<br>Priority Growth Area.  |
| 7.5 | Implementation of<br>Greater Parramatta<br>Priority Growth Area<br>Interim Land Use<br>and Infrastructure<br>Implementation Plan | Not applicable as the subject land is not within the Greater<br>Parramatta Priority Growth Area.  |
| 7.6 | Implementation of<br>Wilton Priority Growth<br>Area Interim Land Use<br>and Infrastructure<br>Implementation Plan                | Not applicable as the subject land is not within the Wollondilly Shire Council.   |

# Attachment C

Consistency with the Riverina-Murray Regional Plan 2036

| Goal, Direction & Action Title   | Relevance to the Planning Proposal   | Comment |
|--|--|---------|
| Goal 1 – A growing and diverse economy   | nomy   |         |
| Direction 1 – Protect the region's<br>diverse and productive<br>agricultural land.     | Not relevant, as the subject land is not<br>used for productive agricultural<br>purposes.  | N/A     |
| Direction 2 – Promote and grow<br>the agribusiness sector.                             | Not relevant, as the proposal does not relate to agribusiness.   | N/A     |
| Direction 3 – Expand advanced<br>and value-added manufacturing.                        | Not relevant, as the proposal does not relate to manufacturing.  | N/A     |
| Direction 4 – Promote business<br>activities in industrial and<br>commercial areas.    | Not relevant, as the proposal is not<br>business related.  | N/A     |
| Direction 5 – Support the growth of the health and aged care sectors.                  | Not relevant, as the proposal is not related to the health sector.   | N/A     |
| Direction 6 – Promote the expansion of education and training opportunities.           | Not relevant, as the proposal is not related to the education sector.  | N/A     |
| Direction 7 – Promote tourism opportunities.   | Not relevant, as the proposal is not related to tourism.   | N/A     |
| Direction 8 – Enhance the<br>economic self-determination of<br>Aboriginal communities. | Not relevant, as the proposal is not<br>related to Aboriginal communities (other<br>than the possible presence of<br>artefacts). | N/A     |
| Direction 9 – Support the forestry industry.   | Not relevant, as the proposal does not relate to forestry.   | N/A     |
| Direction 10 – Sustainably<br>manage water resources for<br>economic opportunities.    | Not relevant, as the proposal does not relate to water resources.  | MA      |

| Direction 11 - Promote the<br>diversification of energy suppliesNot relevant, as the<br>relate to energy g<br>relate to energy g<br>relate to energy g<br>relate to energy g<br>relate to mineral regeneration.Direction 12 - Sustainably<br>manage mineral resources.Not relevant, as the<br>relate to mineral relate t | Not relevant, as the proposal does not<br>relate to energy generation.                             | N/A  |
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| ith pri  | Not relevant, as the proposal does not relate to mineral resources.                                | N/A  |
|  | terways  |  |
|  | Not applicable, as the subject land is<br>not known to contain any water<br>resources.             | N/A  |
|  | Not applicable as the land is not along<br>a river corridor.                                       | N/A  |
| Direction 15 – Protect and manage The rear or<br>the region's many environmental up to McP<br>assets.  | The rear of the subject land extends<br>up to McPhersons Range which is an<br>environmental asset. | The ecological constraints assessment undertaken by Biosis (see Attachment 'D') demonstrates that the minor adjustment of the E2 boundary will have no impact on the environmental values of McPhersons Range.                         |
| Direction 16 – Increase resilience The subjec<br>to natural hazards and climate containing<br>change.  | The subject land is mapped as containing a vegetation category that represents a bush fire risk.   | The proposal is considered to be consistent with this direction because the bush fire assessment at Attachment 'F' demonstrates the proposed dwelling can meet the requirements of the <i>Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2006</i> . |
| Goal 3 – Efficient transport and infrastructure networks   | stworks  |  |
| Direction 17 – Transform the region Not releva into the eastern seaboard's freight relate to in and logistics hub.   | Not relevant, as the proposal does not relate to industry or freight.                              | N/A  |
| Direction 18 – Enhance road and Not relevant, as rail freight links.   | Not relevant, as the proposal does not relate to freight.  | N/A  |
| Direction 19 – Support and protect Not relevant, as ongoing access to air travel. affect air travel.   | Not relevant, as the proposal will not affect air travel.  | N/A  |
| Direction 20 – Identify and protect Not relevant as the future transport corridors.  | Not relevant as the proposal does not relate to transport.   | N/A  |

