



### **NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE**

Albury City Council PO Box 323 ALBURY NSW 2640

Your reference: (CNR-49651) 010.2022.00039769.001 Our reference: DA20230411001488-Original-1

ATTENTION: Sharna Holland

Date: Wednesday 24 May 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

#### Integrated Development Application s100B - SFPP - Hospital (CNR-49651) - 1125 PEMBERTON STREET WEST ALBURY 2640, 2//DP1049348

I refer to your correspondence dated 05/05/2023 seeking general terms of approval for the above Integrated Development Application.

The New South Wales Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) has considered the information submitted. General Terms of Approval, under Division 4.8 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act* 1979, and a Bush Fire Safety Authority, under section 100B of the *Rural Fires Act* 1997, are now issued subject to the following conditions:

#### **General Conditions**

1. The development proposal is to generally comply with following plans/documents excepted where amended by the conditions of this Bush Fire Safety Authority.

• The plan titled "Site Plan, Drawn by Billard Leece Partnership, Project No: 22024, Drawing No: AWH-BLP-DWG-ARC-REH-DA-03001 [G], Dated 11/11/2022"

#### **Asset Protection Zones**

## The intent of measure is to minimise the risk of bush fire attack and provide protection for emergency services personnel, residents and others assisting firefighting activities.

2. From the commencement of building works and in perpetuity, the entire property must be managed as an inner protection area in accordance with Appendix 4.1.1 of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019*.

#### **Construction Standards**

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The intent of measure is to provide suitable building design, construction and sufficient space to ensure that radiant heat levels do not exceed critical limits for firefighters and other emergency services personnel undertaking operations, including supporting or evacuating occupants.

3. New construction must comply with section 3 and section 6 (BAL 19) Australian Standard AS3959-2018 Construction of buildings in bushfire-prone areas or the relevant requirements of the NASH Standard - Steel Framed Construction in Bushfire Areas (incorporating amendment A - 2015). New construction must also comply with the construction requirements in Section 7.5 of Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019.

#### Water and Utility Services

The intent of measure is to provide adequate services of water for the protection of buildings during and after the passage of a bush fire, and to locate gas and electricity so as not to contribute to the risk of fire to a building.

4. New provisions of water, electricity and gas must comply with the following in accordance with Table 6.8c of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019*:

- reticulated water is to be provided to the development where available; and Water for firefighting purposes must be made available and consist of –
- a fire hydrant system installed in accordance with AS2419.1; and
- all above-ground water service pipes are metal, including and up to any taps;
- where practicable, electrical transmission lines are underground;
- where overhead, electrical transmission lines are proposed as follows:
  - lines are installed with short pole spacing (30m), unless crossing gullies, gorges or riparian areas; and
  - no part of a tree is closer to a power line than the distance set out in accordance with the specifications in ISSC3 *Guideline for Managing Vegetation Near Power Lines*.
- reticulated or bottled gas is installed and maintained in accordance with AS/NZS 1596:2014 and the requirements of relevant authorities, and metal piping is used;
- reticulated or bottled gas is installed and maintained in accordance with AS/NZS 1596:2014 The storage and handling of LP Gas, the requirements of relevant authorities, and metal piping is used;
- all fixed gas cylinders are kept clear of all flammable materials to a distance of 10m and shielded on the hazard side;
- connections to and from gas cylinders are metal; polymer-sheathed flexible gas supply lines are not used; and
- above-ground gas service pipes are metal, including and up to any outlets.

#### Landscaping Assessment

## The intent of measure is to minimise the risk of bush fire attack and provide protection for emergency services personnel, residents and others assisting firefighting activities.

5. New landscaping within the required asset protection zone must comply with Appendix 4 of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019*.

#### **Emergency and Evacuation Planning Assessment**

#### The intent of measure is to provide suitable emergency and evacuation arrangements for occupants.

6. Bush Fire Emergency Management and Evacuation Plan is to be prepared A Bush Fire Emergency Management and Evacuation Plan must be prepared in accordance with Table 6.8d of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019* and be consistent with the following:

• The NSW RFS document: A Guide to Developing a Bush Fire Emergency Management and Evacuation Plan;

• include planning for the early relocation of occupants.

• detailed plans of all emergency assembly areas, including on-site and off-site arrangements as stated in AS 3745 '*Planning for emergencies in facilities*', are clearly displayed, and an annually emergency evacuation is conducted.

A copy of the Bush Fire Emergency Management and Evacuation Plan should be provided to the Local Emergency Management Committee for its information prior to the occupation of the development.

#### General Advice - Consent Authority to Note

• Certain Class 9 Buildings in bush fire prone areas have been subject to recent changes in Volume 1 of the NCC. An addendum has been issued for Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019 (PBP 2019) that addresses a number of bush fire protection measures as outlined in the NCC (Specification 43). This proposal has been assessed against PBP 2019 and the addendum. Council and the applicant should be aware that the NSW RFS conditions do not include an assessment of <u>all</u> requirements under Specification 43 of the NCC.

For any queries regarding this correspondence, please contact Jamie Winter on 1300 NSW RFS.

Yours sincerely,

Martha Dotter Manager Planning & Environment Services Built & Natural Environment





# **BUSH FIRE SAFETY AUTHORITY**

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This Bush Fire Safety Authority is issued on behalf of the Commissioner of the NSW Rural Fire Service under s100b of the Rural Fires Act (1997) subject to the attached General Terms of Approval.

This authority confirms that, subject to the General Terms of Approval being met, the proposed development will meet the NSW Rural Fire Service requirements for Bush Fire Safety under *s100b of the Rural Fires Act 1997.* 

## Martha Dotter

Manager Planning & Environment Services Built & Natural Environment

Wednesday 24 May 2023