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Topa Property Pty Ltd Attention: Olga Masella

Date: 20 December 2023

Via Email: olga@topaproperty.com.au

Our Ref: 2389.02

Dear Olga,

Response Letter to RFS letter for PLRZ: RZ/1/2022 located at 1377 Hue Hue Road, Wyee, NSW.

As requested, AEP provides the following commentary in relation to comments provided by the RFS on 18 December 2023.

The first comment within the RFI was:

The provided bush fire report does not account for the all of the existing hazard on the southwestern boundary of the proposal (behind the existing sheds and round yard). No information was provided in the consultant's assessment to determine this area as Managed Land, or to otherwise not include it within the hazard assessment and subsequent recommendations

This vegetation is to be removed and a road put in place to complete the perimeter road (connection of Digary road and Road 3) around the development. As this vegetation is to be removed it was not included in BAL or APZ calculations and assessments.

The road connection can be seen in **Figure 2** and **Figure 5** of the report that was provided as part of an updated BTA and cover letter dated 1 December 2023. **Figure 2** and **Figure 5** are attached to the back of this letter to provide ease of reference.

The second comment within the RFI was:

In addition, the provided Figure 5 - Required APZ and BALs does not demonstrate that appropriate setbacks are provided within the site for new residential lots to achieve <29kW/m2 radiant heat setbacks. Preliminary RFS assessment of the proposal shows the potential for proposed Lots 29-31 not being able to accommodate appropriate setbacks, and in this regard, further evidence is required to substantiate the proposal in its current form.

We believe that the comment refers to the three southwestern lots, circled in the image on the following page, which are actually proposed Lots 27, 28 and 29 (this is clear in **Figure 2** but not as clear in **Figure 5**). **Figure 5** shows that all Lots are capable of a building envelope meeting BAL – 29 (indicated by the fact that the majority of proposed Lots 27, 28 and 29 are within BAL 29 or lower. BALs and APZs were calculated and provided in the cover letter on 1 December 2023, with the assessment provided in the 1 December letter showing that the effective slope was 0-5° downslope with a required APZ of 29m for Forest Hazard to the Southwest. The required APZ was shown in **Figure 5** of the updated report.





Figure 1: Section of Figure 5 showing the three lots in question

As per the cover letter the BAL Requirements were calculated as:

BAL Flame Zone - < 22

BAL 40 - 22 -< 29

BAL 29 - 29 -< 40

BAL 19 - 40 -< 54

BAL 12.5 - 54 -< 100

The APZs and BAL levels have been calculated with the assumption that the land in the south (C2 Zone) will be regenerated to full forest and the residential zoned land will be managed in accordance with an approved landscape plan that will be prepared to comply with Appendix 4 of the PBP, 2019.

As there is only a very small portion of these lots that will be impacted by an APZ, AEP believe that a building envelope to meet <29kW/m² or lower (indicated by the blue, green and yellow polygons) on lots 27-29 can be achieved.

We thank you for the opportunity to be involved in this project. Should you require any further clarification on this matter, please contact Chris Wark (AEP Senior Ecologist 0468 601 393).

Regards

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Chris Wark Senior Ecologist 0468 601 393



Attachment 1: Figure 2 and 5 from updated AEP BTA (December 2023)



LEGEND	
EXISTING CADASTRAL PROPOSED LOT	

FOR INFORMATION

CONCEPT PLAN OF SUBDIVISION

HUE HUE ROAD WYEE

1-0089	Project No.	
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Title:

Set No. 02

Milestone SK

Plan **001**

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