| Direction 21 – Align and protect<br>utility infrastructure investment.                               | Yes, as the proposal will require infrastructure with a future dwelling.   | All necessary infrastructure for rural residential development was provided to the subject land when it was created by subdivision.   |
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| Goal 4 – Strong, connected and healthy communities   | Ithy communities   |   |
| Direction 22 – Promote the growth of regional cities and local centres.                              | Yes, as the proposal is in proximity of<br>Griffith.   | Albeit a minor consequence, the Planning Proposal will support the growth of Griffith through an additional dwelling following the zone adjustment.   |
| Direction 23 – Build resilience in<br>towns and villages.  | Relevant because the subject land is in close proximity of the village of Beelbangera.                             | The future dwelling on the subject land will support the village through an increase in population that in term leads to support of local businesses and institutions (e.g. primary school).  |
| Direction 24 – Create a<br>connected and competitive<br>environment for cross-border<br>communities. | Not relevant as the land is not located<br>on the Murray River.  | N/A   |
| Direction 25 – Build housing<br>capacity to meet demand.   | Yes, as the proposal will result in an additional dwelling.  | Albeit a minor consequence, the Planning Proposal will increase the supply of housing through the new dwelling following the zone adjustment.   |
| Direction 26 – Provide greater<br>housing choice.  | Yes, as the proposal will result in an additional dwelling.  | Albeit a minor consequence, the Planning Proposal will increase housing choice through the new dwelling following the zone adjustment.  |
| Direction 27 – Manage rural<br>residential development.  | Relevant because the proposal relates<br>to rural residential land.  | The proposal is essentially a 'one-off' and the future dwelling will be subject to a development application allowing Council to manage the development. It is noted the subject land is already zoned in part for rural residential development. |
| Direction 28 – Deliver healthy<br>built environments and improved<br>urban design.                   | Yes, as the proposal will result in a new dwelling.  | The future dwelling is designed to a high standard (see Attachment 'E').  |
| Direction 29 – Protect the region's<br>Aboriginal and historic heritage.                             | Yes, as the development occurring as a result of the rezoning needs to consider the impact on Aboriginal heritage. | There are no known items of Aboriginal heritage on the subject land (se Figure 6).  |

# Attachment D

Ecological constraints assessment



28 August 2018

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Dear Derek

#### **Re: Ecological constraints assessment at 1413 Rankin Springs Road, Myall Park** Project no. 27904

Biosis Pty Ltd was commissioned by Derek Goullet to complete an ecological constraints assessment to describe the biodiversity values and constraints associated with a proposed residential development at 1413 Rankin Springs Road, Myall Park (Lot 6 DP 1133395, the study area) (Appendix 1; Figure 1).

The objective of this ecological constraints assessment is to determine the presence of any threatened flora, fauna, populations or ecological communities (biota) or their habitat listed under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) and NSW *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* (BC Act) within the study area. A further objective is to determine the ecological constraints associated with development on the land zoned E2 – Environmental Conservation within Lot 6 DP 1133395.

#### Background

The study area is within the Griffith Local Government Area (LGA) and is zoned E2 – Environmental Management and RU2 – Rural Landscape under the *Griffith Local Environmental Plan 2014* (Griffith LEP). The existing boundary between the two zones intersects the study area in the western portion of the lot (see Appendix 1, Figure 2). The study area is approximately 6 hectares and is bordered by residential lots on the north and south boundary and Rankin Springs Road on the eastern boundary. The study area is one of six lots that were subdivided from a former rural property. Four of these six lots have since been developed with residential properties. Under the Griffith LEP, dwelling houses and farm buildings are permitted with consent within the RU2 – Rural Landscape zone, however these are prohibited uses within the E2 – Environmental Conservation zone.

The centre of the study area contains areas that have been historically thinned or cleared of native vegetation. The majority of this area is within the RU2 zone, however a significant portion is located within the E2 zone. Biosis understands that Derek Goullet proposes to submit a planning proposal to alter the land zone boundary that intersects the lot. Altering the zone boundary will allow submission of a Development Application (DA) for construction of a residential dwelling (and associated ancillary structures) at 1413 Rankin Springs Road, Myall Park (Lot 6 DP 1133395) (Appendix 1; Figure 1).

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Land use surrounding the study area is predominantly agricultural where native vegetation has been modified by primary production and lot developments for dwellings. However, native vegetation is still present in the landscape as large patches, isolated paddock trees and unimproved pasture on private properties and within road reserves and nature reserves in the broader landscape.

#### Method

#### Database and literature review

Prior to completing the field investigation, information provided by Derek Goullet as well as other key information was reviewed, including:

- Commonwealth Department of the Environment and Energy (DEE) Protected Matters Search Tool for matters protected by the EPBC Act.
- NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) BioNet Atlas of NSW Wildlife, for items listed under the BC Act.
- NSW DPI WeedWise database for *Biosecurity Act 2015* (Biosecurity Act) Priority listed weeds for the Riverina Local Land Services (LLS) area.
- OEH Vegetation Information System (VIS) mapping through the Spatial Information eXchange (SIX) Vegetation Map Viewer, Defining the legislative framework for assessment.

The implications for the project were assessed in relation to key biodiversity legislation and policy including:

- EPBC Act
- Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act).
- BC Act
- Local Land Services Act 2016.
- Biosecurity Act.

#### **Field investigation**

A field investigation of the study area was undertaken on 26 – 27 June 2018 by qualified and experienced ecologist, Ewan Kelly. Vegetation within the study area was surveyed using the random meander technique (Cropper 1993) over 10 person hours.

A habitat-based assessment was completed to determine the presence of suitable habitat for threatened species previously recorded (OEH 2018) or predicted to occur (Commonwealth of Australia 2018) within 10 kilometres. This list was filtered according to species descriptions, life history, habitat preference and soil preference to determine those species most likely to be present within the study area.

#### Results

The study area contains native vegetation which is contiguous with native vegetation on adjacent properties and road reserves. The condition of native vegetation within the study area is a function of past land uses. The eastern section of the site has had some modification to the canopy with historical tree removal occurring for timber harvesting or agricultural improvement. Higher quality woodland remnants occur on the rocky rises and closer to Rankin Springs Road where the canopy remains relatively intact. The understorey throughout the site is predominantly native and contains a range of native herb, grass and fern



species. Low quality woodlands occur throughout the centre of the site where the canopy has been predominantly removed or thinned but the understorey remains native.

