FIRE SAFETY UPGRADE STRATEGY REPORT

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Engagement involved a site inspection and assessment of the existing building against Section C, D1, D2, D3, E and G of the Building Code of Australia 2022 (BCA).

The purpose of this report is to document the assessment and make recommendations how the existing building can be brought into partial conformity with the BCA for the purpose of Section 64 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021.

The report is intended to be submitted to Bathurst Regional Council as part of the development application.

The following is a summary of the key BCA compliance issues which require attention. It is important to note that these comments should be read in conjunction with the full BCA assessment contained in Section 4.

FIRE RESISTANCE				
CLAUSE	PROVISION	COMMENT		
C2D2	Type of construction required	Upgrade Recommended/ Performance Solution		
C3D3	General floor area and volume limitations	Upgrade Recommended		
C3D8	Separation by fire walls	Upgrade Recommended/ Performance Solution		
C3D10	Separation of classifications in different storeys	Upgrade Recommended/ Performance Solution		
C4D3	Protection of openings in external walls	Performance Solution		
C4D4	Separation of external walls and associated openings in different fire compartments	Upgrade Recommended		
C4D6	Doorways in fire walls	Upgrade Recommended		
C4D9	Openings in fire-isolated exits	Upgrade Recommended		
C4D15	Openings for service installations	Upgrade Recommended		
ACCESS AN	ACCESS AND EGRESS			
CLAUSE	PROVISION	COMMENT		
D2D5	Exit travel distances	Performance Solution		
D2D6	Distance between alternative exits	Performance Solution		

D2D7	Height of exits, paths of travel to exits and doorways	Upgrade Recommended/ Performance Solution
D2D8	Width of exits and paths of travel to exits	Performance Solution
NSW D2D9	Width of doorways in exits or paths of travel to exits	Upgrade Recommended
D2D12	Travel via fire-isolated exits	Upgrade Recommended/ Performance Solution
D2D13	External stairways or ramps in lieu of fire-isolated exits	Upgrade Recommended/ Performance Solution
D2D14	Travel by non-fire-isolated stairways or ramps	Performance Solution
D2D15	Discharge from exits	Upgrade Recommended
D3D9	Enclosure of space under stairs and ramps	Upgrade Recommended
NSW D3D14	Goings and risers	Upgrade Recommended/ Performance Solution
D3D15	Landings	Upgrade Recommended/ Performance Solution
NSW D3D18	Height of barriers	Upgrade Recommended
D3D19	Openings in barriers	Upgrade Recommended
D3D20	Barrier climability	Upgrade Recommended
D3D22	Handrails	Upgrade Recommended
D3D25	Swinging doors	Upgrade Recommended
D3D26	Operation of latch	Upgrade Recommended/ Performance Solution
D3D28	Signs on doors	Upgrade Recommended
D3D29	Protection of openable windows	Upgrade Recommended
SERVICES A	AND EQUIPMENT	
CLAUSE	PROVISION	COMMENT
E1D2	Fire hydrants	Upgrade Recommended/ Performance Solution
E1D3	Fire hose reels	Upgrade Recommended
NSW E1D4	Sprinklers	Upgrade Recommended
E1D6	Where sprinklers are required: Class 2 and 3 buildings other than residential care buildings	Upgrade Recommended
E1D14	Portable fire extinguishers	Upgrade Recommended
E2D3	Smoke hazard management – general provisions	Performance Solution

E2D8	Buildings not more than 25 m in effective height: Class 2 and 3 buildings and Class 4 part of a building	Upgrade Recommended	
E2D9	Buildings not more than 25 m in effective height: Class 5, 6, 7b, 8 and 9b buildings	Upgrade Recommended	
NSW E2D16	Class 9b – assembly buildings: all	Upgrade Recommended	
E4D2	Emergency lighting requirements	Upgrade Recommended	
E4D5	Exit signs	Upgrade Recommended	
E4D9	Emergency warning and intercom systems	Upgrade Recommended	
ANCILLARY PROVISIONS			
CLAUSE	PROVISION	COMMENT	
G6D1- G6D10	Occupiable outdoor areas	Upgrade Recommended	

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 BACKGROUND

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1.3 DOCUMENTATION

The following legislation and documentation has been reviewed, referenced and/or relied upon in the formulation of this report:

- Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (NSW) (EP&A Act)
- Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021 (EP&A Regulation)
- Environmental Planning and Assessment (Development Certification and Fire Safety) Regulation 2021 (DC&FS Regulation)
- Building Code of Australia 2022 Volume One (BCA)
- Sets of architectural plans reference 2499.19 Revision 01 prepared by Stanton Dahl Architects dated 06/02/2023
- Heritage impact Statement Revision 5 prepared by Umwelt (Australia) Pty Ltd dated 21 December 2022.
- Annual fire safety statement prepared by Jamie Wheeler dated January 2020 (AFSS)

1.4 LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

This report does not include or imply that any assessment has been undertaken to address matters in relation to the following:

- Construction Safety Act, Disability Discrimination Act, Local Government Act and Work Health and Safety Act.
- Requirements of other Regulatory Authorities, including, but not limited to, Telstra, Sydney Water, Electricity Supply Authority, WorkCover, RTA or the like.
- Section J or any other part of the BCA not specifically noted.
- The design, maintenance or operation of any electrical, mechanical, hydraulic or fire services

This report does not incorporate a detailed assessment of the Australian Standards referenced in the BCA. Structural and services documentation have not been reviewed. This report considered matters of a significant nature and should not be considered an exhaustive list. This report does not relieve a Registered Certifier or Council of their statutory obligations under the any Act and they are to be satisfied that the proposal meets their requirements prior to approval. This report must not be used for the purpose of a design under the Design and Building Practitioners Act 2020. Davis Group Pty Ltd cannot guarantee acceptance of this report by the Council or the Fire Brigade.

2. DEVELOPMENT SUMMARY

2.1 LOCATION

The subject building is located at 220 Bentinck Street, Bathurst. The property is bound by Brilliant Street and residential properties to the north-east, Havannah Street to the south-east, Bathurst Public School to the south, Government properties to the south-west and Bentinick Street to the north-west.

The site is located within the Local Government Area of Bathurst Regional Council.

The property contains multiple existing buildings, including the main college building that is constructed around the central courtyard. The main college building is the subject of this report and is highlighted on the site plan below.



2.2 DESCRIPTION OF THE EXISTING BUILDING

The existing building has been subject to various alterations and additions that have been categorised into periods of construction by the design team as follows:

REFERENCE	DATE	DESCRIPTION
Lilac	1873	Gell design
Pink	Up to 1907	Copeman design
Light Brown	1941	Ernest A Scott, Green & Scott
Brown	1952	Edward R Green & Son
Yellow	1962	Edward R Green & Son
Green	1985 and more recent	

The different periods of construction are highlighted in the corresponding colours on the floor plan below.



2.3 DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT

A development application (reference 10-2023-38-1) has been lodged to Bathurst Regional Council for partial demolition, alterations and additions to the existing educational facility.

2.4 PRINCIPAL BUILDING CHARACTERISTICS

The following is summary of the existing building characteristics for the purpose of the BCA.

BCA CLASSIFICATION	Class 3 – Boarding Class 5 – Administration offices
	Class 9b - School
RISE IN STOREYS	6
FLOOR AREA LIMITATIONS	8,000 m ²
VOLUME LIMITATIONS	48,000 m ³
TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION	Туре А
CLIMATE ZONE	Zone 7
APPROXIMATE FLOOR AREA	Basement – 800 m ²
	Ground – 5,000 m ²
	Upper Ground – 500 m ²
	First – 4,550 m ²
	Second – 2,850 m ²
	Total 13,700 m ²

2.5 PHASING OF UPGRADE WORKS

A single development application has been lodged for the proposed development, however, it is anticipated the works will occur over 5 phases.

It is expected multiple construction certificates and part occupation certificates will be issued throughout the course of the development. As such, it is recommended the upgrade works detailed in this report occur while the works are occurring that part of the building. For example, the upgrading works relevant to the part of the building in phase 1 should occur during the phase 1 development works.

Therefore, part occupation certificates can be issued for specific parts of the building, after the development and upgrading works have been completed in that part of the building.

This prevents a circumstance from arising where an occupation certificate cannot be issued for works that have been completed as part of phase 1 until the upgrading works in phase 5 have been completed.

