



Bushfire Hazard Assessment

26 Endeavour Street, Oberon, 2787 (Lot 34 in DP.1228591)



Project Details	
Assessed as:	Other development
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Highest BAL on any facade	BAL-LOW
Planning for Bushfire Protection (2006) Compliance	The development conforms to the relevant specification and requirements of Planning for Bushfire Protection in accordance with Section 4.14(1)(b) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
Project Description	Proposed shed, weighbridge, awning and material storage bays.
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REPORT SUMMARY

Bushfire Planning and Design has been engaged to undertake a bushfire hazard assessment at 26 Endeavour Street, Oberon, 2787. The site is not mapped as being bushfire prone under Section 10.3 (2) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. The proposed development involves the construction of a shed, weighbridge, awning and material storage bays.

The subject site is located in a split zoned IN1 (general industrial) and RU1 (primary production) area in Oberon which is under the jurisdiction of Oberon Council. The land is zoned IN1 and RU1 to the north, IN1 to the west and south and RU1 to the east. The site is accessed from Maher Drive on the south west boundary. Managed industrial land is located to the south of the site. The subject site is dominated by grassland which occurs on undulating topography. Grassland is located to the north, east and west.

The National Construction Code (NCC 2016) does not provide for any bush fire specific performance requirements for Class 7 buildings and as such AS 3959 (2009) does not apply as a set of 'deemed to satisfy' provisions. The general fire safety construction provisions are taken as acceptable solutions, but the aim and objectives of PBP apply in relation to other matters such as access, water and services, emergency planning and landscaping/vegetation management (PBP 2006).

There is sufficient space within the site to provide an asset protection zone (APZ). A 50m grassland APZ is required to achieve a construction rating of BAL-LOW (AS3959 2009). All adjacent grass, including grass planting on the proposed perimeter earth berms can be managed. All grass within 50m of the proposed industrial shed is to be managed as short cropped grass < 100mm high.

The proposed storage bays are separated from potential grass fire by a swale, a perimeter emergency vehicular access road and a 10m high earth berm. The proposed earth berms are to be planted with grass and the grass on the earth berms are to be managed as short cropped < 100mm high. The proposed vegetation management will keep all grass in the vicinity of the proposed stock pile areas in minimal fuel condition and will therefore mitigate the potential for grass fire to encroach onto the site. A 30m managed zone, consisting of a swale, a perimeter emergency vehicular access road and a 10m high earth berm is provided between the proposed storage areas and surrounding grassland to the north, east and west. This will mitigate the risk of accidental fire occurring within the subject site, spreading onto adjoining grassland.

The proposed shed, awning and weighbridge are assessed as BAL-LOW as indicated in figure 1 and as specified in AS3959 (2009), the Australian Standard for the Construction of Buildings in a Bushfire Prone Area. There are no specific bushfire construction standards that relate to the proposed Class 7 building and associated works. We recommend that proposed walls surrounding each storage bays are constructed from non combustible materials.

The development complies with Planning for Bushfire Protection (2006) with regards to the provision of water. The requirements for electricity and gas (if applicable) can also be complied with. Site access, including access via the public road system is suitable for emergency response vehicles.

We recommend that a bushfire emergency evacuation plan is prepared such that employees and visitors are informed about suitable egress routes away from the site in the event of bushfire.

The development complies with the specific objectives and performance requirements of PBP (2006). Compliance with the NCC (2016) via compliance with AS3959 (2009), the Australian Standard for the Construction of Buildings in Bushfire Prone Areas is also achieved.

We trust that the information within this report is satisfactory. Should you wish to discuss any of the above, please contact the undersigned.

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SECTION 1. BACKGROUND AND BRIEFING NOTES

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Bushfire Planning and Design has been engaged to undertake a bushfire hazard assessment at the subject site. The site is not mapped as being bushfire prone under Section 10.3 (2) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

The development is captured under Section 4.14 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979; Consultation and development consent – certain bush fire prone land. For the purpose of bushfire assessment the development is considered infill development as described in the New South Wales Rural Fire Service document Planning for Bushfire Protection 2006. The proposed development involves the construction of a shed, weighbridge, awning and material storage bays.

1.2 SITE DESCRIPTION

The subject site is located in a split zoned IN1 (general industrial) and RU1 (primary production) area in Oberon which is under the jurisdiction of Oberon Council. The land is zoned IN1 and RU1 to the north, IN1 to the west and south and RU1 to the east. The site is accessed from Maher Drive on the south west boundary. Managed industrial land is located to the south of the site. The subject site is dominated by grassland which occurs on undulating topography. Grassland is located to the north, east and west.

1.3 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

•Development applications on bush fire prone land must be accompanied by a Bush Fire Assessment within the Statement of Environmental Effects demonstrating the degree to which the proposed development complies with or deviates from the aims, objectives and performance criteria of Planning for Bushfire Protection 2006 (PBP 2006).

