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Via email cshannon@mecone.com.au

Dear Chris

Re: Cumberland State Forest – fire fuel management

Forestry Corporation of NSW (FCNSW) manages a significant estate of fire prone forests and plantations in NSW. Under the Forestry Act 2012 and Rural Fires Act 1997, FCNSW has a statutory responsibility to protect life and property from wildfire and to minimise the spread of wildfire from areas it manages.

FCNSW publishes Forest Management Plans (FMP) for our managed forests including Cumberland State Forest on our website. The Cumberland State Forest FMP includes the Cumberland State Forest Fuel Management Plan.

Please find enclosed the Cumberland State Forest Fuel Management Plan 2020 – 2025 along with the Fuel Management Zones map (Map 5 in Management Plan) for your reference. Please note that this plan is currently under review, which will include expanding the documented APZ near Oratava Avenue, as this land is already managed as an APZ being a grassed area that is mown regularly.

To outline the management of Asset Protection Zones within Cumberland SF:

- Classified as Priority 1 under Fuel Management Priorities.
- The purpose is to protect human life, property and highly valued public assets and values.
- Suppression objectives are to enable the safe use of direct attack suppression strategies within the zone and to minimise bush fire impacts on undefended assets.
- The zone characteristics are as per FCNSW Corporate Fuel Management Plan standards for Asset Protection Zones. Maximum fuel load of 5 t/ha for forested areas.

The Asset protection Zones identified within Cumberland State Forest are treated annually by mechanical means such as mowing/hand clearing/brush cutting to maintain fuel loads at or below 5 tonnes/ha. The grass areas which are all maintained by mowing are done more frequently at either fortnightly or monthly treatments depending on the season.

Should you have any further queries please contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,



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