Upgrade works that affect multiple phases should be completed as part of the phase to which the system is relevant. For example, in the case of the fire hydrant system, the upgrade works to the brigade booster assembly should be completed as part of phase 1

as the fire hydrant booster assembly is required to serve all parts of the building. However, upgrading specific fire hydrants in the building should occur when the development is occurring in that specific part of the building and fire hydrant coverage is required.

2.6 MINOR VARIATIONS TO RECOMMENDED UPGRADES

The recommended upgrades have been prepared based upon the existing building and proposed planning design, which is likely to be subject to further design detail throughout the construction documentation and construction certificate assessment.

The recommendations contained in this report are not intended to be read or interpreted as being fixed. The recommended upgrades have been toughly considered, however, the method of upgrading or standard of performance may vary as part of the relevant construction certificate application. This may be due to:

- requirements of Fire & Rescue NSW as part of the FEB process,
- future amendments to the BCA, which is typically updated in a 3 yearly cycle and some of the standards recommended in the report are likely to change over the course of the development from phase 1 to phase 5,
- unforeseen issues in concealed spaces or the like which could not have been foreseen without destructive testing,
- use of alternative construction methodologies that are permitted comply with the same requirements of the BCA,
- other conditions of consent such as heritage considerations or accessibility upgrading requirements under the Premises Standards.

It is not expected a revised upgrade report would or should be prepared if the same upgrading outcome is achieved in a manner that involves a minor variation to the specific recommendations contained in this report.

3. LEGISLATION

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3.1 ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT Section 4.15(1)(a)(iv) of the Act requires the consent authority to take into consideration the provisions of the regulations (to the extent that they prescribe matters) in determining the development application.

3.2 ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT REGULATION Section 64 of the EP&A Regulation applies to the determination of a development application that involves the rebuilding or alteration of an existing building if:

- (a) the proposed building work and previous building work together represent more than half of the total volume of the building, or
 - the measures contained in the building are inadequate
 - (i) to protect persons using the building, if there is a fire, or
 - (ii) to facilitate the safe egress of persons using the building from the building, if there is a fire, or
 - (iii) to restrict the spread of fire from the building to other buildings nearby.

The consent authority has determined the measures contained in the existing building are inadequate. Therefore, the consent authority must consider whether it is appropriate to require the existing building to be brought into total or partial conformity with the Building Code of Australia (BCA).

This report is intended to be submitted to Bathurst Regional Council to recommend strategies as to how the building is proposed to be brought into partial conformity with the current BCA.

It must be noted parts of the existing heritage building were constructed 150 years ago and it is not practical or possible to bring the building into total conformity with the current BCA.



4. BCA ASSESSMENT

The following is a detailed clause by clause assessment of the existing building against the relevant Deemed-to-Satisfy Provisions of Section C, D1, D2, D3, E and G of the BCA.

The following abbreviations have been used:

ABBREVIATION	MEANING
Not Relevant	The Deemed-to-Satisfy Provision is not considered relevant.
Noted	The relevant parts of the Deemed-to-Satisfy Provision have been noted and considered.
No Upgrade	The existing building is considered to provide a sufficient level of compliance and it is recommended that no upgrades to the current BCA occur.
Performance Solution	Compliance with the relevant Deemed-to-Satisfy Provision has not been achieved. It is recommended the building be upgraded to comply with the BCA via a Performance Solution.
Upgrade Recommended	The existing building does not comply with the relevant Deemed-to-Satisfy Provision of the current BCA. It is recommended the building be upgraded to comply with the Deemed-to-Satisfy Provisions of the current BCA.



4.1 SECTION C: FIRE RESISTANCE

Section C of the BCA relates to fire resistance and stability, compartmentation and separation, and protection of openings.

PART C1: FIRE RESISTANCE			
CLAUSE	PROVISION	COMMENTS	STATUS
-	-	This Part of the BCA contains the Objectives, Functional Statements, Performance Requirements and Verification Methods for Section C.	Noted
PART C2:	FIRE RESISTANCE AND	O STABILITY	
CLAUSE	PROVISION	COMMENTS	STATUS
C2D1 [C1.0]	Deemed-to-Satisfy Provisions	-	Noted
C2D2 [C1.1]	Type of construction required	The existing building is required to be Type A construction and the proposed development does not result in a change to the required Type of construction.	Noted
		Observations During the site inspection, it was observed varying methods of construction and building elements with differing Fire- Resistance Levels (FRLs) have been used. This is due to the age of the building and multiple additions over a period of 150 years.	Noted
		Referring to the period of construction plan contained in Section 2.2 of this report, the area highlighted in green (post 1985) were generally observed to be consistent with modern construction methods used to achieved the FRLs required by Specification 5.	



The areas constructed in 1873, 1907, 1947 and 1952 were generally observed to have double-brick walls for the external walls, internal load bearing walls and fire stair shafts, with timber framed floors and ceilings.	
The area highlighted in yellow (1952) in Block D were observed to contain a combination of construction methods (double-brick walls, single skin brick wall, non-load-bearing timber internal walls and concrete slabs) that are consistent with modern day construction methods used to achieve the FRLs required by Specification 5.	
The area highlighted in yellow (1952) in Block E were observed to contain a combination of construction methods that are not consistent with modern day construction methods. This appears to be the result of historical re-developments and partial upgrades where some fire-resisting building elements, such as the fire wall have been upgraded but the timber floors have not.	
Floors It is recommended all floors (not only floors between classifications) throughout the building be upgraded using the details outlined in C3D10 of this report. This will result in a combination of no upgrades, physical work upgrades and a Performance Solution.	Upgrade Recommended/ Performance Solution
Fire walls for fire compartments Refer to the comments in C3D8 of this report regarding the construction of fire walls. This will result in a combination of physical work upgrades and a Performance Solution.	Upgrade Recommended/ Performance Solution



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	Roof The existing roof covering is non-combustible. It is recommended the roof not be upgraded as a sprinkler system is proposed to be provided in accordance with S5C15.	No Upgrade
	Each dormitory or part of the Class 3 building is proposed to be considered an individual unit, provided with bounding construction around the perimeter of the dormitory. This is a deviation from the traditional arrangement where each individual bedroom or suite is considered a sole-occupancy unit, due to the common boarding arrangements.	Upgrade Recommended/ Performance Solution
	It is recommended discussions occur with the Certifier – Fire Safety regarding the feasibility of a Performance Solution for this configuration of bounding construction to be provided.	
	During the site inspection, limited access was available into the concealed roof space. The part of the roof space that was accessible in Block C indicated the existing masonry walls that may be used as bounding construction stop at the ceiling and do not extend to the underside of the roof covering.	
	It is recommended a bounding construction on the Second Storey extend to the underside of the roof covering.	
	The location of the recommended bounding construction has been marked up in yellow on the floor plans below for each storey. Please note this is only the recommended preliminary locations of the bounding construction and this may be subject to change during the construction certificate phase.	





































C2D4 [C1.3]	Buildings of multiple classification	The existing building is required to be of Type A construction.	Noted
C2D5 [C1.4]	Mixed types of construction	The existing building is only required to be of Type A construction.	Noted
C2D6 [C1.5]	Two storey Class 2, 3 or 9c buildings	The existing building has a rise in storeys of more than two.	Not Relevant
C2D7 [C1.6]	Class 4 parts of buildings	The existing building does not include a Class 4 part.	Not Relevant
C2D8 [C1.7]	Open spectator stands and indoor sports stadiums	The existing building does not include an open spectator stand or indoor sports stadium.	Not Relevant
C2D9 [C1.8]	Lightweight construction	During the site inspection, no lightweight fire-resisting construction was observed to construct a wall or as a covering to a steel column. The annual fire safety statement for the building does not list any lightweight fire-resisting construction as a fire safety measure used to construct a wall or as a covering to a steel column.	Not Relevant
C2D10 [C1.9]	Non-combustible building elements	During the site inspection, it was observed the external walls were generally constructed of masonry (double-brick). It is recommended no upgrades occur to the existing external walls due to the heritage value of the external walls. Where combustible building elements were observed to be contained in the walls such as the timber windows, decorate fretwork, timber louvers etc, the building elements were generally isolated.	No Upgrade
NSW C2D11 [C1.10]	Fire hazard properties	It is recommended no upgrades occur to the existing wall linings, ceiling linings, floor linings, attachments and ductwork etc due to the heritage value of the existing building fabric.	No Upgrade