- To determine the expected fire behaviour and threat to the proposed development.
- To provide the land owner, Oberon Council, the RFS and other relevant stakeholders with a bushfire report that determines the bushfire hazard on and surrounding the subject site.
- To identify compliance with the BCA – Building Code of Australia (Also known as NCC).
- To identify compliance with the specific objectives and performance requirements of Planning for Bushfire Protection 2006, including Appendix 3 (2010) where applicable.
- To determine the required level of construction required by AS3959 – Australian Standard for the Construction of Buildings in Bushfire Prone Areas.

1.4 SCOPE OF THE REPORT

This report has been prepared as a requirement for a bush fire assessment to be prepared to accompany the development application for the proposed development. This report has considered all current relevant bushfire legislation, planning instruments, codes and standards for the construction of a building in a bush fire prone areas. For the purposes of this report it is necessary to describe the surrounding vegetation to 140m from the boundary and slope to 100m from the boundary. This report does not directly assess the bushfire hazard on any adjacent site and cannot be used to support a development application for any allotment other than the specific address noted in the header above.

1.5 METHODOLOGY

The methodology for the bushfire hazard assessment follows the method described in the Rural Fire Service publication 'Planning for Bushfire Protection' Appendix 3. These steps are as follows;

- Determine the vegetation formation types and sub-formations around the building using Appendix 2 of PBP, 2006.

(i) Identify all the vegetation types within 140 metres of the site using Keith(2004);

(ii) Classify the vegetation formations as set out in Appendix 2; and (iii) Convert Keith to Specht.

Note: AS3959-2009 as referenced in the BCA-2010 uses AUSLIG (1990) vegetation classifications while PBP uses Keith.

- Determine the distance between each vegetation formation identified (from the edge of the foliage cover) and the building.
- Determine the effective slope of the ground for each vegetation group.
- Determine the relevant FDI for the council area in which the development is to take place.
- Match the relevant FDI, appropriate vegetation, distance and effective slope classes to determine the bush fire attack levels using method 1 of AS3959-2009.
- Where a more detailed analysis is required, method 2 of AS3959-2009 will be employed.

1.6 REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

The main legislation, planning instruments, development controls and guidelines that are related to this project are as follows;

4.14 Consultation and development consent— certain bush fire prone land

(1) Development consent cannot be granted for the carrying out of development for any purpose (other than a subdivision of land that could lawfully be used for residential or rural residential purposes or development for a special fire protection purpose) on bush fire prone land unless the consent authority:

(a) is satisfied that the development conforms to the specifications and requirements of the document entitled Planning for Bush Fire Protection, prepared by the NSW Rural Fire Service in co-operation with the Department of Planning (or, if another document is prescribed by the regulations for the purposes of this paragraph, that document) that are relevant to the development ("the relevant specifications and requirements"), or

(b) has been provided with a certificate by a person who is recognised by the NSW Rural Fire Service as a qualified consultant in bush fire risk assessment stating that the development conforms to the relevant specifications and requirements. (EPA & A, 1979).

All new developments must comply with the Building Code of Australia. The BCA is a performance based code which derives its statutory power from the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

The BCA contains both performance requirements and deemed-to-satisfy provisions for all aspects of building, including the construction of buildings in bush fire prone areas. Compliance with the performance requirements of the BCA is achieved by way of a deemed to satisfy solution which is satisfied by complying with AS3959, the Australian Standard for the Construction of Buildings in Bushfire Prone Areas. There is

a New South Wales variation in the BCA which excludes BAL FZ construction standards as a deemed to satisfy solution. Buildings exposed to radiant heat levels greater than 40kW/m² are considered to be in the flame zone, BAL FZ. For developments that require a BAL FZ level of construction, an alternative solution is required to be submitted. An alternative solution is one which is different to the deemed to satisfy provisions but meets the performance requirements of the BCA and the Objectives of Planning for Bushfire Protection.

The EP&A Regulation requires a Certifying Authority, prior to issuing a construction certificate or complying development certificate, to be satisfied that the relevant requirements of the BCA will be met.

SECTION 2. BUSHFIRE ATTACK LEVEL ASSESSMENT

2.1 INTRODUCTION

For the purpose of this bushfire assessment, the vegetation is required to be described to a distance of 140m from the boundary and the slope to 100m from boundary. Vegetation type and slope under vegetation are the factors that will significantly affect bushfire behaviour.

‘Research has shown that 85% of houses are lost in the first 100m from bushland and that ember attack is a significant form of attack on properties’ (RFS 2006).

TABLE 2.1 - BAL ASSESSMENT (To be read in conjunction with Figure 1)

LGA = Oberon Council	Forest Fire Danger Index = FDI 100	
	NORTH, EAST AND WEST	SOUTH
Effective slope	N/A	N/A
Site Slope	N/A	N/A
Vegetation classification	Grassland	Managed Land
Separation from vegetation	> 50m	> 100m
Assessed BAL-Rating	BAL-LOW	BAL-LOW
Required level of construction	BAL-LOW	BAL-LOW
Assessment methodology	Method 1	Method 1

2.2 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF TABLE 2.1

To clarify the findings above, the land is not identified as being bushfire affected. Grassland is located to the north, east and west of the site. Although the land is not mapped as bushfire affected, grassland if un-managed can facilitate the passage of bushfire under certain weather conditions.