Native vegetation within the study area consists of Plant Community Type (PCT) 185: *Dwyer's Red Gum* -*White Cypress Pine - Currawang shrubby woodland mainly in the NSW South Western Slopes Bioregion* on the rocky rises where Currawang *Acacia doratoxylon* is the dominant canopy species (Appendix 1; Figure 2, Appendix 2; Plates 1 - 2), and PCT 82: *Western Grey Box - Poplar Box - White Cypress Pine tall woodland on red loams mainly of the eastern Cobar Peneplain Bioregion* on the lower slopes, closer to Rankin Springs Road (Appendix 1; Figure 2; Appendix 2; Plates 3 - 5). Plant Community Type 82 was found in a range of condition states from high to low quality based on the level of historic clearing.

Plant Community Type 185 occurs on rocky soils in the west of the study area and contains a dense canopy to 5 metres dominated by Currawang with Dwyer's Red-gum *Eucalyptus dwyeri* and White Cypress Pine *Callitris glaucophylla* scattered throughout. The midstorey is sparse to absent. The groundcover consists of a sparse cover of native herbs, grasses, salt bushes and ground ferns including Mulga Mitchell Grass *Thyridolepis mitchelliana*, Common Wheatgrass *Elymus scaber* var. *scaber*, Nine-awn Grass *Enneapogon nigricans*, Rock Fern *Cheilanthes sieberi* subsp. *sieberi* and Wingless Bluebush *Maireana enchylaenoides*.

Plant Community Type 82 occurs downslope from PCT 185 on deeper, less skeletal soils. A defined ecotone is present and can be marked by the abrupt replacement of Currawang as the dominant canopy species by a mixture of Bimble Box *Eucalyptus populnea* subsp. *bimbil* and White Cypress Pine. A sparse midstorey shrub layer is present and includes Deane's Wattle *Acacia deanei*, Silver Cassia *Senna artemisioides* subsp. *zygophylla*, Wilga *Geijera parviflora* and Narrow-leaf Hopbush *Dodonaea viscosa* subsp. *angustissima*. The ground layer consists of a diverse mix of herb, grass and ground fern species and includes Red-leg Grass *Bothriochloa macra*, Spider Grass *Enteropogon acicularis*, Smallflower Wallaby Grass *Rytidosperma setaceum*, Rock Fern, Riverine Flax Lilly *Dianella porracea*, Bluebells *Wahlenbergia* sp., Golden Everlasting *Xerochrysum bracteatum* and Wonga Wonga Vine *Pandorea pandorana*.

The centre of the study area contains areas that have been historically thinned or cleared for agricultural improvement and contains a native understorey and a sparse to absent canopy. The highest quality areas are present close to Myall Park Road and in the western portion of the study area where PCT185 is the dominant vegetation type.

Site species lists are available on request.



#### Ecological values of E2 zoned land and RU2 zoned land

From analysis of aerial photography and the relevant zoning maps, the boundary of the E2 and RU2 zoned land appears to have been developed to follow the distinct ecotone between PCT 82 and PCT 185. This boundary is delineated on the ground by the abrupt change in species composition from a Currawang dominated canopy to a mixed eucalypt and Callitris canopy. This change in species composition is driven by changes in the underlying geologies and soil as the slope increases and the soils become shallow and skeletal moving east to west.

The proposed development site has been selected for its proximity to natural features and to maximise views across the valley, while minimising the removal of native vegetation during construction by situating the works in an area that has been historically cleared. The proposed site falls just inside the boundary of the E2 zoned land (Appendix 2; Plates 6 – 7). However in this area, the boundary deviates slightly and does not strictly follow the ecotone between vegetation types. Analysis of the native vegetation at the proposed development site and in similar cleared vegetation in the RU2 zone (see Appendix 2; Plates 8 – 9) indicates the cleared areas contain almost identical ecological values. From an ecological perspective the constraints associated with development in a historically cleared area of the E2 zoned land is identical to development in a historically cleared area of the RU2 zoned land.

Using the ecotone between PCT 185 and 82 as the logical boundary between E2 and RU2 zoned land, it could be strongly argued that the delineation between zones should be amended in this area to accurately follow that boundary. A proposed land zone boundary between the E2 zone and the RU2 zone based on the results of this constraints assessment is provided in Appendix 1, Figure 3. This proposed zone boundary more accurately reflects the vegetation type and condition within the study area.

#### **Threatened species**

Background searches identified three threatened flora species and 34 threatened fauna species recorded (OEH 2018) or predicted to occur (DEE 2018) within 10 kilometres of the study area. Those species considered most likely to have habitat within the study area based on the background research are as follows:

#### Fauna

- Corben's Long-eared Bat Nyctophilus corbeni (Vulnerable EPBC Act and BC Act).
- Hooded Robin Melanodryas cucullata cucullata (Vulnerable BC Act).
- Grey-crowned Babbler Pomatostomus temporalis temporalis (Vulnerable BC Act).
- Diamond Firetail Stagonopleura guttata (Vulnerable BC Act).
- Varied Sittella Daphoenositta chrysoptera (Vulnerable BC Act).
- Speckled Warbler Chthonicola sagittata (Vulnerable BC Act).
- Brown Treecreeper (eastern subspecies) Climacteris picumnus victoriae (Vulnerable BC Act).
- Little Eagle *Hieraaetus morphnoides* (Vulnerable BC Act).
- Black Falcon Falco subniger (Vulnerable BC Act).
- Spotted Harrier Circus assimilis (Vulnerable BC Act).

