

24 January 2019

The General Manager
City of Parramatta Council
PO Box 32,
Parramatta NSW 2124
Our ref: ID 850 and 943

Attention: Ms Felicity Roberts

Dear Ms Roberts

RE: PLANNING PROPOSAL (REZONING) FOR 20 MACQUARIE ST PARRAMATTA

Thank you for the further opportunity to review the Planning Proposal for 20 Macquarie St Parramatta ('Planning Proposal'), which intends to amend the *Parramatta Local Environmental Plan (PLEP) 2011*.

The NSW SES position on the Planning Proposal remains the same as that stated in the submission of 11 September 2018 (attached).

The NSW SES notes that the comments included in the amended Planning Proposal in relation to the NSW SES's submission and comparison to 180 George St Parramatta (p 20); however this comparison was in relation to the further considerations necessary to ensure that the increase in flood risk at both sites is minimised as much as possible. It is acknowledged that the 180 George St differs in location and proximity to the river and proposed development when compared to 20 Macquarie St; however the risk to life is considered to be similar at both sites in severe floods. It is likely there are additional risks at 20 Macquarie St, considering the proposal for basement parking. The NSW SES submission of 11 September 2018 (attached) highlights the risks associated with basement parking in flash flood prone locations such as 20 Macquarie St.

Council will need to ensure the proponent or development application (DA) Applicant addresses the potential risks created by locating a development in a location that is considered to exhibit high flood risk in a probable maximum flood and that potentially exhibits high flood risk in floods below the PMF (although modelling is not available to be able to assess this). This includes but is not just limited to consideration of the risks with basement car parks in high flood risk environments as the amended Planning Proposal notes.

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The NSW SES looks forward to having ongoing involvement with Council and DPE in guiding development decisions in Parramatta CBD and other areas in Parramatta local government area to minimise the increased flood risk to the community. Please contact **Marcus Morgan** on **(02) 4251 6665** or marcus.morgan@ses.nsw.gov.au if you wish to discuss any of the matters raised in this correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'George Jeffreys', is positioned above the printed name.

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NSW State Emergency Service

Cc: Kaylene Jones, Director Planning and Preparedness; Planning Coordinator.

Attachment: Planning Proposal 20 Macquarie St Parramatta NSW SES submission, dated 11 September 2018.