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Building Construction in Bush Fire Prone Areas

Bushfire Hazard Assessment Report

REF No. 18.05.152

Address Lot 59 DP 983814

42-48 St Marys Road

Berkshire Park NSW 2765

For Urban City Consulting for S & B Ward

The site was inspected on 21st May 2018

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Bushfire Risk Assessment Certificate

As required by legislation under section 79BA of the *Environmental Planning and*Assessment Act 1979 No 203

Property Address:	Lot 59 DP 983814 42-48 St Marys Road Berkshire Park NSW 2765
Description of Proposal	New Class 1a dwelling and retrospective Class 1a secondary dwelling
Plan Reference: [Relied upon in report preparation]	This assessment is based on plans prepared by: Coral Homes Dated: 21.06.2018 Ref No: J25635
Bushfire Hazard Assessment Report Ref. No.	18.05.152
Report Date:	17.07.2018
BAL Rating:	BAL 19 and BAL 12.5
Does the proposal comply with the requirements of Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2006?	YES with incorporation of the recommendations included contained in the attached Bushfire Hazard Assessment Report
Does the proposal require referral to the NSW Rural Fire Service?	Yes
Does the proposal rely on Alternate Solutions?	Yes – Remnant forest assumed to be Rainforest

I Craig Burley of Control Line Consulting have carried out a bushfire risk assessment on the above mentioned proposal and property.

A detailed Bushfire Hazard Assessment Report has been prepared in accordance to the submission requirements as set out in *Appendix 4* of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection* 2006 together with recommendations as to how the relevant specifications and requirements are to be achieved.

I hereby certify, in accordance with *79BA of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act* 1979 No 203:

- 1. That I am a person recognised by the NSW Rural Fire Service as a qualified consultant in bushfire risk assessment; and
- 2. That subject to the recommendations contained in the attached Bushfire Hazard Assessment Report the proposed development conforms to the relevant specifications and requirements.

I am aware that the Bushfire Hazard Assessment Report, prepared for the above mentioned site is to be submitted in support of a development application for this site and will be relied upon by Penrith City Council as the basis for ensuring that the bushfire risk management aspects of the proposed development have been addressed in accordance with *Planning for Bushfire Protection* 2006.

Yours faithfully

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Executive Summary

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The site has been identified as being bushfire prone land and therefore the legislative requirements for the proposed development are applicable.

The proposed development is an infill development as defined within *Planning for Bush Fire Protection* 2006 and this report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of *Section 79BA of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.*

The objectives and performance requirements for the proposed development as required by the Building Code of Australia Volume 2 and the document *Planning for Bush Fire Protection* 2006 will be achieved by the incorporation of the recommendations contained within this report.

Bushfire Attack Summary Lot 59 DP 983814 42-48 St Marys Road Berkshire Park NSW 2765

Primary Dwelling (New) West Southwest Forest (rainforest default) Forest (rainforest default) Vegetation Formation Downslope >0 to 5 degrees Downslope >0 to 5 Vegetation Slope degrees **Building Separation Distance** 20 77 metres Separation Slope Downslope >0 to 5 Level degrees Fire Danger Index 100 100 Category of Bushfire Attack Moderate Low AS 3959 Construction Standard **BAL 19** BAL 12.5

Secondary Dwelling (Retrospective) West		Southwest
Vegetation Formation	Forest (rainforest default)	Forest (rainforest default)
Vegetation Slope	Downslope >0 to 5 degrees	Downslope >0 to 5
		degrees
Building Separation Distance	51	53
metres		
Separation Slope	Level	Downslope >0 to 5
		degrees
Fire Danger Index	100	100
Category of Bushfire Attack	Low	Low
AS 3959 Construction Standard	BAL 12.5	BAL 12.5

The proposal and the recommendations contained within this report can provide for conformity to *Planning for Bush Fire Protection* 2006 and therefore will assist in providing a reasonable level of bushfire protection and improve but not guarantee the chances of building survival, or provision for the occupants with a safe refuge during the passage of a bushfire front and or the provision of a defendable space for fire fighters.

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1.0 Introduction

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The proposed development is an infill development as defined within *Planning for Bush Fire Protection* 2006 and this report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of *Section 79BA of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act* 1979.

1.1 Purpose of Report

- To determine the vegetation type, the expected fire behaviour and the threat to the proposal; and
- To assess the proposal with reference to Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2006;
 and
- To assess the proposed construction with reference to the Building Code of Australia Volume 2; and
- To determine the level of construction with reference to AS 3959-2009 Construction of buildings in bushfire prone areas; and
- To identify any other such measures as to improve the chances of building survival during a bushfire event; and
- To assist the consent authority Penrith City Council in the determination of the development application subject to this proposal.