Threatened flora species were considered to have a low or negligible likelihood of occurring in the study area. This is predominantly due to historical disturbance and land use practices.



Corben's Long-eared Bat has been recorded in the nearby Cocoparra National Park and may forage or be resident within the vegetation in the study area. The presence of a native canopy and predominantly native grass understorey is likely to provide suitable habitat features for a range of threatened woodland birds. While these species may forage within, or be resident within the vegetation in the study area, the development of a dwelling house and associated farm buildings and infrastructure in an area that has been historically cleared is unlikely to result in any impact to these relatively mobile species.

Likelihood tables for threatened flora and fauna occurring within the study area are available on request.

#### **Vegetation communities**

Plant Community Type 82 aligns with the Threatened Ecological Community (TEC) Grey Box *Eucalyptus microcarpa* Grassy Woodlands and Derived Native Grasslands of South-eastern Australia, listed as endangered under the EPBC Act and the Inland Grey Box Woodland in the Riverina, NSW South Western Slopes, Cobar Peneplain, Nandewar and Brigalow Belt South Bioregion, listed as endangered under the BC Act. However, these communities require Grey Box to be the dominant canopy species to meet the Threatened Species Scientific Committee (2010) listing criteria. Bimble Box was the dominant canopy species throughout. The TEC is likely to be present in the roadside but was not present on site.

#### **Priority weeds**

The Biosecurity Act came into effect as of 1 July 2017 and repeals the *Noxious Weeds Act 1993*. The Biosecurity Act outlines biosecurity risks and impacts, which in relation to the current assessment includes those risks and impacts associated with weeds. A biosecurity risk is defined as the risk of a biosecurity impact occurring, which for weeds includes:

- The introduction, presence, spread or increase of a pest into or within the State or any part of the State.
- A pest plant has the potential to:
  - Out-compete other organisms for resources, including food, water, nutrients, habitat and sunlight.
  - Harm or reduce biodiversity.

The Biosecurity Act introduces the concept of Priority Weeds. A priority weed is any weed identified in a local strategic plan, for a region that includes that land or area, as a weed that is or should be prevented, managed, controlled or eradicated in the region. Where a local strategic plan means a local strategic plan approved by the Minister under Division 2 of Part 4 of the *Local Land Services Act 2013*.

The Biosecurity Act also introduces the General Biosecurity Duty, which states:

• All plants are regulated with a general biosecurity duty to prevent, eliminate or minimise any biosecurity risk they may pose. Any person who deals with any plant, who knows (or ought to know) of any biosecurity risk, has a duty to ensure the risk is prevented, eliminated or minimised, so far as is reasonably practicable.

No Priority Weeds for Riverina LLS region, which includes the Griffith Council LGA, that have been recorded in the study area.



### **Constraints assessment**

The proposed development has been designed and situated to avoid the removal of native vegetation where possible. The aim of the development is to blend the dwelling with the natural features on the property and to avoid the removal of any trees during construction. The ecological constraints associated with development at the site include:

- the permanent removal of understorey native vegetation consisting of PCT 185 and 82
- removal of habitat for threatened species or potential for indirect impacts, including:
  - potential habitat for one EPBC Act listed fauna species: Corben's Long-eared Bat
  - removal of vegetation that may provide a foraging and nesting resource for a range of state listed avian species
- accidental loss of, or damage to, retained vegetation during the construction phase
- mortality of wildlife during construction works, particularly resident and relatively sedentary species such as reptiles and frogs
- decline in habitat quality in the surrounding area via increased weed invasion and sedimentation and/or pollution of drainage lines and waterways.

### **Conclusion and recommendations**

The site of the proposed residential development is located within a historically cleared area of E2 zoned land. An analysis of the differences in ecological values between the proposed development site and adjacent cleared areas within RU2 zoned land indicated there was little difference in the ecological values between the sites.

We see no ecological impediment on this Lot in altering the boundary between the two zones as proposed in Appendix 1, Figure 3. Given the level of residential development in the immediate vicinity, we consider that the existing ecological constraints of the site would not be exacerbated by a proposed residential development (i.e. dwelling house and ancillary structures), provided:

- the proposed dwelling and associated ancillary structures are designed and situated to avoid and minimise further vegetation clearance
- appropriate safeguards are implemented during construction.

Based on preliminary design plans, we recommend relocating a proposed shed further to the east to avoid accidental damage to trees during construction.

If the planning proposal is approved, further biodiversity assessment will be required to accompany a DA for the proposed development. A determination as to whether the proposed developed triggers the Biodiversity Offsets Scheme (BOS) will need to be made. If the BOS is not triggered, a standard flora and fauna assessment including a list of avoidance and mitigation actions as well as a Test of Significance for threatened species can be submitted with the DA. If the BOS is triggered, there is a requirement for preparation of a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) by an accredited assessor utilising the Biodiversity Assessment Methodology. Biosis can provide further advice regarding these issues if required.



I trust that this advice is of assistance to you however please contact me if you would like to discuss any elements of this ecological advice further.