C2D12 [C1.11]	Performance of external walls in fire	During the site inspection, no concrete external walls that could collapse as complete panels (eg. tilt-up and pre-cast concrete) were observed.	Not Relevant	
C2D13 [C1.13]	Fire-protected timber: concession	During the site inspection, no timber protected timber was observed.	Not Relevant	
C2D14 [C1.14]	Ancillary elements	During the site inspection, it was observed the external walls were generally constructed of masonry (double-brick). It is recommended no upgrades occur to the ancillary elements that are installed within, attached to or supported by the external walls due to the heritage value of the external walls.	No Upgrade	
C2D15 [NEW]	Fixing of bonded laminated cladding panels	During the site inspection, no fixed bonded laminated cladding panels were observed on the external walls.	Not Relevant	
PART C3: COMPARTMENTATION AND SEPARATION				
PART CJ.				
CLAUSE	PROVISION	COMMENTS	STATUS	
CLAUSE C3D1 [C2.0]	PROVISION Deemed-to-Satisfy Provisions	COMMENTS -	STATUS Noted	
C3D1 [C2.0] C3D2 [C2.1]	PROVISION Deemed-to-Satisfy Provisions Application of part	COMMENTS - C3D3, C3D4 and C3D5 do not apply to a carpark provided with a sprinkler system (other than a FPAA101D or FPAA101H system) complying with Specification 17, an open-deck carpark or an open spectator stand. C3D13(1)(e) does not apply to a Class 8 electricity network substation.	STATUS Noted Noted	



		Type A construction have not been conducted as part of this assessment. The proposed works include alterations to the existing floor area and volume, in addition to use of a large Class 3 part, which is not subject to the floor area and volume limitations under Table C3D3. A high level review of the building has been conducted. The areas proposed to be Class 5 or 9b have conservatively been estimated to have a floor area of approximately 9,000 m ² , which exceeds maximum of 8,000 m ² . It is recommended Block F (which has a floor area of approximately 4,000 m ² (including the under croft area on the Ground Storey) be setup as a separate fire compartment. Refer	
		to the comments in C3D8 regarding the location and construction of fire walls.	
C3D4 [C2.3]	Large isolated buildings	The existing building is not a large-isolated building.	Not Relevant
C3D5 [C2.4]	Requirements for open space and vehicular access	The existing building is not a large-isolated building.	Not Relevant
NSW C3D6 [C2.5]	Class 9 buildings	The existing building does not include a Class 9a health-care, Class 9b early childhood centre or Class 9c part.	Not Relevant
C3D7 [C2.6]	Vertical separation of openings in external walls	It is recommended the existing building be provided with a sprinkler system that complies Specification 17. Refer to the comments in Part E1 of this report.	Noted
		As a sprinkler system is recommended, the requirements for vertical separation between storeys/ windows is not applicable to the building.	









		Second Storey The existing wall between the hallway and staff rooms is a single skin masonry wall that is unlikely to achieve a FRL of at least 120/120. CLASS 99 - REFURBISHMENT (CLASS 99 - REFURBISH (CLASS 99 - REFURBISH (C	Upgrade Recommended/ Performance Solution
[C2.8]	Separation of classifications in the same storey		Noted



C3D10 [C2.9]Separation of classifications in different storeys	During the site inspection, it was observed the existing building is provided with varying methods of construction and differing FRLs achieved for floors between storeys. This is due to the age of the building and multiple additions over a period of 150 years.NotedDestructive testing of the floors and ceiling was not conducted, however, general observations were made where access was available.Destructive testing of the floors and ceiling was not conducted, however, general observations were made where access was available.Observations The floors in Block A were generally of timber construction. The floors in Block B were generally of timber construction with some ceilings lined with two layers of 16 mm fire-resisting plasterboard. The floors in Block C were a combination of timber and concrete slabs. The floors in Block D were generally concrete slabs, the floors in Block E were a combination of timber and concrete slabs and the floors in Block F were concrete slabs.No Upgrade Recommended no further upgrade occur.Timber floors – ceiling to be reconstructed Where the underside of the floor (ceiling) is proposed to be removed and refurbished as part of the proposed works, and the floor is of timber construction, it is recommended the underside of the floor be lined with lightweight fire-resisting plasterboard (or similar) to achieve the FRL required for the use as detailed in Specification 5.Upgrade removed and refurbished as part of the proposed works, and the floor is of timber construction, it is recommended the underside of the floor be lined with lightweight fire-resisting plasterboard (or similar) to achieve the FRL required for the use as detailed in Specification 5.	nde ended
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		Timber floors – ceilings to be preservedWhere the underside of the floor (ceiling) is proposed to be preserved for architectural, heritage or other concerns, it is recommended the floor FRL be reviewed in a holistic way by a Certifier – Fire Safety.It is recommended the floors be upgraded to comply with the Performance Requirements of the BCA via a Performance Solution prepared by a Certifier – Fire Safety based upon the use, expected fuel loads, sprinkler system and size of the floor not provided with a FRL.	Performance Solution
C3D11 [C2.10]	Separation of lift shafts	The existing building contains a lift located in the main foyer. The lift connects 3 storeys, however, it is recommended the existing building be provided with a sprinkler system that complies with Specification 17. Refer to the comments in Part E1 of this report. As a sprinkler system is recommended, the lift is not required to be located in a fire-isolated shaft with walls that achieve the FRLs prescribed by Specification 5.	Noted
C3D12 [C2.11]	Stairways and lifts in one shaft	The existing building does not include a stairway and lift in the same shaft.	Not Relevant
C3D13 [C2.12]	Separation of equipment	During the site inspection, a boiler was observed in the basement of Block F. The boiler room was enclosed by masonry construction (concrete slab and brick walls). The existing concrete slab and masonry walls appear to be modern construction and are assumed to achieve an FRL of 120/120/120, although no destructive testing was conducted.	No Upgrade



C3D14 [C2.13]	Electricity supply system	During the site inspection, no electrical substation or a main switchboard that is required to operate in emergency mode such as fire pumps, sprinkler pumps, emergency lifts, emergency warning and intercom system, control and indicating equipment, or smoke control etc was observed within the building. Equipment that will operate in emergency mode is required to be installed as part of the proposed development. The new equipment is required to comply with the current BCA (as in force at the time of the construction certificate application), however, there is no existing equipment to upgrade.	Not Relevant
C3D15 [C2.14]	Public corridors in Class 2 and 3 buildings	The existing public corridor from the proposed Class 3 part on the Second Storey of Block E (leading into FS3) is less than 40 m and the existing public corridor on the Second Storey, between Block C and Block E (leading into FS4) is less than 40 m. No upgrade is required. All other existing public corridors in the existing Class 3 parts of the building are proposed to be demolished and/ or refurbished. The building works in the refurbished areas of the building are required to comply with the current BCA (as in force at the time of the construction certificate application).	No Upgrade



PART C4: PROPTECTION OF OPENINGS			
CLAUSE	PROVISION	COMMENTS	STATUS
C4D1 [C3.0]	Deemed-to-Satisfy Provisions	The Deemed-to-Satisfy Provisions of this Part do not apply to joints between panels in external walls of pre-cast concrete panel construction if, in all cases they are not larger than necessary for the purpose.	Noted
C4D2 [C3.1]	Application of part	-	Noted
C4D3 [C3.2]	Protection of openings in external walls	During the site inspection, it was observed the fire-resisting external walls between Block F and the adjoining Drama Room/ Block G are not well defined. The area of discussion is identified on the site plan below.	Performance Solution










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		The external wall contains multiple unprotected penetrations, windows and non-fire-resisting doors, which is contrary to C4D3.	
		It is recommended the configuration of the external walls and the openings be reviewed in a holistic manner by a Certifier – Fire Safety. It is recommended the external walls and openings be upgraded to comply with the Performance Requirements of the BCA via a Performance Solution prepared by a Certifier – Fire Safety.	
C4D4 [C3.3]	Separation of external walls and associated openings in different fire compartments	The indicative location of the proposed fire walls to separate the building into two fire compartments are detailed in C3D8 of this report.	Upgrade Recommended
		As a result of the proposed locations, there are external walls associated with different parts of the building that are exposed to different fire compartments.	