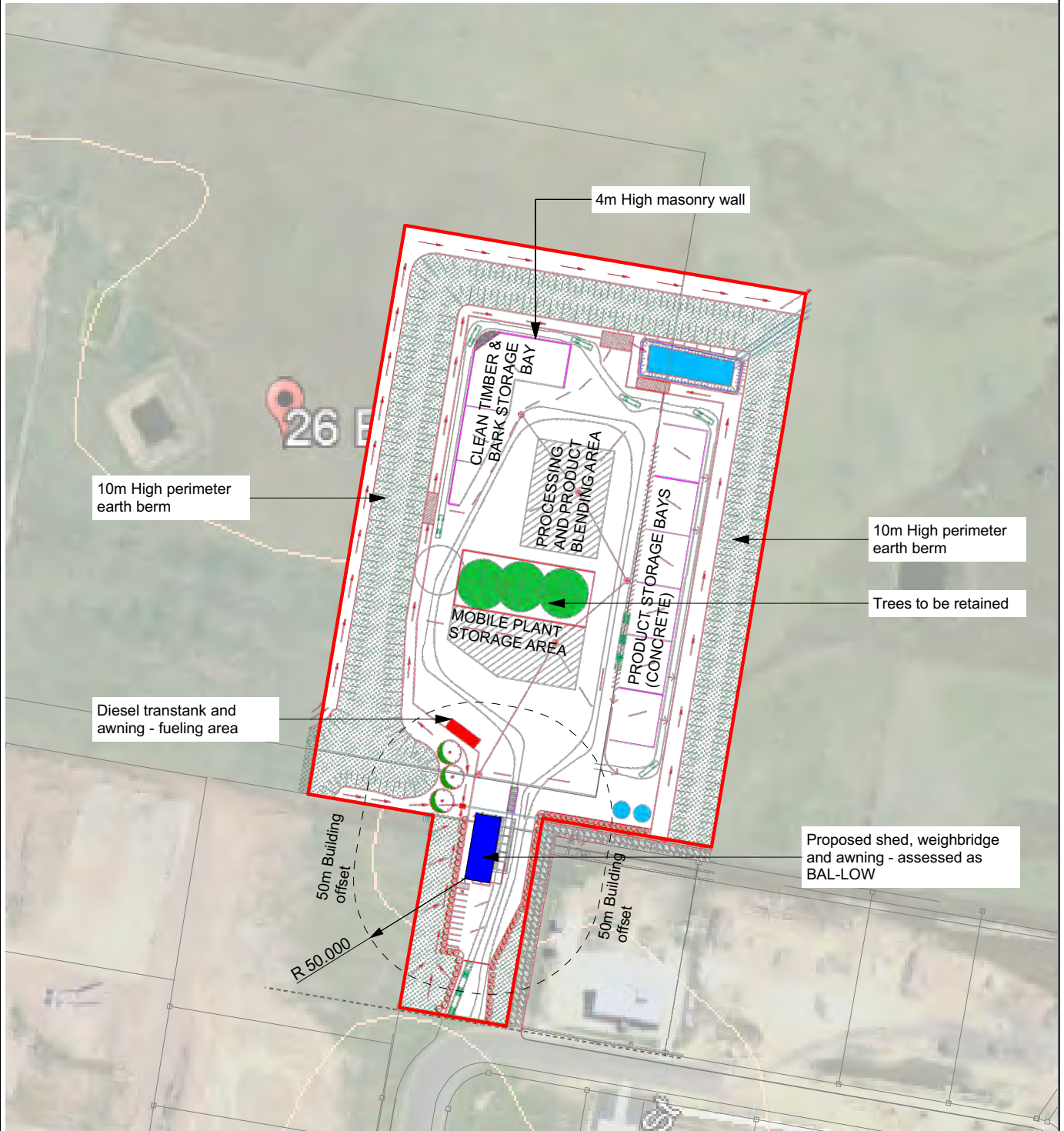
All grassland within 50m of the proposed building is proposed to be managed. As there is no bushfire prone land within 100m of the proposed building (shed, awning and weighbridge) and no un-managed grassland within 50m, there is insufficient threat to warrant any specific construction standards with regards to the construction of a building in a bushfire prone area.

The proposed building is to be constructed to BAL-LOW as indicated in figure 1.

Figure 1 - SITE ANALYSIS DRAWING - 26 ENDEAVOUR ST.pln

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Aerial view modified from Near Map (www.nearmap.com)



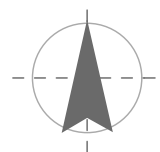
LEGEND

Category 1 vegetation (Forest)	BAL-FZ Zone	BAL-19 Zone
Remnant	BAL-40 Zone	BAL-12.5 Zone
Road Systems	BAL-29 Zone	Hydrant

ABBREVIATIONS

BAL - BUSHFIRE ATTACK LEVEL
D-S - DOWN SLOPE
U-S - UP SLOPE
P1 - PHOTO 1

NORTH POINT



DRAWING SCALE 1:2500

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SECTION 3. PBP 2006 SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES (INFILL)

The following tables indicate the extent to which the proposed development complies with or deviates from Planning for Bushfire Protection 2006.