1.2 Scope of Report

The scope of this report is limited to the Bushfire Hazard Assessment for the proposed development and only contains recommendations for the subject property. Where reference is made to adjacent or adjoining lands, this report does not purport to assess those lands; rather it may discuss bushfire progression on and through those lands with the possible bushfire impact to the subject property and the proposed development.

1.3 Regulatory Controls

The preparation of this report has given consideration to the various legislative and regulatory requirements including the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act* 1979, the Building Code of Australia, *Planning for Bush Fire Protection* 2006 and AS 3959-2009 *Construction of buildings in bushfire prone areas.*

1.4 Methodology

A site inspection for the purpose of assessing bushfire related matters affecting this site was conducted on the 21st May 2018 and a review of the proposed construction plans as prepared by Coral Homes has taken place.

An assessment of slope was conducted out to a distance of 100 metres and assessment of vegetation to a distance of 140 metres from the proposed development.

The findings were related and assessed with reference to *Planning for Bush Fire Protection* 2006 Addendum to Appendix 3 and section 2 of AS 3959-2009 *Construction of buildings in bushfire prone areas* for the formulation of the Bushfire Hazard

Assessment

1.5 The Proposal

The proposal as indicated by consultation with the proponents and perusal of plans supplied, shows for the construction of a new single storey Class 1a dwelling and retrospective application for an existing building to be used as secondary dwelling on the subject allotment.

The building footprint for the new dwelling has been positioned upon the plans supplied and detail on such plans shows the new dwelling shall be located approximately 18.0 metres from the north western (road frontage) boundary and 20.0 metres from the south western boundary.

The following is a summary of the construction details as shown for the proposal upon the plans supplied and as prepared by Coral Homes.

Roof	Colorbond sheets	
Flooring System	On ground concrete slab	
Supporting columns, posts, etc	Brick	
External wall cladding	Brick	
External doors	Hinged main entry door & sectional	
	o/head garage door to northwest	
	elevation, PA entry door to southwest	
	elevation and aluminium framed stacker	
	door to northeast elevation	
Windows	Aluminium framed	
Screens	Not specified	
Vents and weep holes	Not specified	
Roof mounted evaporative cooler or	Solar HWS to roof	
skylights, etc		
Fascia	Colorbond	
Gutters	Colorbond	
Verandas and decks	Entry porch to northwest elevation and	
	alfresco to northeast corner	

The building proposed to be used as a secondary dwelling is located approximately 82.7 metres from the north western boundary and 50.8 metres from the south western boundary.

This buildings external finishes are;

- Roof Colorbond sheets
- Aluminium framed windows and sliding doors
- Rendered board external wall cladding
- Set on a combination of framed floor system and a concrete floor

Further details of construction are shown upon plans included within appendix 1 of this report.

However it must be noted that the plans supplied may not fully satisfy the recommendations included within this report and subject to actual consent conditions issued by the consent authority some modifications or changes may need to occur to achieve the required compliance.

2.0 Site and Adjacent Developments

The following seeks to describe the site, the adjoining lands and land uses effective upon the development proposal.

2.1 Site Description

The site is identified as Lot 59 DP 983814

42-48 St Marys Road Berkshire Park NSW 2765 LGA Hawkesbury City Council

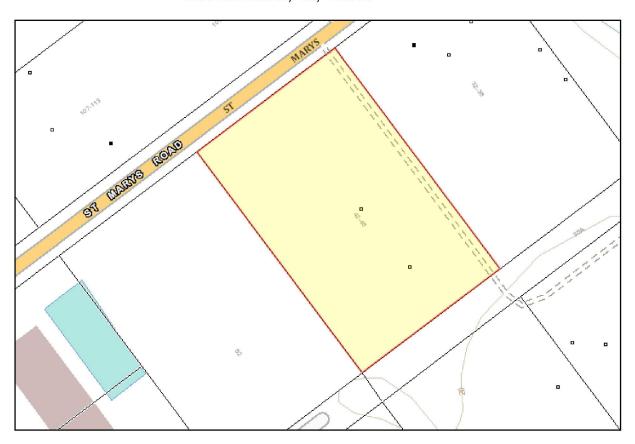


Figure 1: Address validation ex Dept of Lands

The subject allotment was created prior to the current subdivisional requirements contained within *Planning for Bush Fire Protection* 2006.

The site is a rural/residential allotment of approximately 16.2 hectares located on the south eastern side of St Marys Road. The area in which the proposal is located is generally similar development that has been established for many years.

The subject allotment is located within an area that should be considered as having a direct interface to a very limited section of bushfire hazardous vegetation.

