



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

Leeton Shire Council
23-25 Chelmsford Place
Leeton NSW 2705

Your reference: PP-2022-4277
Our reference: SPI20230215000023

ATTENTION: Francois Van Der Berg

Date: Wednesday 15 March 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

Strategic Planning Instrument

LEP Amendment – Planning Proposal

Amendment to Leeton Local Environmental Plan 2014 by way of Planning Proposal PP-2022-4277 to replace the 'closed zone' land use table of zone RU5 Village with an 'open zone' land use table. The RU5 Village zone effects the townships of Whitton, Murrarni and Wamoon.

I refer to your correspondence dated 13/02/2023 inviting the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) to comment on the above Strategic Planning document.

The NSW RFS has considered the information submitted and provides the following comments.

While the Planning Proposal report has not specifically addressed Ministerial Direction 4.3 - Planning for Bush Fire Protection, the NSW RFS have reviewed the proposal with regard to 4.3 direction issued in accordance with Section 9.1 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. Based on an assessment of the information provided the NSW Rural Fire Service raises no objection to the proposal subject to a requirement that future development on bush fire prone land complies with the relevant chapter of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019*.

Currently the townships of Wamoon and Murrarni do not contain land mapped as bush fire prone and only a small area of Whitton contains land mapped as bush fire prone. As the Leeton Shire Council bush fire prone map has not been updated to include Category 3 (Grassland) hazard and greater areas of the shire will be included in bush fire prone maps in the future, the NSW RFS recommend that the preparation of strategic planning instruments and subdivision development consider the implication of future grassland mapping at the earliest stage of the planning process.

For any queries regarding this correspondence, please contact Anna Jones on 1300 NSW RFS.

Yours sincerely,

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