ENSURE THAT THE BUSH FIRE RISK TO ADJOINING LANDS IS NOT INCREASED.	ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION
PROVIDE A MINIMUM DEFENDABLE SPACE.	ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION
PROVIDE BETTER BUSH FIRE PROTECTION ON A RE-DEVELOPMENT SITE, THAN THE EXISTING SITUATION. THIS SHOULD NOT RESULT IN NEW WORKS BEING EXPOSED TO GREATER RISK THAN AN EXISTING BUILDING	ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION
ENSURE THAT THE BUSH FIRE RISK TO ADJOINING LANDS IS NOT INCREASED.	ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION
ENSURE THAT THE FOOTPRINT OF THE PROPOSED BUILDING DOES NOT EXTEND TOWARDS THE HAZARD BEYOND EXISTING BUILDING LINES ON NEIGHBOURING LAND.	ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION
DEVELOPMENTS ARE NOT TO RESULT IN AN INCREASED BUSH FIRE MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITY ON ADJOINING LAND OWNERS UNLESS THEY HAVE AGREED TO THE DEVELOPMENT.	ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION
ENSURE BUILDING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ENHANCES THE CHANCES OF OCCUPANT AND BUILDING SURVIVAL.	ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION

SECTION 4. CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA (PBP 2006)	ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION
<p>It must be demonstrated that the proposed building can withstand bush fire attack in the form of wind, smoke, embers, radiant heat and flame contact. The construction requirements have been determined in accordance with Planning for Bushfire Protection Appendix 3 (2010) and the requirements for attached garages and others structures in Section 4.3.5 (PBP 2006). It is noted that Class 7 developments are not required to comply with the deemed to satisfy provisions of the NCC (NCC 2017, G5.2). The general fire safety construction provisions are taken as acceptable solutions, but the aims and objectives of PBP apply in relation to other matters such as access, water and services, emergency planning and landscaping/vegetation management.</p> <p>The proposed development is assessed as BAL-LOW as indicated in figure 1 page 9.</p>	

BAL-LOW AS3959-2009 - CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

The proposed works are greater than 100m from bushfire prone vegetation. There is insufficient risk to warrant any specific bushfire construction standards with regard to the construction of a building in a bushfire prone area. It is expected that there will be negligible effects from radiant heat and flame due to the distance of the site from the vegetation. Some attack by ember attack is possible. Although no construction standard is required, it is essential that the site be managed as an inner asset protection zone for perpetuity as nominated in Section 5 and Section 9 of this report.

NO SPECIFIC CONSTRUCTION STANDARD REQUIRED

SECTION 5. ASSET PROTECTION ZONE (APZ) REQUIREMENTS

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA (PBP 2006)

Intent of measures: to provide sufficient space and maintain reduced fuel loads, so as to ensure radiant heat levels at buildings are below critical limits and to prevent direct flame contact with a building.

- A defensible space is to be provided within the boundary of the site.
- An asset protection zone is provided and maintained for the life of the development.

The asset protection zones (APZ) requirements have been derived from the methodology of Appendix 2 of Planning for Bushfire Protection 2006. Asset protection zones and in particular the Inner Asset Protection Zones are critical for providing defensible space and reducing flame length and rate of spread (PBP 2006). APZs are designed to provide sufficient open space for emergency workers to operate and for occupants to egress the site safely. They are divided into Inner and Outer Asset Protection Zones (IPAs and OPAs) and are required to be maintained for the life of the development. The IPA provides for defensible space and a reduction of radiant heat levels at the building line and the OPA provides for the reduction of the rate of spread and filtering of embers. The required Asset Protection Zones are identified in table 5 below.

	SOUTH EAST	ALL OTHER DIRECTIONS
REQUIRED APZ	17m (Forest U-S)	Maintain as IPA
ACHIEVED APZ	> 19m	Maintain as IPA

There is sufficient space within the site to provide an asset protection zone (APZ). A 50m grassland APZ is required to achieve a construction rating of BAL-LOW (AS3959 2009). All adjacent grass, including grass planting on the proposed perimeter earth berms can be managed. All grass within 50m of the proposed industrial shed is to be managed as short cropped grass < 100mm high.

The proposed storage bays are separated from potential grass fire by a swale, a perimeter emergency vehicular access road and a 10m high earth berm. The proposed earth berms are to be planted with grass and the grass on the earth berms are to be managed as short cropped < 100mm high. The proposed vegetation management will keep all grass in the vicinity of the proposed stock pile areas in minimal fuel condition and will therefore mitigate the potential for grass fire to encroach onto the site. A 30m managed zone, consisting of a swale, a perimeter emergency vehicular access road and a 10m high earth berm is provided between the proposed storage areas and surrounding grassland to the north, east and west. This will mitigate the risk of accidental fire occurring within the subject site, spreading onto adjoining grassland.

The following points are to be adhered to for providing APZs.

- The IPA is to have a tree canopy cover less than 15%.
- The OPA is to have a tree canopy cover less than 30%.
- No trees are to be located within 2m of the building roof line.