The subject allotment is positioned upon the essentially level terrain that is typical for this section Berkshire Park. The subject allotment is located to the north of South Creek.

The parcel of land is rectangular in shape and the north western boundary forms the road frontage boundary for the subject site.

At present the site has various structural improvements that includes the existing building that is the retrospective development considered by this report, an existing building to be removed and a tiltup concrete panel shed.

In terms of vegetation the site is entirely managed and does not contain any areas of bushfire or grassfire hazardous vegetation.

The site is shown upon the Penrith Bushfire Prone Land Map (Figure 2) to be wholly within category 2 vegetation although the site inspection and interpretation of aerial photography for the site confirms that the subject allotment would be more accurately described as being within an area of category 1 vegetation buffer zone and there are no areas of hazardous vegetation on the subject allotment.



Figure 2; Section Penrith LGA Bushfire Prone Land Map

Provision of mains reticulated water supply, electricity and phone is available to the proposal by existing infrastructure.

2.2 Description of Adjoining Lands

To the northwest of the subject allotment is the carriageway of St Marys Road and beyond this are managed lands on a rural residential allotment. In a north direction there is a very small section of unmanaged vegetation directly to the north on the intersection of St Marys Road and First Road. Although given that the size of this vegetation is less than 1.0 hectare and greater than 100 metres from any other areas of identified hazard the provisions of AS 3959-2009 allows for this section of vegetation to be not considered an area of effective hazard.

To the northeast of the subject allotment are managed lands on another rural residential allotment.

To the southeast of the subject allotment is an area of grassland although given it is located to be greater than 50.0 metres from any area of proposed development this section of vegetation has no influence on the recommendations in this report.

To the west and southwest of the subject allotment are two occluded sections of forest vegetation which form the area of hazards effective upon the proposed development.



Figure 3: Aerial photo depicting localised terrain and adjoining allotments ex Six Maps

3.0 Environmental Considerations

The scope of this report has not been to provide an environmental survey although this report will be a supplement to a Statement of Environmental Effects as part of the development application process.

The proposed scope of works does not necessitate the removal of any vegetation to satisfy the recommendations for asset protection zones. It is also our opinion that the bushfire protection measures as recommended within this report will have little or no adverse environmental effects.

4.0 Bushfire Hazard Assessment

The bushfire hazard assessment was conducted for the proposed development, using the procedures as outlined in *Planning for Bush Fire Protection* 2006, Addendum to Appendix 3 and section 2 of AS 3959-2009 *Construction of buildings in bushfire prone areas* procedure to determine the bushfire attack level (BAL) likely upon the development.

The assessment was conducted on the assumption of the building footprint being positioned as described in section 1.5 The Proposal of this report and the site plan.

4.1 Classification of Vegetation and Separation Distance from Proposed Development

The vegetation was assessed for a distance of 140 metres from the proposed development building footprint in each of the following directions. To the north, east, south and west being the general direction adjacent and away from the proposed building elevations within such building footprints.

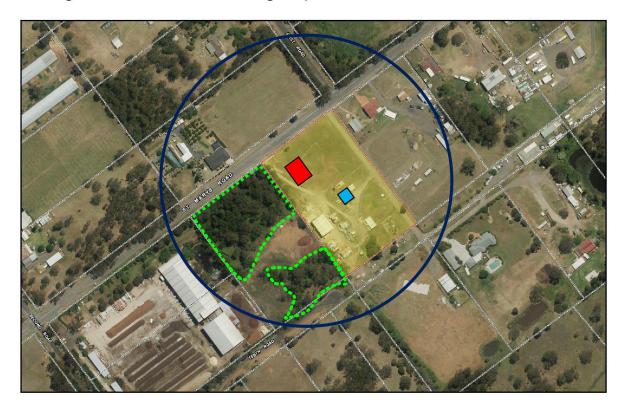


Figure 4: Vegetation study area 140 metre radio

140 metre radius approx. Image ex Dept Lands

Proposed dwelling approx. location Proposed secondary dwelling location

To the west and south of the subject allotment is the effective bushfire hazardous vegetation and this area should be classified as being a vegetation formation of **Forest** although due to the size of these parcels being less than 1.0 hectare it is considered approporiate to use rainforest default when determining the potential bushfire behavior.

The closest section of forest vegetation (rainforest default) is located approximately 20 metres to the west of the proposed new dwelling construction and then 77 metres to the south for the second section of vegetation.

For the proposed secondary dwelling the vegetation hazard is located approximately 51 metres to the west and 53 metres to the south.