Yours sincerely

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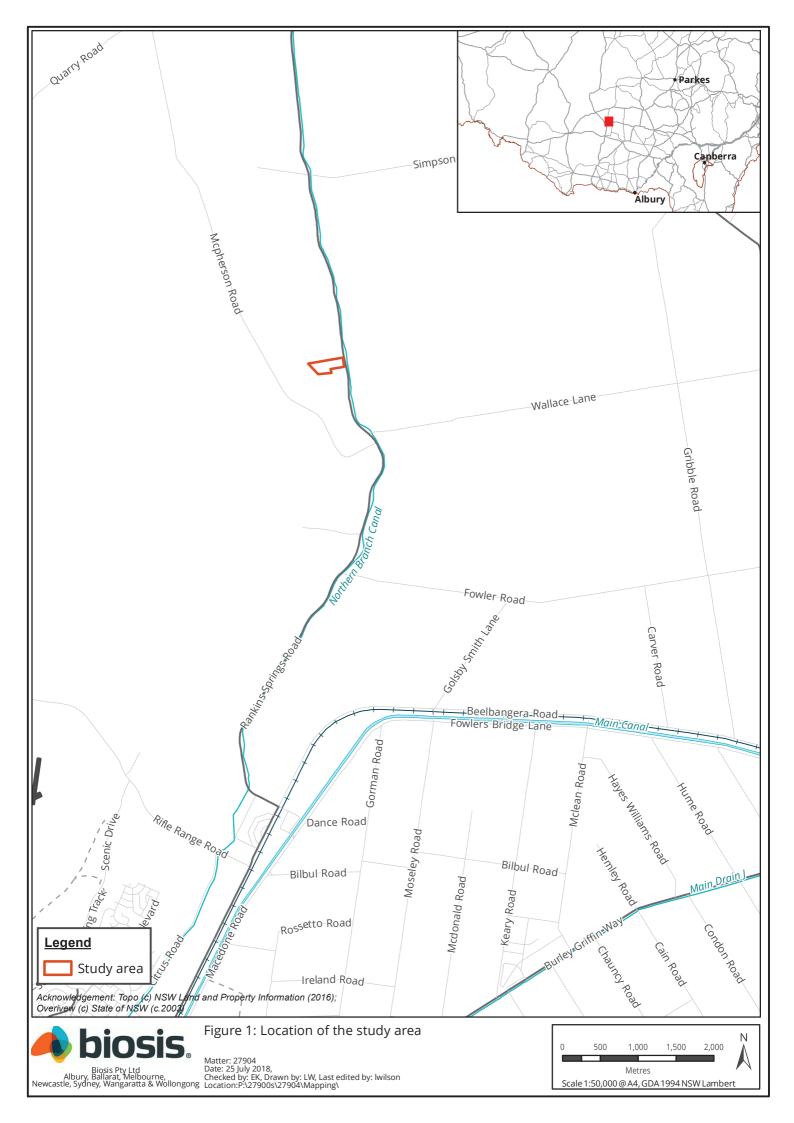
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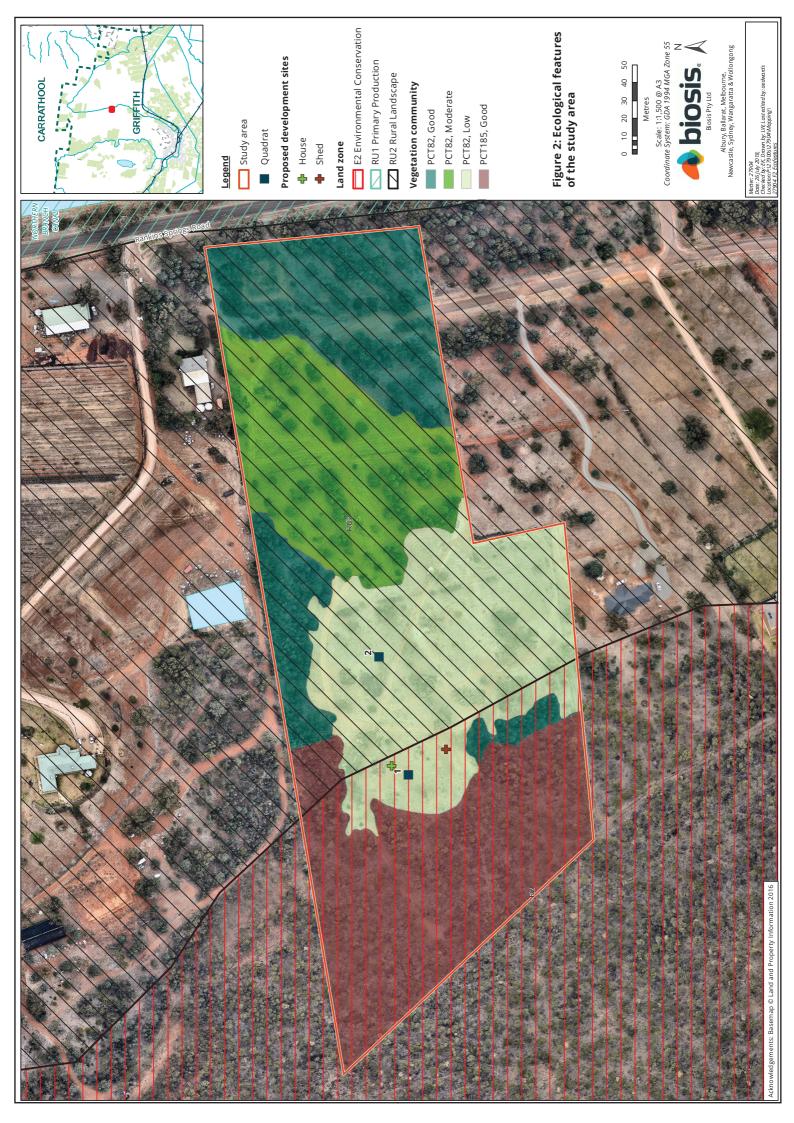


