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The Council of the Municipality of Kiama
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Your reference: (REF-4693) PP-2025-1821
Our reference: SPI20260331000080

ATTENTION: Melissa Ballinger

Date: Monday 13 April 2026

Dear Sir/Madam,

Strategic Planning Instrument
LEP Amendment – Gateway

Description of proposal

Amend the Kiama Local Environmental Plan 2011 to enable residential development of land at 2 Caliope Street, Kiama and to protect it for environmental conservation and management purposes.

RFS advice

I refer to your correspondence dated 31/03/2026 inviting the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) to comment on the above Strategic Planning document.

The NSW RFS has considered the information submitted and provides the following comments.

The New South Wales Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) has reviewed the proposal with regard to Section 4.4 of the directions issued in accordance with Section 9.1 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
The objectives of the direction are:

- to protect life, property and the environment from bush fire hazards, by discouraging the establishment of incompatible land uses in bush fire prone areas, and
- to encourage sound management of bush fire prone areas.

The direction provides that a planning proposal must:

- have regard to Planning for Bushfire Protection 2019,
- introduce controls that avoid placing inappropriate developments in hazardous areas, and
- ensure that bushfire hazard reduction is not prohibited within the APZ.

With regard to these requirements, the NSW RFS is satisfied that the concept plans and recommendations of the bush fire report provided by Harris Environmental Consulting, REF: 7012BF, Version 3.1 dated: 27/10/2025 satisfy Ministerial Direction 4.4 Planning for Bushfire Protection.

In regard to the bush fire report the NSW RFS concludes that a similar performance based solution must be carried out by a suitably qualified bush fire consultant for compliance with Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019 for any future development proposals.

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Yours sincerely,

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