C4D5 [C3.4]	Acceptable methods of protection	-	Noted
C4D6 [C3.5]	Doorways in fire walls	The building is recommended to be provided with multiple fire walls, refer to the comments in C3D8 of this report. Noting that bounding construction to the Class 3 parts of the building are not fire walls. The indicative location of the fire wall between Block D and F includes an existing doorway that is not a fire door.	Upgrade Recommended



C4D7 [C3.6]	Sliding fire doors	The existing building does not contain a sliding fire door.	Not Relevant
C4D8 [C3.7]	Protection of doorways in horizontal exits	The existing building does not contain a horizontal exit.	Not Relevant
C4D9 [C3.8]	Openings in fire- isolated exits	The building contains three required fire-isolated exits identified as fire stairs 3, 4 and 5, with multiple non-compliant or damaged fire doors, which are discussed below. <u>Ground Storey – Fire stair 3, 4 and 5</u> The door to western side of fire stair 3 is currently acting as a point of discharge, however, due to the proposed development, it will be a point of entry into the fire stair. The door must be replaced with a -/60/30 fire door that swings in the direction of egress.	Upgrade Recommended























		Second Storey – Fire stair 3 and 5	
		It is recommended the non-permitted electrical services be removed and unprotected penetrations be repaired.	
C4D11 [C3.10]	Openings in fire- isolated lift shafts	The existing building does not contain a lift shaft that is required to be fire-isolated.	Not Relevant
NSW C4D12 [C3.11]	Bounding construction: Class 2 and 3 buildings and Class 4 parts	During the site inspection, no doorways or openings were observed through bounding construction in the Class 3 parts of the building. All new building works are required to comply with the BCA as in force at the time of the construction certificate application. However, for the purpose of providing further details, it is recommended any new doorways through bounding construction be a self-closing -/60/30 fire door.	Noted
C4D13 [C3.12]	Openings in floors and ceilings for services	During the site inspection, no fire-isolated shafts for services were observed.	Not Relevant
C4D14 [C3.13]	Openings in shafts	During the site inspection, no fire-isolated shafts for services were observed.	Not Relevant



C4D15 [C3.15]	Openings for service installations	During the site inspection, it was observed there were multiple unprotected penetrations through fire-resisting construction that is required to have a FRL with respect to integrity or insulation. However, not every penetration was inspected, identified or catalogued. It is recommended a further audit of the existing penetrations (through the fire resisting construction) at each relevant construction phase to identify the services, confirm which services are redundant, which services are will remain and upgrade the existing penetrations that are proposed to remain to comply with C4D15.	Upgrade Recommended
C4D16 [C3.16]	Construction joints	During the site inspection, all construction joints between fire- resisting construction that were inspected were observed to be tightly sealed with mortar or a similar material. It is recommended no upgrades occur to the existing construction joints.	No Upgrade
C4D17 [C3.17]	Columns protected with lightweight construction to achieve an FRL	During the site inspection, no existing columns protected with lightweight fire-resisting construction to achieve a FRL were observed.	Not Relevant



4.2 SECTION D: ACCESS AND EGRESS

Section D of the BCA contains provisions relating to access and egress, provision for escape, construction of exits and access for people with a disability.

PART D1:	ACCESS AND EGRESS	\$	
CLAUSE	PROVISION	COMMENTS	STATUS
-	-	This Part of the BCA contains the Objectives, Functional Statements, Performance Requirements and Verification Methods for Section D. The building does not rely upon a lift (in addition to the required exits), to assist occupants to evacuate a building safely in accordance with D1P7 of the BCA.	Noted
PART D2:	PROVISION FOR ESCA	\PE	
CLAUSE	PROVISION	COMMENTS	STATUS
D2D1 [D1.0]	Deemed-to-Satisfy Provisions	-	Noted
D2D2 [D1.1]	Application of part	The Deemed-to-Satisfy Provisions of this Part do not apply to the internal parts of a sole-occupancy unit in the Class 3 part of the building.	Noted
D2D3 [D1.2]	Number of exits required	All part of the existing building are provided with access to at least two exits. However, the plant rooms, storerooms, electrical switch rooms etc that are located on the Basement Storey, and the storeroom identified as the Cullen Room on the Upper Ground Storey of Block C are provided with access to a single exit in accordance with NSW D2D3(4)(b). It is recommended no upgrades occur to the existing number of exits, noting additional exits are proposed as part of the	No Upgrade



		development.	
D2D4 [D1.3]	When fire-isolated stairways and ramps are required	The location of the existing stairways serving as required exits throughout the building have been highlighted in green on the floor plans below. The first floor plan highlights the location of all stairways in green and the additional plans show the same stairways in closer detail for clarification.	Noted











		Fire stair 9 Fire stair 9 is proposed to connect two consecutive Class 3 storeys (First Storey and Second Storey) and a third storey (Ground Storey) of Class 5. The stairway is not required to be fire-isolated.	
D2D5 [D1.4]	Exit travel distances	Travel distances to exits in parts of the building that are proposed to be refurbished have not been reviewed. The building works in the refurbished areas of the building are required to comply with the current BCA (as in force at the time of the construction certificate application). These matters are required to be assessed and reviewed as part of the construction certificate application. The travel distances from to an exit from the areas that are not proposed to be refurbished as part of this application have been reviewed.	Noted









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Block D – Ground Storey	
The travel distance from the existing Science Learning SL2 room	
to an exit is approximately 43 m, which exceeds 40 m and is	Porformanco
contrary to D2D5(3)(a). It is also noted the travel distance in	Solution
Science Learning SL1 will exceed 40 m as a result of the	Solution
proposed external circulation space.	
6.44 m	
It is recommended the extended travel distances to an exit be	
upgraded to comply with the Performance Requirements of the BCA via a Performance Solution prepared by a Certifier – Fire Safety.	
<u>Block D – First Storey</u> Due to the configuration of the space and lack of traditional sole- occupancy units (as mentioned in C2D2 of this report), the "entrance doorway" for each "bedroom" (area used to the exclusion of anyone else) is more than 6 m to an exit, which is a technical deviation from D2D5(1).	Performance Solution
However, the travel distances from any point on the First Storey of Block D do not exceed 20 m to an exit (subject to installation of bounding construction as mentioned in C2D2 of this report).	
It is understood each proposed dormitory is intended to function in a similar way, where the whole dormitory is considered as a sole-	





D2D6	Distance between	Travel distances between exits in parts of the building that are proposed to be refurbished have not been reviewed. The building works in the refurbished areas of the building are required to comply with the current BCA (as in force at the time of the construction certificate application). <u>Block D – Ground Storey</u> The distance between the existing alternative exits (measured through the point of choice) is approximately 66 m, which exceeds 60 m and is contrary to D2D6(c)(iii). It is also noted the travel distance will be extended to approximately 77 m as a result of the proposed external circulation space. U If the is recommended the alternative distance between alternative exits be upgraded to comply with the Performance Requirements of the BCA via a Performance Solution prepared by a Certifier – Fire Safety.	Performance
[D1.5]	alternative exits		Solution

















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It is recommended discussions occur with the structural engineer to confirm if the existing steel beams can be removed and/ or altered to at least 2 m above the finished floor.	
<u>Block A – Second Storey – Boarders Recreation</u> Part of the boarders recreation contains a sloped ceiling that has a height (near the external wall, refer to photograph above) that is less than 2 m, which is contrary to D2D7.	Performance Solution
It is recommended the reduced egress height be upgraded to comply with the Performance Requirements of the BCA via a Performance Solution prepared by a Certifier – Fire Safety.	













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D2D10 Exit width not to [D1.6] diminish in direction travel	During the site inspection, it was observed the exit widths do not generally diminish in the direction of travel to an exit, road or open space.	Noted
D2D11 [D1.6] Determination and measurement of exits and paths of travel to exits		Noted



D2D12 [D1.7]	Travel via fire-isolated exits	Fire Stair 3 – Ground Storey - Discharge Fire stair 3 currently has two points of discharge, being the Ground Storey and Basement. This is proposed to be rectified as part of the proposed development and the only point of discharge will be at the basement (lowest level). No further upgrade is recommended.	No Upgrade
		<u>Fire Stair 3 – Basement - Discharge</u> The marked up floor plan shows the existing configuration for egress from fire stair 3. The discharge location is not open for at least 1/3 of the perimeter and does not have an unobstructed clear height throughout of at least 3 m.	Upgrade Recommended/ Performance Solution
		Additionally, the existing door to the toilets is not a self-closing fire door that achieves an FRL of at least -/60/30.	
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		The following marked up floor plan shows the proposed	
		contiguration. The discharge location is not open for at least 1/3 of the perimeter and does not have an unobstructed clear height	
		throughout of at least 3 m, which is contrary to D2D12(c).	