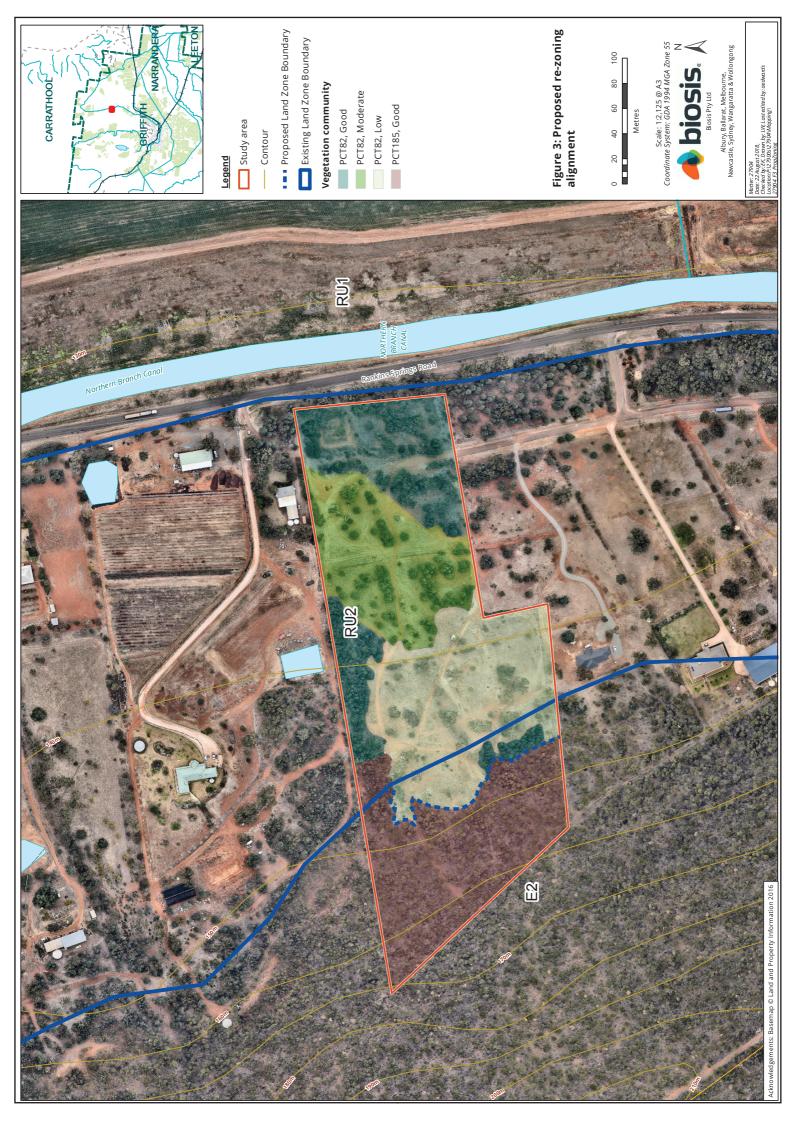
## Appendices



## Appendix 1 Figures









## Appendix 2 Plates





Plate 1 High quality PCT 185 west of the development site, facing north (photo taken 26 June 2018).



Plate 2 High quality PCT 185 west of the development site, facing north (photo taken 26 June 2018).





Plate 3 High quality PCT 82 west of Rankin Springs Road, facing east (photo taken 26 June 2018).



Plate 4 Moderate quality PCT 82 east of the development site, facing east (photo taken 26 June 2018).





Plate 5 Moderate quality PCT 82 east of the development site, facing south east (photo taken 26 June 2018).



Plate 6 Moderate quality PCT 82 at the site of the proposed development, facing west (photo taken 26 June 2018).





Plate 7 Moderate quality PCT 82 at the site of the proposed development, facing east (photo taken 26 June 2018).



Plate 8 Ecotone between PCT 82 and PCT 185 west of the proposed development, facing west (photo taken 26 June 2018).