- Garden beds with flammable shrubs are to be located a minimum 10m from the building.
- Tree limbs within 2m of the ground are to be removed.
- Removal of ground fuels should be removed each year prior to the bushfire season (October-March).

We note, there are a cluster of trees retained in the middle of the site. We do not envisage these as contributing to bushfire risk. The understory should be managed to remove dead foliage and organic debris and this will be sufficient to mitigate combustibility from embers that could be generated from nearby grassland in the event of a bushfire.

Refer to the Rural Fire Service document “Standards for Asset Protection” for information, methods etc for creating and maintaining asset protection zones. Extracts from this document have been attached to the appendix of this report.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS IN RELATION TO ASSET PROTECTION ZONES	ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION
The proposed development can comply with PBP (2006).	

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SECTION 6. ACCESS REQUIREMENTS

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA (PBP 2006)

Intent of measures: to provide safe access to/from the public road system for firefighters providing property protection during a bush fire and for occupants faced with evacuation.

Safe, operational access is to be provided (and maintained) for emergency services personnel in suppressing a bush fire while residents are seeking to relocate, in advance of a bush fire, (satisfying the intent and performance criteria for access roads in sections 4.1.3 and 4.2.7 as defined in Planning for Bushfire Protection 2006).

PUBLIC ROADS - SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

No specific public road requirements. The public road system is deemed to be adequate.

PROPERTY ACCESS - SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

No specific property access requirements. Site access conditions are deemed to be adequate.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS IN RELATION TO ACCESS

ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION

No additional comments. The proposed development complies with PBP (2006).

SECTION 7. SERVICES REQUIREMENTS - WATER

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA (PBP 2006)

Intent of measures: 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

- Adequate water and electricity services are to be provided for fire fighting operations.

WATER - SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

The proposed development can comply with the PBP (2006) with regards to water requirements. Reticulated water is provided however the hydrant sizing, spacing or pressures have not been tested. No additional water for the suppression of bushfire is required for the proposed development. The following points are to be adhered to for the life of the development.

- All above ground water and gas service pipes and fittings external to the building are metal.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS IN RELATION TO THE PROVISION OF WATER

ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION

The proposed development can comply with PBP (2006).

SECTION 8. SERVICES REQUIREMENTS - ELECTRICITY & GAS

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA (PBP 2006)

Intent of measures: 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

- Gas and electricity services are to be located so as not to contribute to the risk of fire to a building.

ELECTRICITY AND GAS - SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

The proposed development can comply with the PBP (2006) with regards to electricity and gas requirements. The following points are to be adhered to (where applicable) for the provision of electricity and gas services where applicable.

ELECTRICITY REQUIREMENTS

- Where practicable place electrical transmission lines underground or,
- If overhead electrical transmission lines are proposed:- lines are installed with short pole spacing (30 metres), 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 'Vegetation Safety Clearances' issued by Energy Australia (NS179, April 2002).

GAS REQUIREMENTS

- Reticulated or bottled gas is installed and maintained in accordance with AS 1596 and the requirements of relevant authorities.
- Metal piping is to be used.
- All fixed gas cylinders are to be kept clear of all flammable materials to a distance of 10m and shielded on the hazard side of the installation.
- Release valves are directed away from the building and at least 2m away from any combustible material, so that they do not act as a catalyst to combustion. Connections to and from gas cylinders are to be metal.
- Polymer sheathed flexible gas supply lines to gas meters adjacent to buildings are not to be used.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS IN RELATION TO THE PROVISION OF ELECTRICITY AND GAS.

ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION

The proposed development can comply with PBP (2006).

SECTION 09. LANDSCAPING AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS (PBP 2006)

It is expected that the nominated APZs will be maintained by the owner of the land as part of the development. It is accepted practice that after construction of a dwelling, gardens will be established and landscaping of the grounds will be undertaken. The following principles should be applied for the establishment of gardens and property maintenance.

GARDEN DESIGN

- Apply the principles for APZ and vegetation management as attached to the appendix of this report.
- Maintain short cropped grass less than 100mm adjacent to the house;
- Keep areas under fences, fence posts and gates and trees raked and cleared of fuel.
- Utilising non-combustible fencing and retaining walls.

MAINTENANCE

Prior to the bushfire season which runs from October to March the site should be maintained utilising the following guidelines from Appendix 5 PBP (2006).

- Remove organic material from the roof and gutters and valleys.
- Check tiles and roof lines for broken tiles or dislodged roofing materials.
- Ensure painted surfaces are in good condition with decaying timbers being given particular attention to prevent the lodging of embers within gaps.
- Doors are fitted with draught seals and well maintained.
- Mats are of non combustible material or in areas of low potential exposure.
- Screens on windows and doors are in good condition without breaks or holes in fly screen material and frames are well fitting into sills and window frames.
- Where applicable, check pumps and water supplies are available and in working order.
- Where applicable, drenching or spray systems are tested before the fire season.
- Hoses and hose reels are not perished and fittings are tight and in good order.
- Woodpiles, garden sheds and other combustible materials are located away from the house.

SECTION 10. SEAR REQUIREMENTS

We have reviewed the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEAR) number 1238 dated 30/11/18. The table below has been generated to identify each of the key issues noted in SEAR 1238. We have provided our comments for each of the key issues in response to the development of bushfire prone land.