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It is recommended the rooms opening directly into the fire-isolated exits be upgraded to comply with the Performance Requirements of the BCA via a Performance Solution prepared by a Certifier – Fire Safety.

Fire Stair 4 – Rooms opening into the exit

Fire stair 4 contains rooms that are accessed via doorways located on the mid-landings of the fire-isolated exit. The doorways open directly into the fire-isolated exits, which result in three access doorways being provided into the fire stair at a single storey (including the mid landing). Refer to the marked-up floor plan above.

It is recommended the number of rooms opening directly into the fire-isolated exits be upgraded to comply with the Performance Requirements of the BCA via a Performance Solution prepared by a Certifier – Fire Safety.

Performance Solution

















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D2D13 [D1.8]	External stairways or ramps in lieu of fire- isolated exits	Block A - Fire Stair 6 - General The existing building includes an external non-fire-isolated stairway serving as a required exit. The stairway is located in Block A and identified as fire stair 6.	Noted
		The stairway is constructed of a steel frame between the Second Storey and Ground Storey. The stairway then continues from the Ground Storey along a concrete pathway and down a masonry stairway to the ground.	



 <u>Exposure - walls</u> The stairway is located within 6 m of, and exposed to, parts of the external walls of the building it serves. The external walls are of masonry construction and likely to achieve a FRL of at least 60/60/60. It is recommended no upgrade occur to the existing masonry external walls of the building that are located within 6 m of fire stair 6. 	No Upgrade
Exposure - roof The corrugated roof and skylights are unlikely to achieve a FRL of at least 60/60/60, which is contrary to D2D13(3).	Performance Solution















		Exposure – opening The external wall of the basement contains an opening protected by a timber sliding door that is exposed to the stairway and pathway. The timber door is currently painted green. If is recommended the existing opening be blocked up with masonry construction to achieve a FRL of at least 60/60/60.	Upgrade Recommended
D2D14 [D1.9]	Travel by non-fire- isolated stairways or ramps	The existing building contains multiple internal non-fire-isolated stairways and an external that non-fire-isolated stairway that do not provide a continuous means of travel by their own flight and landing to the level at which egress to a road or open space is provided, which is contrary to D2D14(1). Each stairway is discussed below.	Noted





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D2D15 [D1.10]	Discharge from exits	Point of discharge The point of discharge (external doorway) located at the ground storey in Block C – Fire Stair 5 was jammed shut and unable to be opened.	Upgrade Recommended
D2D16 [D1.11]	Horizontal exits	The existing building does not include a horizontal exit.	Not Relevant
D2D17 [D1.12]	Non-required stairways, ramps or elevators	The existing building includes a non-required stairway located behind the kitchen in Block A. The stairway is proposed to be demolished as part of the development application.The existing building does not include any non-required stairways, ramps or escalators.	Not Relevant



D2D18 [D1.13]	Number of persons accommodated	The proposed number of persons accommodated in each general area of the building has been calculated in accordance with D2D18. This calculation is a general approximation and has only been performed for the purpose of D2D18 in this report. The calculation is not a real-world representation of the maximum number of occupants that may be in the building or part of the building. The calculation is not intended or relied upon for any other purpose or by any other parties due to the approximate nature of the floor area and calculations. Basement Block A - laundry (5) + electrical/ subfloor (6) = 11 Block E - activity (157) + kitchen/ store (6) = 163 Block F - boiler room = 1 Ground Storey Block A/B - staff admin area = 28 Block C/D - library = 233 Block D - classrooms = 235 Block E - kitchen (12) + boarding dining (291) = 303 Block F - STEAM hub = 197 Block A - staff accommodation = 17 Block A - staff accommodation = 17 Block C - Cullen room = 5 Block E - free period room = 49	Noted
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		First StoreyBlock A - staff study = 97Block B - dormitory 2 = 17Block C - chapel = 298Block C - dormitory 1 = 16Block D - staff accommodation = 1Block D - offices = 21Block D - Slattery = 62Block E - dormitory 5 = 21Block F - GLA inquiry hub = 416Second StoreyBlock A - staff accommodation = 23Block C - dormitory 4 = 20Block C - dormitory 5 = 26Block F - GLA inquiry hub = 385	
D2D19 [D1.14]	Measurement of distances	-	Noted
D2D20 [D1.15]	Method of measurement	-	Noted
D2D21 [D1.16]	Plant rooms, lift machine rooms and electricity network substations: Concession	During the site inspection, no ladders were observed to provide egress from a plant room.	Noted
D2D22 [D1.17]	Access to lift pits	The existing building contains a lift in the main lobby of Block C. The lift pit was not inspected, however, access to the lift services is provided via the lift services plant room located behind the lift.	Noted
D2D23 [D1.18]	Egress from primary schools	The existing building does not include a primary school. Students expected to be in year 7 to 12.	Not Relevant



PART D3: CONSTRUCTION OF EXITS			
CLAUSE	PROVISION	COMMENTS	STATUS
D3D1 [D2.0]	Deemed-to-Satisfy Provisions	-	Noted
NSW D3D2 [D2.1]	Application of part	-	Noted
D3D3 [D2.2]	Fire-isolated stairways and ramps	During the site inspection, it was observed all required fire-isolated stairways (including landings) were constructed of masonry.	No Upgrade
D3D4 [D2.3]	Non-fire-isolated stairways and ramps	During the site inspection, it was observed all required stairways were constructed of concrete or steel.	No Upgrade
D3D5 [D2.4]	Separation of rising and descending stair flights	The existing building does not include a rising fire-isolated exit stair flight that must be separated from the descending fire-isolated exits.	Not Relevant
D3D6 [D2.5]	Open access ramps and balconies	During the site inspection, no open access ramps or balconies were observed to be installed to meet the smoke hazard management requirements of E2D4 to E2D13.	Not Relevant
D3D7 [D2.6]	Smoke lobbies	The existing building does not include use of open access ramps or balconies to comply with the smoke hazard management requirements of E2D4.	Not Relevant
D3D8 [D2.7]	Installations in exits and paths of travel	During the site inspection, it was observed the existing building includes multiple electrical distribution boards, central telecommunications boards, electrical motors and the like. All services that were inspected were adequately protected in a metal (non-combustible) cupboard and suitability sealed against the spread of smoke.	No Upgrade





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		It is recommended the existing hole (appears to be opening into the light well) be blocked up to achieve a FRL of at least 60/60/60 and the door under fire stair 9 be replaced with a self-closing - /60/30 fire door to comply with D3D9(2).	
D3D10 [D2.9]	Width of required stairways and ramps	No existing stairways have been considered as having an egress width of more than 2 m.	Not Relevant
D3D11 [D2.10]	Pedestrian ramps	The existing building contains two ramps located near Block F that form part of the exit. The ramps have a gradient of 6 degrees and 7 degrees, which are not steeper than 1:8.	No Upgrade




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D3D12 [D2.11]	Fire-isolated passageways	The existing building contains two fire-isolated passageways, connecting fire stair 4 and fire stair 5 to open space at the ground storey. The fire-isolated passageways are constructed of masonry.	No Upgrade
D3D13 [D2.12]	Roof as open space	During the site inspection, no roof was observed to be relied upon for the purpose of open space.	Not Relevant
NSW D3D14 [D2.13]	Goings and risers	Ground Storey – Fire Stair 4 The last step (before the quarter landing) in fire stair 4, on the Ground Storey is constructed on an angle, with a going dimension that is not consistent with the other treads in the flight.	Upgrade Recommended





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D3D15 [D2.14]	Landings	Dimensions During the site inspection, it was observed all landings were at least 750 mm in length (except for the matters discussed in D3D18 of this report).	Noted
		<u>Slip-resistance</u> Multiple external landings were observed to not have a slip- resistant surface or slip-resistant strip at the edge of the landing throughout the building, which is contrary to D3D15(a).	Upgrade Recommended
		It is recommended all landing be provided with a slip-resistant strip at the edge of the landing to comply with D3D15 and Table D3D15.	



