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Subject: Appin (part) and Gilead Stage 2 - Fire and Rescue NSW advice

I refer to the exhibition of the planning proposals for the following areas which are on exhibition until the 19th December 2022.

- Gilead Stage 2: PP-2022-3978 and
- Appin (Part) Precinct: PP-2022-3979,

Please consider this as a submission to that exhibition.

Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) is the State Government agency responsible for the provision of fire, rescue and hazmat services in cities and towns across New South Wales in accordance with the Fire and Rescue NSW Act 1989, the State Emergency and Rescue Management Act 1989 and other related legislation. FRNSW is one of the key agencies involved in the response phase of most emergency or disaster events throughout NSW.

FRNSW is one of the world's largest urban fire and rescue services and is the busiest in Australia. Our overriding purpose is to protect the irreplaceable.

Our highly-skilled fire officers and support staff provide rapid, reliable help in emergencies, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Our aim is to save lives and reduce the number of injuries caused by emergencies and disasters. We also protect the environment and minimise damage to property, including major infrastructure. In partnership with the community and other emergency services, we strive hard to prevent emergencies while planning and training to deal with those that do occur.

Both areas subject to these proposals currently sit within the jurisdiction of the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS). However, it is likely that as the areas become urbanised, there will be a need to transition that jurisdiction for those urban areas to FRNSW, and thus it is prudent to ensure that they can be properly serviced in that regard. It is also worth noting that any advice in relation to planning for bushfire safety and protection measures can be sought from the RFS as the responsible agency.

It is understood these two particular precincts will form part of a wider development area – as part of the Greater Macarthur Growth Corridor – that will ultimately stretch some 13km from Noorumba Reserve (Rosemeadow) in the north almost to the Cataract River to the south of Appin.

At present, the only FRNSW station in the surrounding area is the Rosemeadow fire station located at Thomas Rose Drive, Rosemeadow.

In order to effectively service this growth precinct, FRNSW believes at least two new stations will be required to provide service coverage of the new population and infrastructure that is proposed – one each in the Gilead Stage 2 precinct, and one in the Appin Part precinct.

These requirements have been pre-empted by the draft Greater Macarthur Special Infrastructure Contribution (SIC) framework, which already identifies these needs (for land only) based on planning to date. Despite this, it is considered more prudent and effective to seek the dedication of land for new fire stations via a State Planning Agreement (SPA) to ensure that land can be secured in an appropriate location and in a timely manner. This is something which cannot be guaranteed or achieved using a SIC.

In general terms, a new fire station site would be a relatively flat, hazard free site of around 2500 to 3000m², preferably located on a corner lot or one where fire appliances can easily perform 'drive-in / drive-out' manoeuvres (so not reversing in and creating traffic hazards) and in close proximity to the higher order road network to enable a swift response across the area.

It is anticipated that discussions will occur with DPE's infrastructure planning and agreements team early in 2023 to further pursue the above.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Should you have any queries related to the advice provided, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards.



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