Key Issues SEAR 1238	Bushfire Planning and Design Comments
Strategic Context	Strategic Context (Refer comments below).
Waste Management	Waste Management (Refer comments below).
Hazard and Risk	Not applicable to the development of bushfire prone land.
Air Quality	Not applicable to the development of bushfire prone land.
Noise and Vibration	Not applicable to the development of bushfire prone land.
Soil and Water	Not applicable to the development of bushfire prone land.
Traffic and Transport	Not applicable to the development of bushfire prone land.
Biodiversity	Not applicable to the development of bushfire prone land.
Visual	Not applicable to the development of bushfire prone land.
Heritage	Not applicable to the development of bushfire prone land.

Strategic Context	- A detailed justification for the proposal and suitability of the site for the development.
Bushfire Planning and Design Comments:	
<p>The proposed development is located on land that is not mapped as being bushfire affected. With regard to the development of bushfire prone land, the development is not legislatively required to address bushfire risk. Regardless of the above statement, our Client has engaged us to provide an assessment to address bushfire risk for the proposed development.</p> <p>It was found that the development complies with the aims and objectives of Planning for Bushfire Protection (2006) in relation access, water and services, emergency planning and landscaping/vegetation management. The development is not required to comply with the National Construction Code (2016) with regards to bushfire protection. The general fire safety provisions are deemed to be acceptable.</p> <p>Based on the above and from a bushfire hazard perspective, the proposed development is suitable for the subject site.</p>	

Strategic Context	- Consideration of impacts to surrounding agricultural resources and land;
Bushfire Planning and Design Comments	
Impacts to surrounding agricultural land is beyond our scope for bushfire protection.	

Strategic Context	- A demonstration that the proposal is consistent with all relevant planning strategies, environmental planning instruments, development control plans, or justification for any inconsistencies: and
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Bushfire Planning and Design Comments:

The subject site is not identified as being bushfire affected based on bushfire prone land mapping under section 10.3 (2) of the Environmental Planning And Assessment Act 1979 (EPA Act 1979).

The below extract is taken from 4.14 (EPA Act 1979).

“(1) Development consent cannot be granted for the carrying out of development for any purpose (other than a subdivision of land that could lawfully be used for residential or rural residential purposes or development for a special fire protection purpose) on bush fire prone land (being land for the time being recorded as bush fire prone land on a relevant map certified under section 10.3 (2)) unless the consent authority.....”

Based on the above, the development is not legislatively required to address bushfire risk and is therefore by default consistent with the relevant planning strategies for the development of bushfire prone land.

Strategic Context	- A list of any approvals that must be obtained under and Act or law before the development may lawfully be carried out.
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Bushfire Planning and Design Comments:

As per the information above, the land is not mapped as being bushfire affected. No formal approvals are required with regards to the development of bushfire prone land.

Waste Management	- Details of the type quality and classification of waste to be received at the site; - Details of the resource outputs and any additional processes for residual waste;
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Bushfire Planning and Design Comments:

The proposed development will be utilised for processing and stockpiling timber. The proposed storage bays are separated from potential grass fire by a swale, a perimeter emergency vehicular access road and a 10m high earth berm. The proposed earth berms are to be planted with grass and the grass on the earth berms are to be managed as short cropped < 100mm high. The proposed vegetation management will keep all grass in the vicinity of the proposed stock pile areas in minimal fuel condition and will therefore mitigate the potential for grass fire to encroach onto the site. A 30m managed zone, consisting of a swale, a perimeter emergency vehicular access road and a 10m high earth berm is provided between the proposed storage areas and surrounding grassland to the north, east and west. This will mitigate the risk of accidental fire occurring within the subject site, spreading onto adjoining grassland.

Waste Management	- Details of waste handling including, transport, identification, receipt, stockpiling and quality control; and
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Bushfire Planning and Design Comments:

Not applicable to the development of bushfire prone land.

SECTION 12. RECOMMENDATIONS

Prior to the bushfire season which runs from October to March, the property should be maintained in accordance with the guidelines in Section 9.

SECTION 13. DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS

The following points are to be complied with as part of this development.

1. Comply with the construction requirements as detailed in Section 2 and Section 4.
2. Comply with the APZ requirements nominated in Section 5.
3. Comply with the provision of water, electricity and gas (where applicable) as discussed in Section 7 and Section 8.
4. Comply with the landscaping and property maintenance requirements in Section 9.

SECTION 14. CONCLUSION

There is sufficient space within the site to provide an asset protection zone (APZ). A 50m grassland APZ is required to achieve a construction rating of BAL-LOW (AS3959 2009). All adjacent grass, including grass planting on the proposed perimeter earth berms can be managed. All grass within 50m of the proposed industrial shed is to be managed as short cropped grass < 100mm high.

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The proposed shed, awning and weighbridge are assessed as BAL-LOW as indicated in figure 1 and as specified in AS3959 (2009), the Australian Standard for the Construction of Buildings in a Bushfire Prone Area. There are no specific bushfire construction standards that relate to the proposed Class 7 building and associated works. We recommend that proposed walls surrounding each storage bays are constructed from non combustible materials.