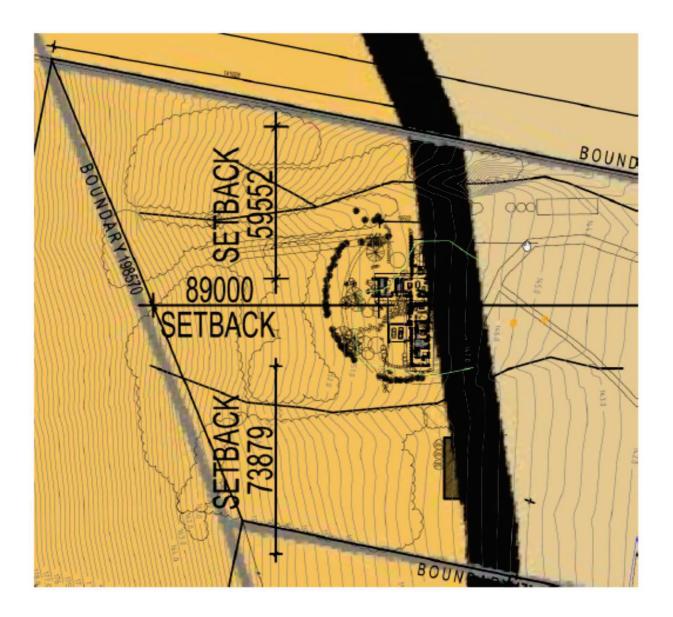




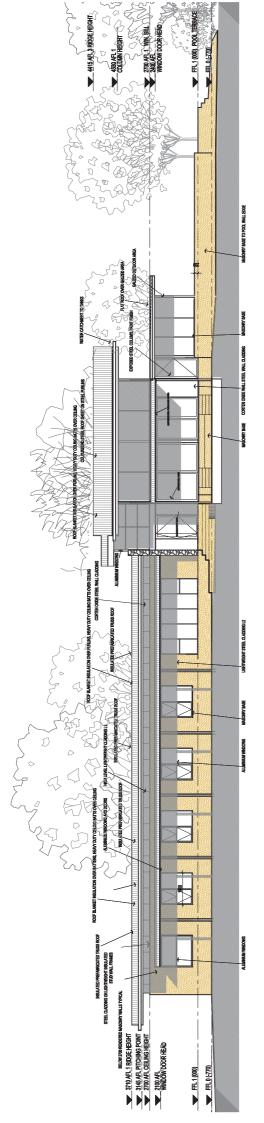
Plate 9 Ecotone between PCT 82 and PCT 185 north of the proposed development, facing west (photo taken 26 June 2018).

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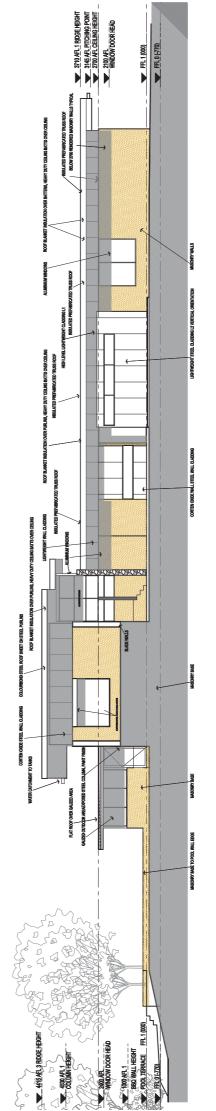
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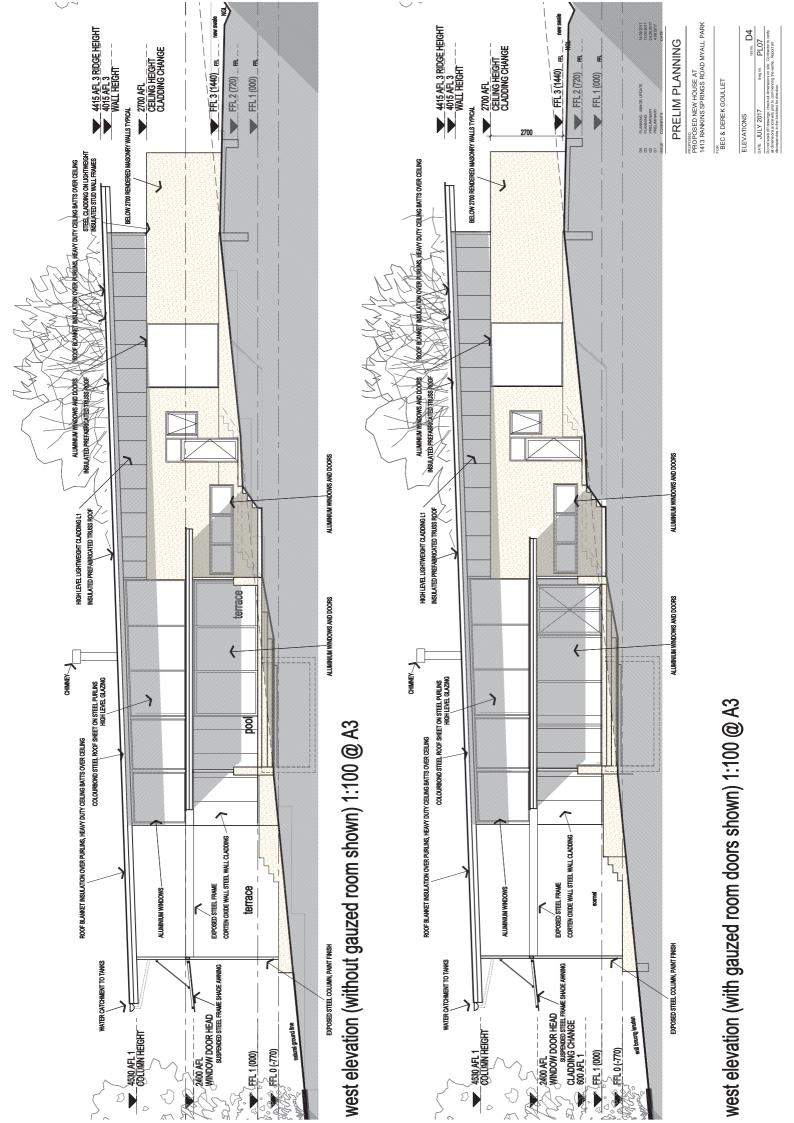


