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Leith Schmidt
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Dear Leith,

Subject – Scots College Kangaroo Valley

SCS carried out a site inspection with Nathan Apps for the upgrade of the internal driveway to RFS standards which include the construction of passing and turnaround bays. We also inspected bushland proposed for APZ clearing.

During inspection of the approx. 1.16km internal driveway, SCS found the driveway to be a high standard for firefighting purposes. The carriageway width is already to CAT 1 FAFT standards with road width at 4m. Scots collage will need to do regular maintenance checks to continue this and to ensure vegetation stays at the minimum 6m width and 4m height clearance. Please see map attached with proposed suitable spots for passing and turnaround bays which is very similar to your proposed locations. There are already existing spots along the driveway that Scots College can do upgrade work in house to bring to suitable RFS standard and meet the requirement (these areas have been discussed and seen with Nathan).

For the proposed APZ clearing, discussions with Nathan with which he has stated that brushcutter and hand work to clear small shrubs and trees were already planned in house for selected area. Doing this and leaving 100mm ground cover will have no to little erosion effect and is ideal for an APZ. The requirement is 75% canopy clearance which is already in place for the selected area. Recommended to remove dead trees from the selected zone which will also help with canopy clearance.

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SCS assessment – Driveway is to CAT 1 FAFT standard minus some improvements with passing bay/turnaround bay widths and length. Using road base similar to which is on the driveway surface is recommended for both passing and turnaround bays. This can be achieved by Scots college maintenance crew.

APZ area – Clearing of under storage foliage and any trees up to 150mm in diameter or under 3 meters in height is needed. Under pruning of large trees to 2 meters in height. Removing any existing dead trees. Keeping ground cover vegetation to minimum of 100mm thick to prevent erosion.



Kind regards

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