The development complies with Planning for Bushfire Protection (2006) with regards to the provision of water. The requirements for electricity and gas (if applicable) can also be complied with. Site access, including access via the public road system is suitable for emergency response vehicles.

We recommend that a bushfire emergency evacuation plan is prepared such that employees and visitors are informed about suitable egress routes away from the site in the event of bushfire.

The development complies with the specific objectives and performance requirements of PBP (2006). Compliance with the NCC (2016) via compliance with AS3959 (2009), the Australian Standard for the

Construction of Buildings in Bushfire Prone Areas is also achieved.

We trust that the information within this report is satisfactory. Should you wish to discuss any of the above, please contact the undersigned.

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SECTION 13. REFERENCES

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See reference

AS- Australian Standards

BCA- Building Code of Australia

EPA&A –Environmental Planning and Assessment Act

PBP- Planning for Bushfire Protection

RFS – Rural Fire Service

Main reference under full name as above.

SECTION 14. APPENDICES

Appendix A - Standards for Asset Protection

Appendix B - Architectural Site Plan

Appendix C - Photos

APPENDIX A - STANDARDS FOR ASSET PROTECTION

RFS STANDARDS FOR ASSET PROTECTION

The following information has been taken directly from the RFS document “Standards for Asset Protection”. The full version of this document can be found at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au.

The intensity of bush fires can be greatly reduced where there is little to no available fuel for burning. In order to control bush fire fuels you can reduce, remove or change the state of the fuel through several means.

Reduction of fuel does not require removal of all vegetation, which would cause environmental damage. Also, trees and plants can provide you with some bush fire protection from strong winds, intense heat and flying embers (by filtering embers) and changing wind patterns. Some ground cover is also needed to prevent soil erosion.

RAKING OR MANUAL REMOVAL OF FINE FUELS

- Ground fuels such as fallen leaves, twigs (less than 6 mm in diameter) and bark should be removed on a regular basis. This is fuel that burns quickly and increases the intensity of fire.
- Fine fuels can be removed by hand or with tools such as rakes, hoes and shovels.

MOWING OR GRAZING OF GRASS

- Grass needs to be kept short and, where possible, green.

REMOVAL OR PRUNING OF TREES, SHRUBS AND UNDERSTOREY

- The control of existing vegetation involves both selective fuel reduction (removal, thinning and pruning) and the retention of vegetation.
- Prune or remove trees so that you do not have a continuous tree canopy leading from the hazard to the asset. Separate tree crowns by two to five metres. A canopy should not overhang within two to five metres of a dwelling.
- Native trees and shrubs should be retained as clumps or islands and should maintain a covering of no more than 20% of the area.

WHEN CHOOSING PLANTS FOR REMOVAL, THE FOLLOWING BASIC RULES SHOULD BE FOLLOWED

- Remove noxious and environmental weeds first. Your local council can provide you with a list of environmental weeds or ‘undesirable species’. Alternatively, a list of noxious weeds can be obtained at www.agric.nsw.gov.au/noxweed/;
- Remove more flammable species such as those with rough, flaky or stringy bark; and
- Remove or thin understorey plants, trees and shrubs less than three metres in height
- The removal of significant native species should be avoided.

GARDEN DESIGN

The following information has been taken directly from the RFS document “Standards for Asset Protection”. The full version of this document can be found at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au.

LAYOUT OF GARDENS IN AN APZ

When creating and maintaining a garden that is part of an APZ you should:

- ensure that vegetation does not provide a continuous path to the house;
- remove all noxious and environmental weeds;
- plant or clear vegetation into clumps rather than continuous rows;
- prune low branches two metres from the ground to prevent a ground fire from spreading into trees;
- locate vegetation far enough away from the asset so that plants will not ignite the asset by direct flame contact or radiant heat emission;
- plant and maintain short green grass around the house as this will slow the fire and reduce fire intensity. Alternatively, provide non-flammable pathways directly around the dwelling;
- ensure that shrubs and other plants do not directly abut the dwelling. Where this does occur, gardens should contain low-flammability plants and non flammable ground cover such as pebbles and crush tile; and
- avoid erecting brush type fencing and planting “pencil pine” type trees next to buildings, as these are highly flammable.

LAYOUT OF GARDENS IN AN APZ

When designing your garden it is important to consider the type of plant species and their flammability as well as their placement and arrangement.

Given the right conditions, all plants will burn. However, some plants are less flammable than others.

- Trees with loose, fibrous or stringy bark should be avoided. These trees can easily ignite and encourage the ground fire to spread up to, and then through, the crown of the trees.