NSW D3D16 [D2.15]	Thresholds	Block A – Basement – Staff Laundry The door providing access to the basement staff laundry room contains two internal steps within the width of door leaf (ie. the door opens over the stair).	Upgrade Recommended
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		It is recommended a new internal landing and stairway be	
		constructed so the door does not open over the internal stair to comply with NSW D3D16.	

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It is also recommended the redundant fire hose reel be removed to make room for construction of a step ramp, as a stairway cannot contain a single riser.

Finally, it is recommended the existing fire door leading into the fire stair be demolished, the opening realigned to new finished floor levels and a new fire door set installed away from the steps to ensure no part of its swing encroaches more than 500 mm into the required width of the landings. Refer to comments in D3D25.





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D3D17 [D2.16]	Barriers to prevent falls	The existing building is provided with barriers to prevent falls with varying levels of compliance. Refer to the comments in NSW D3D18, D3D19 and D3D20 regarding the recommended upgrades for the existing barriers that are not proposed to be demolished as part of the development application.	Noted



NSW D3D18	Height of barriers	Block A – Fire Stair 6 The heights of the balustrades to prevent falls located adjacent to	Upgrade Recommended
[D2.16]		fire stair 6 are less than 1 m, which is contrary to NSW D3D18.	
		It is recommended the existing barriers are replaced and upgraded to comply with NSW D3D18.	









It is recommended no upgrades occur to the existing barrier to the first storey due to the heritage value and significance of the stairway. The mid-landing is already provided with a barrier on the inside edge (less than 500 mm in length) that has a height of more than 865 mm in accordance with D3D18(1)(b).



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D3D19 [D2.16]	Openings in barriers	Block A – Fire Stair 6 The barriers to prevent falls located adjacent to fire stair 6 contain gaps in excess of 125 mm.	Upgrade Recommended
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		It is recommended the existing barriers are replaced and upgraded to comply with D3D19.	

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D3D20 [D2.16]	Barrier climbability	Block A – Fire Stair 6 The barriers to prevent falls located adjacent to the top of fire stair 6 are more than 4 m above the surface beneath and include a horizontal surface between 150 mm and 760 mm above the landing that facilities climbing.	Upgrade Recommended
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		It is recommended the existing barriers are replaced and upgraded to comply with D3D20.	

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		Block F – Second Storey Balcony The Second Storey of Block F includes an external balcony that is provided with a barrier to prevent falls. The barrier includes a horizontal surface between 150 mm and 760 mm above the floor that facilities climbing.	Upgrade Recommended
		It is recommended the existing barrier be upgraded to comply with D3D20.	
D3D21 [D2.16]	Wire barriers	No existing wire balustrades were observed during the site inspection.	Not Relevant



D3D22 [D2.17]	Handrails	Block A – Second Storey – Fire Stair 9 The top flight of fire stair 9 that provides egress from the Second Storey (near the light well) includes with a handrail that requires an occupant to break their grip. The break is due to an internal column.	Upgrade Recommended
		It is recommended part of the column be notched out to enable a handrail to be provided to comply with D3D22(1)(e), subject to consultation with the structural engineer and heritage consultant. Noting, the stairway is already provided with an egress width of less than 1 m and providing a handrail around the column would further reduce the egress width.	





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D3D23 [D2.18]	Fixed platforms, walkways, stairways and ladders	The existing building includes walkways, stairways, platforms and ladders for the purpose of accessing maintenance areas and the bell tower. It is recommended no upgrades occur to the existing fixtures as they are not intended to be used by students or the public. The existing fixtures are only intended to be used by professionals who have been provided with the relevant training and site induction.	No Upgrades
D3D24 [D2.19]	Doorways and doors	The existing building contains a roller-shutter located in the under croft area on the Ground Storey of Block F.	No Upgrade



It is recommended each inward opening door be fitted with a device for holding it in the open position (eg. magnetic door catch) to comply with D3D25(1)(b)(i).	D3D25 [D2.20]Swinging doors
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D3D26 [D2.21]	Operation of latch	The existing building contains multiple tulip (twist) style door handles, doors with two handles, patio style bolts, deadlocks and screen doors. Where in keeping with the requirements of the heritage consultants requirements, it is recommended all existing side- hung doors serving as an exit, forming part of a required exit or in the pathway to a required exit be provided with a lever style handle located between 900 mm and 1.1 m from the floor in accordance with D3D26. The following is example of a compliant handle.	Upgrade Recommended/ Performance Solution
		(a) Isometric view	
		Where required to be maintained for heritage conservation purposes, all other locks and latching mechanisms should be disengaged or a Performance Solution developed where operational tulip (twist) style handles are to be retained as means to provide egress. These requirements should be read in conjunction with any requirements of the access consultant.	
D3D27 [D2.22]	Re-entry from fire- isolated exits	The existing building does not include a Class 9a health-care, Class 9b early childhood centre or Class 9c part. The building does not have an effective height of more than 25 m.	Not Relevant





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D3D29 [D2.24]	Protection of openable windows	The existing openable windows in the proposed Class 3 parts of the building are not provided with protection and the surface beneath is more than 2 m above the finished floor. It is recommended the existing openable windows that will be located in the Class 3 parts of the building be protected to prevent falls and comply with D3D29.	Upgrade Recommended
D3D30 [D2.25]	Timber stairways: Concession	The existing fire-isolated exits do not contain any timber treads, risers, landings or associated framework within the fire-isolated stairway or passageway.	Not Relevant
NSW D3D31	Doors in paths of travel to an entertainment venue	The existing building does not include an entertainment venue. An entertainment venue is defined to mean a building used as a cinema, theatre or concert hall or an indoor sports stadium.	Not Relevant



4.3 SECTION E: SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT

Section E of the BCA contains provisions relating to fire fighting equipment, smoke hazard management, lift installations and visibility in an emergency, exit signs and warning systems.

PART E1: FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT			
CLAUSE	PROVISION	COMMENTS	STATUS
E1D1 [E1.0]	Deemed-to-Satisfy Provisions	-	Noted
E1D2 [E1.3]	Fire hydrants	Existing arrangement The site contains three fire hydrant systems, each with an independent fire brigade booster assembly. The building subject to this DA is protected by the fire brigade booster assembly that is located near the main vehicular access from Bentinch Street. The fire brigade booster assembly serves existing internal and external fire hydrants. with the term of the term of	Noted

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It is recommended the existing hydrant system be upgraded to comply with E1D2 and AS 2419.1-2021. Discussions with the incumbent fire contractor indicate a hydrostatic test has been conducted and the existing pipework is able to withstand the system pressures required by AS 2419.1-2021.

The full final design will be subject to a full review by a hydraulic engineer. However, our preliminary review indicates this is likely to include the existing pipework being retained and upgrade works to the existing hydrant valves (such as the location, configuration, hand wheels, clearances), flows/ pressures, fire brigade booster assembly and signage.

Some of the significant matters are discussed below, however, during the site inspection, multiple other minor issues were observed with specific valves, such as valves facing into the ground, no clearance around hand wheels, hydrants located more than 4 m from an exit and a lack of clearance provided for hose connections.



	Fire brigade booster assembly As internal fire hydrants are installed, a fire brigade booster assembly is required.	Upgrade Recommended
	The fire brigade booster assembly is located remote from the building and is within sight of the principal pedestrian entrance to the building. However, the fire hydrant booster assembly is not adjacent to the site boundary at the principal vehicle access, which is contrary to Clause 7.3.1(c) of AS 2419.1-2021.	
	Additionally, the booster is located adjacent to car parking spaces and obstructed by a drainage culvert, which is contrary to Clause 3.2.2.2 and 7.3.3 of AS 2419.1-2021.	
	It is recommended the existing hydrant booster be relocated to be adjacent to the principal vehicle access and reconstructed to comply with AS 2419.1-2021.	
	<u>Multiple booster assemblies</u> There are multiple buildings located on the site, however, a single fire brigade booster assembly is not provided to serve all of the buildings. Additionally, a separate booster is not provided for each building, which is contrary to 7.3.4 of AS 2419.1-2021.	Performance Solution
	Given the existing configuration of the fire hydrant system, it is recommended the three fire brigade booster assemblies be upgraded to comply with the Performance Requirements of the BCA via a Performance Solution prepared by a Certifier – Fire Safety. This is likely to include updated block plans and way finding signage.	