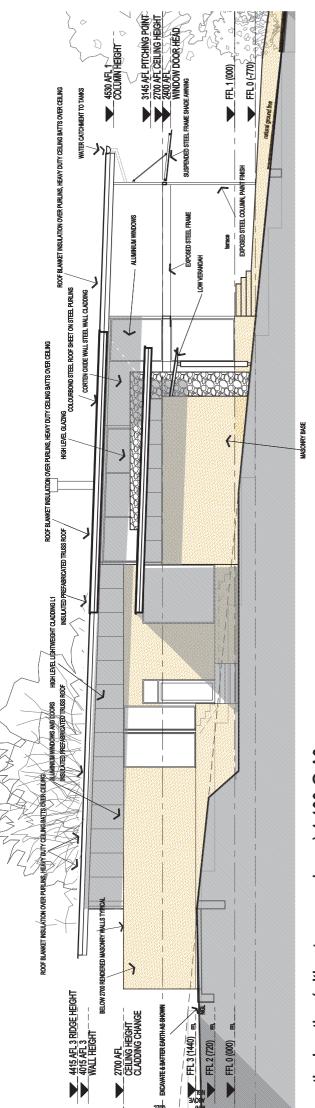
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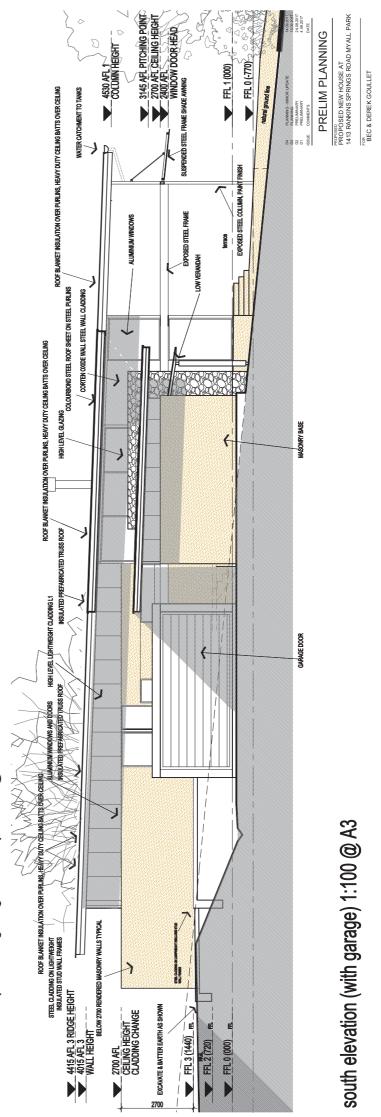
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# Attachment F

Bush fire assessment of proposed dwelling



### **PLANNING FOR BUSHFIRE PROTECTION 2006**

### SITE ASSESSMENT REPORT

| Prepared for:     | Derek and Bek Goullet                                |
|-------------------|--|
| Project:          | Proposed dwelling                                    |
| Property details: | Lot 6 DP1133395 1413 Rankins Springs Road Myall Park |
| Date:             | 12 July 2018   |

The following report is based on a plan assessment of the drawings PL00 - PL11 prepared by C4 architects and a site inspection carried out 11 July 2018.

### <u>AS 3959 – 2009</u>

The bushfire attack level (BAL) is determined from the simplified method in Section 2.2 of the standard as follows: FIRE DANGER INDEX: 80 VEGETATION CLASSIFICATION: WOODLAND DISTANCE TO HAZARD: VARIES EFFECTIVE SLOPE: UPSLOPE

As the distance to the hazard varies to different parts of the building, different BALs will apply to each part as follows:

MAIN BEDROOM and ENSUITE: within 10m of the hazard are required to be constructed to BAL FLAME ZONE requirements.

LAUNDRY/STORE, KITCHEN and GARAGE: within 14-20m from the hazard are required to be constructed to BAL 29 requirements.

THE REMAINDER OF THE HOUSE: within 20-29m of the hazard are required to be constructed to BAL 19 requirements.

### PLANNING FOR BUSHFIRE PROTECTION 2006 - ASSET PROTECTION ZONES

Table A2.5 provides minimum specifications for asset protection zones for rural subdivision purposes.

| Table A2.5 Minimum Specifications for Asset Protection Zones (m) for Residential and Rural Residential Subdivision Purposes (for Class 1 and 2 buildings) in FDI 80 Fire Areas (<29kW/m <sup>2</sup> ) |              |                  |         |          |          |  |  |  |  |
|--|--------------|------------------|---------|----------|----------|--|--|--|--|
|  |              | Effective Slopes |         |          |          |  |  |  |  |
| Vegetation Formation   | Upslope/Flat | >0°-5°           | >5°-10° | >10°-15° | >15°-18° |  |  |  |  |
| Rainforests  | 10           | 10               | 15      | 15       | 20       |  |  |  |  |
| Forests  | 20           | 20               | 30      | 40       | 45       |  |  |  |  |
| Woodland   | 10           | 15               | 15      | 20       | 25       |  |  |  |  |

A 10m asset protection zone is required between the hazard and the building. Some minor clearing of small trees will be required to achieve this.

The 10m asset protection zone is to be maintained as an outer protection area through controlled landscaping in order to minimise fuel loads.

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