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Dear Mr. Donn,

**Re: Lourdes Retirement Village - Bushfire Landscaping**

Blackash Bushfire Consulting has been engaged to review the proposed landscaping and bushfire APZ requirements for the proposed master plan presented in the Planning Proposal of the Lourdes Retirement Village.

I have reviewed the updated Masterplan and proposed landscaping as identified in the "*Urban Design Report – Response to Council Submission*", prepared for Plus Architecture (December 2022) by Arcadia.

Based on this, the proposed APZ design and landscaping will provide a fuel-reduced area surrounding the buildings and between the buildings and the bush fire hazard. The fuels within the APZ will be minimised so that the vegetation within the APZ does not provide a path for the spread of fire to the buildings.

Ongoing collaboration between Blackash and Arcadia as part of the detailed design will ensure APZ design and landscaping across the entire site is appropriate and consistent with the intent of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019*.

If you have any questions, please contact me on 0418 412 118.

Yours sincerely,



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