E1D3 [E1.4]	Fire hose reels	Requirement for fire hose reel system A fire hose reel system is not required to be provided in the Class 3 (boarding) parts of the building, Class 5 (office) parts of the building, or the classrooms/ associated corridors in accordance with E1D3(1). A fire hose reel system must be provided to protect the Class 9b parts of the building that are not classrooms or corridors associated with classrooms, due to internal fire hydrants being installed. Areas of protection Fire hose reel coverage is required to be provided throughout the following areas: Block C/D - Ground Storey – library Block A - First Storey – staff study Block C – First Storey – chapel	Upgrade Recommended
		Standard of performance It is recommended fire hose reel protection be provided to comply with AS 2441-2005 (Amendment 1) and E1D3.	
NSW E1D4 [E1.5]	Sprinklers	The existing building is required to be provided with a sprinkler system complying with Specification 17 and Specification 18 (as applicable). However, it is recommended a Specification 17/ AS 2118.1-2017 (Amendment 2) sprinkler system be installed in consultation with the fire engineer due to the proposed Performance Solutions.	Upgrade Recommended



E1D5 [E1.5]	Where sprinklers are required: all classifications	The existing building has an effective height of less than 25 m.	Not Relevant
E1D6 [E1.5]	Where sprinklers are required: Class 2 and 3 buildings other than residential care buildings	The existing building is a multi-classified building that contains a Class 3 part with a rise in storeys of 4 or more. Therefore, sprinkler are required to be provided throughout the whole building.	Upgrade Recommended
		It is recommended a sprinkler system a Specification 17/ AS 2118.1-2017 (Amendment 2) sprinkler system be installed throughout the building. Specifications of the sprinkler system should be determined in consultation with the fire engineer due to the proposed Performance Solution.	
E1D7 [E1.5]	Where sprinklers are required: Class 3 building used as a residential care building	No information has been provided to indicate the existing building will be used as a Class 3 residential care building.	Not Relevant
E1D8 [E1.5]	Where sprinklers are required: Class 6 building	The existing building does not include a Class 6 part.	Not Relevant
E1D9 [E1.5]	Where sprinklers are required: Class 7a building, other than an open-deck carpark	The existing building does not include a Class 7a part.	Not Relevant
E1D10 [E1.5]	Where sprinklers are required: Class 9a health-care building used as a residential care building, Class 9c buildings	The existing building does not include a Class 9a or 9c part.	Not Relevant



E1D11 [E1.5]	Where sprinklers are required: Class 9b buildings	The existing building does not Class 9b early childhood centre and does not include a stage area or backstage area.	Not Relevant
E1D12 [E1.5]	Where sprinklers are required: additional requirements	The existing building is not a large isolated building and does not include an atrium.	Not Relevant
E1D13 [E1.5]	Where sprinklers are required: occupancies of excessive hazard	No information has been provided to indicate the existing building is an occupancy of excessive hazard.	Not Relevant
E1D14 [E1.6]	Portable fire extinguishers	 The AFSS indicates the existing building is provided with portable fire extinguishers complying with AS 2444-2001. During the site inspection, it was observed portable fire extinguishers were not attached to the wall (sitting on the ground), not provided with signage and were generally lacking coverage throughout the building. It is recommended portable fire extinguishers be provided throughout the building in accordance with AS 2444-2001 and E1D14. 	Upgrade Recommended
E1D15 [E1.8]	Fire control centres	The existing building does not have an effective height of more than 25 m and the total floor area is less than 18,000 m ² .	Not Relevant
E1D16 [E1.9]	Fire precautions during construction	During construction, not less than one fire extinguisher to suit Class A, B and C fires and electrical fires must be provided at all times.	Noted
E1D17 [E1.10]	Provision for special hazards	No information has been provided to indicate the existing building would be considered a special hazard.	Not Relevant



PART E2: SMOKE HAZARD MANAGEMENT			
CLAUSE	PROVISION	COMMENTS	STATUS
E2D1 [E2.0]	Deemed-to-Satisfy Provisions	-	Noted
E2D2 [E2.1]	Application of requirements	The Deemed-to-Satisfy Provisions of this Part do not apply to an open-deck carpark, an open spectator standard, or a Class 8 electricity network substation with a floor area not more than 200m ² , located within a multi-classified building. The smoke exhaust and smoke-and-heat vent provisions of this Part do not apply to any area not used by occupants for an extended period of time such as a storeroom with a floor area less than 30 m ² , sanitary compartment, plant room or the like	Noted
E2D3 [E2.2]	General requirements	The existing building is proposed to be provided with an air- handling system that will recycle air from one fire compartment to another fire compartment, noting for the purpose of this clause, each sole-occupancy unit in a Class 3 dormitory is treated as a separate fire compartment. It is recommended a full review of the existing air-handling system, and proposed air-handling systems occur. It is also recommended the air handling systems be upgraded to comply with the Performance Requirements of the BCA via a Performance Solution prepared by a Certifier – Fire Safety. This is required to consider each Class 3 dormitory as a "fire compartment" in lieu of each sole occupancy unit given the boarding arrangement of each occupier. As part of the trial design for the Performance Solution, it is also recommended that smoke dampers be provided where the air-handling ducts penetration any elements separating the fire- resisting construction of the fire compartments.	Performance Solution



E2D4 [E2.2]	Fire-isolated exits	The existing building includes three fire-isolated stairways (fire stairs 3, 4 and 5) that will serve the Class 3 parts of the building that are not used as a residential care building.	Not Relevant
E2D5 [E2.2]	Buildings more than 25 m in effective height: Class 2 and 3 buildings and Class 4 part of a building	The existing building does not have an effective height of more than 25 m.	Not Relevant
E2D6 [E2.2]	Buildings more than 25 m in effective height: Class 5, 6, 7b, 8 or 9b buildings	The existing building does not have an effective height of more than 25 m.	Not Relevant
E2D7 [E2.2]	Buildings more than 25 m in effective height: Class 9a buildings	The existing building does not have an effective height of more than 25 m.	Not Relevant
E2D8 [E2.2]	Buildings not more than 25 m in effective height: Class 2 and 3 buildings and Class 4 part of a building	The proposed development results in three fire-isolated exits (fire stairs 3, 4 and 5) serving the Class 3 parts and other classifications. It is recommended the existing detection system be upgraded so the whole building be provided with an automatic smoke detection and alarm system that complies with Specification 20 and AS 1670.1-2018 (Amendment 1) It is also recommended the whole building be provided with a sprinkler system that complies with Specification 17. Refer to the comments in NSW E1D4 and E1D6 of this report.	Upgrade Recommended
E2D9 [E2.2]	Buildings not more than 25 m in effective height: Class 5, 6, 7b,	The existing building contains a school part and has a rise in storeys of more than 2.	Upgrade Recommended



	8 and 9b buildings	It is recommended the whole building be provided with a sprinkler system that complies with Specification 17. Refer to the comments in NSW E1D4, E1D6 and E2D8 of this report.	
NSW E2D10 [E2.2]	Buildings not more than 25 m in effective height: large isolated buildings subject to C3D4	The existing building is not a large-isolated building.	Not Relevant
E2D11 [E2.2]	Buildings not more than 25 m in effective height: Class 9a and 9c buildings	The existing building does not include a Class 9a or 9c part.	Not Relevant
E2D12 [E2.2]	Class 7a buildings	The existing building does not include a Class 7a part.	Not Relevant
E2D13 [E2.2]	Basements (other than Class 7a buildings)	The existing building does not include a basement that is not counted in the rise in storeys. The storey identified as a basement on the architectural plans is counted in the rise in storeys in accordance with C2D3.	Not Relevant
E2D14 [E2.2]	Class 6 buildings – in fire compartments more than 2000 m ² : Class 6 building (not containing an enclosed common walkway or mall serving more than one Class 6 sole- occupancy unit)	The existing building does not include a Class 6 part.	Not Relevant
E2D15 [E2.2]	Class 6 buildings – in fire compartments more than 2000 m2:	The existing building does not include a Class 6 part.	Not Relevant