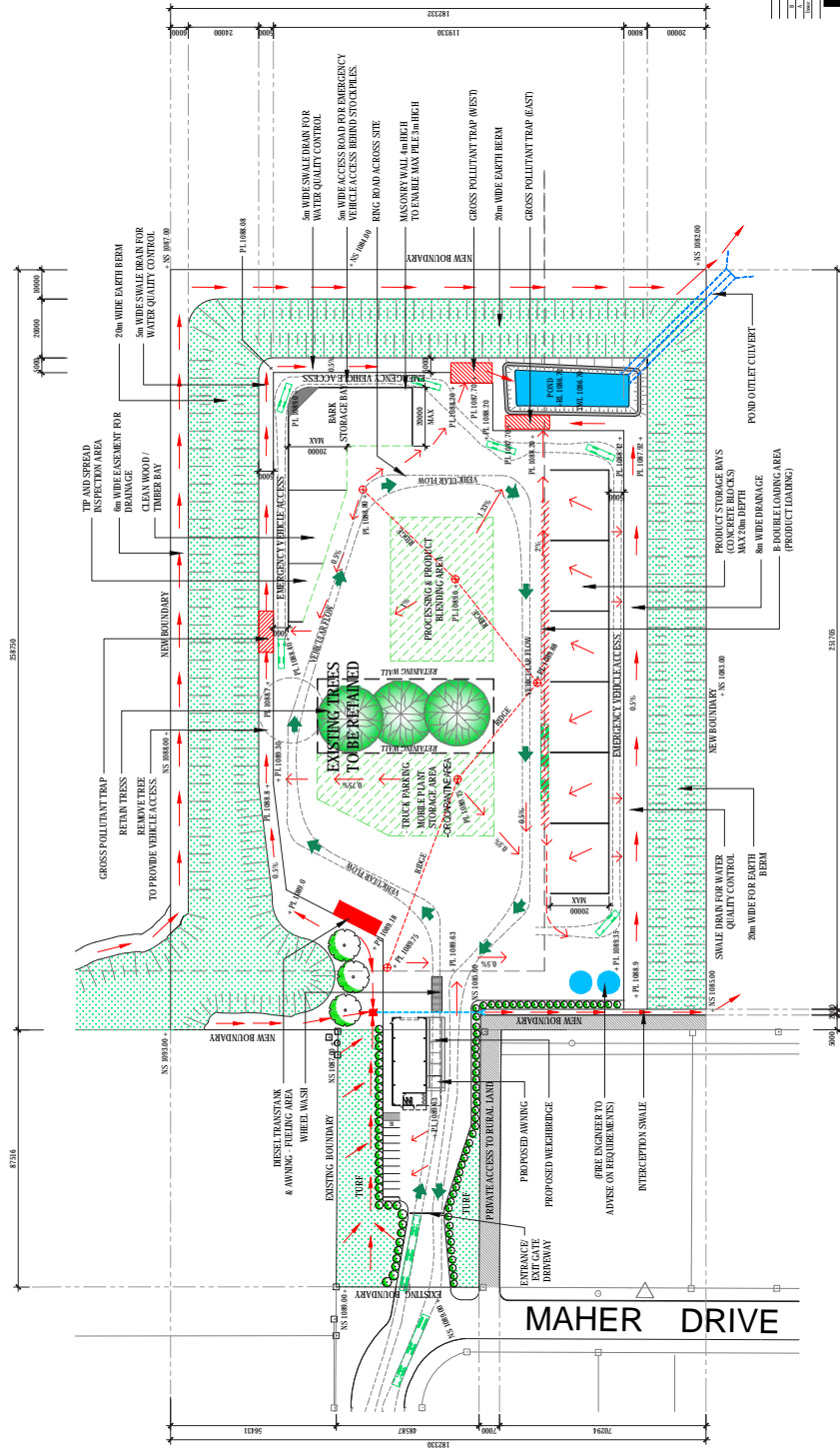
Plants that are less flammable, have the following features:

- high moisture content
- high levels of salt
- low volatile oil content of leaves
- smooth barks without “ribbons” hanging from branches or trunks; and
- dense crown and elevated branches.

APPENDIX B - ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS

SITE STATISTICS	
LOTS 407 128891	
TOTAL SITE AREA:	5088m ²
BUILDING FOOTPRINT AREAS:	313m ²
TOTAL FOOTPRINT AREA:	327m ²
SITE COVERAGE:	0.6%
BUILDING BREAK UP AREAS:	313.8m ²
PROPOSED MAINTENANCE SHED:	331m ²
PROPOSED OFFICE:	

PARKING REQUIREMENTS	
DESCRIPTION	SPACES
MAINTENANCE SHED	1
OFFICE	1
TOTAL CAR PARKING SPACES REQUIRED	2
TOTAL CAR PARKING SPACES PROVIDED	8
TOTAL CAR PARKING FOR DISABLED	1



1 PROPOSED SITE PLAN
SCALE: 1:800

- LEGEND:**
- PL PROPOSED LEVEL
 - NS NATURAL SURFACE
 - RL REFERENCE LEVEL
 - TWL TOP OF WATER LEVEL
 - TRAFFIC FLOW

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STATE: NSW

DATE: 18/01/2021

SCALE: 1:800 @ A1

DESIGNER: DA02

REVISION: R

APPENDIX C - PHOTOS



Photo 1: View looking north west along Maher Drive.



Photo 2: View looking south along Maher Drive.



Photo 2: View looking north east from within the site.



Photo 3: View looking east from within the site.



Photo 4: View looking north east from within the site.



Photo 5: View looking north east from within the site.