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	Class 6 building (containing an enclosed common walkway or mall)		
NSW E2D16 [E2.2]	Class 9b – assembly buildings: all	<u>Automatic shutdown of air-handling systems</u> Part of the existing building is used as a school and is provided with an air-handling system (other than non-ducted individual room units with a capacity not more than 1000 L/s) that does not form part of the smoke hazard management system.	Upgrade Recommended
		It is recommended the abovementioned air-handling system be provided with automatic shutdown on activation of the required automatic smoke detection and alarm system and sprinkler system to comply with NSW2D16(a).	
		Basement The existing Basement Storey is counted in the rise in storeys.	Not Relevant
		Stage During the site inspection, no stage with a floor area of more than 50 m^2 or flying scenery was observed.	Not Relevant
NSW E2D17 [E2.2]	Class 9b – assembly buildings: night clubs, discotheques and the like	The existing building does not include a night club, discotheque or the like	Not Relevant
NSW E2D18 [E2.2]	Class 9b – assembly buildings: exhibition halls, museums and art galleries	The existing building does not include a Class 9b exhibition hall, museum or art gallery.	Not Relevant
NSW E2D19	Class 9b – assembly buildings: other assembly buildings	Churches and places used for religious worship (the chapel) and school classrooms are exempt from these provisions.	Not Relevant



[E2.2]	(not listed in NSW E2D16 to E2D18)		
NSW E2D20 [E2.2]	Class 9b assembly buildings: other assembly buildings (not listed in E2D16 to E2D19)	This clause has deliberately been left blank. E2D20 does not apply in NSW. This clause is deleted from the BCA in NSW, as requirements for Class 9b – Assembly buildings in NSW are covered under NSW E2D16 to NSW E2D19.	Noted
E2D21 [E2.3]	Provision for special hazards	No information has been provided to indicate the existing building is a special smoke hazard due to special characteristics, function, materials or mix of classifications.	Not Relevant
PART E3:	LIFT INSTALLATIONS		
CLAUSE	PROVISION	COMMENTS	STATUS
E3D1 [E3.0]	Deemed-to-Satisfy Provisions	-	Noted
E3D2 [E3.1]	Lift installations	The existing building includes a lift in the main foyer of Block C. The lift connects three storeys and is not an emergency lift. The lift is provided with warning signage against the use of the lift during a fire at each landing.	No Upgrade
		The proposed development includes the installation of multiple lifts throughout the building. It is recommended no further upgrades	



PART E4: VISABILITY IN AN EMERGENCY, EXIT SIGNS AND WARNING SYSTEMS			
CLAUSE	PROVISION	COMMENTS	STATUS
E4D1 [E4.0]	Deemed-to-Satisfy Provisions	-	Noted
E4D2 [E4.2]	Emergency lighting requirements	 The AFSS indicates the existing building is not provided with an emergency lighting system. During the site inspection, some emergency lighting was observed, primarily in Block F and the fire-isolated exits. The emergency lighting was generally installed in the wrong location or not capable of performing. There was a general lack of emergency lighting observed throughout the remainder of the building. It is recommended a new emergency lighting system be provided throughout the whole building in accordance with AS 2293.1-2018 (Amendment 1) and E4D2. 	Upgrade Recommended
E4D3 [E4.3]	Measurement of distance	Distances, other than vertical rise, must be measured along the shortest path of travel whether by straight lines, curves or a combination of both.	Noted
E4D4 [E4.4]	Design and operation of emergency lighting	Refer to the comments in E4D2 of this report.	Noted
E4D5 [E4.5]	Exit signs	The AFSS indicates the existing building is not provided with any exit signs or directional exit signs. During the site inspection, some exit signage was observed. The standard of performance varied from Ordinance 70 to AS 2293.1-2005. Most exit signs was observed to be damaged, missing, installed more than 2.7 m above the finished floor or not capable of performing. Refer to photographs of examples below.	Upgrade Recommended





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		It is recommended new exit signs and directional exit signs be installed throughout the whole building in accordance with AS 2293.1-2018 (Amendment 1), E4D5 and NSW E4D6.	
NSW E4D6 [E4.6]	Direction signs	Refer to comments in E4D5 of this report.	Noted
E4D7 [E4.7]	Class 2 and 3 buildings and Class 4 parts: exemptions	E4D5 does not apply to the entrance door of a sole-occupancy unit in the Class 3 parts of the building.	Noted
E4D8 [E4.8]	Design and operation of exit signs	Refer to comments in E4D5 of this report.	Noted



E4D9 [E4.9]	Emergency warning and intercom systems	The AFSS indicates the existing building is not provided with an emergency warning and intercom system.	Upgrade Recommended
		During the site inspection, no emergency warning and intercom system was observed at the fire indicator panel. It has also been confirmed with the incumbent fire safety contractor for the building there is no emergency warning and intercom system provided throughout the building.	
		It is recommended an emergency warning and intercom system complying with AS 1670.4-2018 be provided throughout the building to comply with E4D9.	



4.4 SECTION G: ANCILLARY PROVISIONS

Section G of the BCA contains provisions relating to minor structures and components, boilers, pressure vessels, heating appliances, fireplaces and flues, atrium construction, alpine areas, bushfire prone areas, occupiable outdoor areas and livable housing design.

PART G1: MINOR STRUCTURES AND COMPONENTS			
CLAUSE	PROVISION	COMMENTS	STATUS
NSW G1D1 [G1.0]	Deemed-to-Satisfy Provisions	There is no Deemed-to-Satisfy Provision for G1P1.	Noted
G1D2 [G1.1]	Swimming pools	The swimming pool barrier is outside the scope of this assessment.	Not Relevant
G1D3 [G1.2]	Refrigerated chambers, strong- rooms and vaults	The existing refrigerated chamber (cool room) located on the Ground Storey of the kitchen is proposed to be demolished and the area refurbished into a meeting room as part of the proposed development.	Not Relevant
G1D4 [G1.3]	Outdoor play spaces	The existing building does not include a Class 9b early childhood centre.	Not Relevant
NSW G1D5 [NSW G1.101]	Provision for cleaning windows	The provision for cleaning windows is outside the scope of this assessment.	Not Relevant
PART G2: BOILERS, PRESSURE VESSELS, HEATING APPLIANCES, FIREPLACES, CHIMNEYS AND FLUES			
CLAUSE	PROVISION	COMMENTS	STATUS
G2D1 [G2.0]	Deemed-to-Satisfy Provisions	The existing building includes a boiler located in the Basement of Block F. No upgrades are recommended to the existing boiler.	No Upgrade



PART G3: ATRIUM CONSTRUCTION			
CLAUSE	PROVISION	COMMENTS	STATUS
G3D1 [G3.1]	Application of Part	The existing building does not include an atrium.	Not Relevant
PART G4	CONSTRUCTION IN AI	PINE AREAS	
CLAUSE	PROVISION	COMMENTS	STATUS
G4D1 [G4.0]	Deemed-to-Satisfy provisions	-	Noted
G4D2 [G4.1]	Application of Part	The existing building is not located in an alpine area, Bathurst has an elevation of approximately 650 m.	Not Relevant
PART G5	CONSTRUCTION IN BU	JSHFIRE PRONE AREAS	-
CLAUSE	PROVISION	COMMENTS	STATUS
G5D1 [G5.0]	Deemed-to-Satisfy provisions	-	Noted
NSW G5D2 [NSW G5.1]	Application of Part	<text><image/></text>	Not Relevant



PART G6: OCCUPIABLE OUTDOOR AREAS				
CLAUSE	PROVISION	COMMENTS	STATUS	
G6D1- G6D10 [G6.1- G6.10]	Application of Part	The existing building contains two outdoor occupiable areas located on the Second Storey of Block F. Balcony The following marked-up floor plan shows the location of the existing balcony off the staff common room. The balcony is not provided with any emergency lighting, exit signage or warning system and sprinkler system.	Upgrade Recommended	
		It is recommended the balcony area be provided with emergency lighting, exit signage, emergency warning intercom system and a		







PART G7: LIVABLE HOUSING DESIGN			
CLAUSE	PROVISION	COMMENTS	STATUS
NSW G7 [NEW]	Livable housing design	This Part has deliberately been left blank. Part G7 does not apply in NSW.	Not Relevant