4.2 Slope Assessment

The slope was assessed for a distance of 100 meters within the bushfire hazardous vegetation and reference to slope classifications has been undertaken considering the procedure specified within section 2 of AS 3959-2009 *Construction of buildings in bushfire prone areas.*

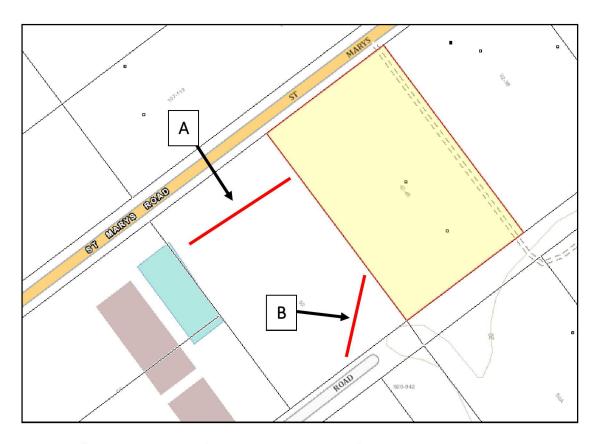


Figure 5; Slope assessment study area Image ex Dept Lands

The **effective slope** of the land, out to a distance of 100 metres from the proposed scope of works (that is, the slope of the land most likely to influence bushfire behaviour for the purposes of calculating the Category of Bushfire Attack and Asset Protection Zones, has been assessed (using a clinometer) and desktop analysis as being;

- Downslope > 0 to 5 degrees to the west A
- Downslope > 0 to 5 degrees to the south B

4.3 Category of Bushfire Attack

The bushfire attack level (BAL) for the proposed development was determined by using the information gathered with respect to the classification of the vegetation, the effective slope and provision of asset protection zones specified in this report with reference given to the Addendum to Appendix 3 of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection* 2006 and the procedures within section 2 of AS 3959-2009 *Construction of buildings in bushfire prone areas.*

It is the determination of the site inspection, the assessment procedure with incorporation of the recommendations in this report that the proposed new dwelling could experience a **Moderate** category of bushfire attack with the proposed secondary dwelling potentially experiencing a **Low** category of attack.

Bushfire Attack Summary

Primary Dwelling (New)	West	Southwest
Vegetation Formation	Forest (rainforest default)	Forest (rainforest
		default)
Vegetation Slope	Downslope >0 to 5 degrees	Downslope >0 to 5
		degrees
Building Separation Distance	20	77
metres		
Separation Slope	Level	Downslope >0 to 5
		degrees
Fire Danger Index	100	100
Category of Bushfire Attack	Moderate	Low
AS 3959 Construction	BAL 19	BAL 12.5
Standard		

Secondary Dwelling (Retrospective) West		Southwest
Vegetation Formation	Forest (rainforest default)	Forest (rainforest
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Vegetation Slope	Downslope >0 to 5 degrees	Downslope >0 to 5
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5.0 Assessment of the extent to which the development conforms or deviates from Chapter 4 of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection* 2006

The proposed development being the construction of a new Class 1a dwelling and the retrospective consideration of a secondary Class 1a dwelling will conform to the requirements of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection* 2006 when considered in conjunction of both the proposal supplied for this assessment and the recommendations arising from this bushfire hazard assessment report.

5.1 Asset Protection Zones

The provision of asset protection zones for the proposed building footprints can be fully provided for onsite to satisfy the requirements of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection* 2006.

The maintenance of the majority of area upon the subject allotment currently would satisfy the requirements of an inner protection area of an asset protection zone as contained in *Planning for Bush Fire Protection* 2006.

This report will recommend that the entire site where not built upon is maintained to the requirements of an inner protection area of an asset protection zone and managed to these provisions for the lifetime of the development.

The following is a summary of the requirements for an asset protection zone inner protection area as described within the documents *Planning for Bush Fire Protection* 2006 and NSW RFS *Standards for Asset Protection Zones*.

Inner Protection Area

An IPA should provide a tree canopy cover of less than 15% and the tree canopy should be located greater than 2.0 metres from any part of the roof line of a dwelling. Garden beds of flammable shrubs should not be located under trees and should be located not closer than 10 metres from an exposed window or door. Trees should have lower limbs removed up to a height of 2.0 metres above the ground.

Ground fuels such as fallen leaves, twigs (less than 6mm in diameter) and branches should be removed on a regular basis, and grass needs to be kept closely mown and where possible green.

The creation and continued maintenance of the full asset protection zone is one of the primary factors in bushfire protection measures for developments in bushfire prone areas.

5.2 Position and Design of Proposed Development

The design and siting of the proposed dwellings must take into consideration the actual bushfire risk and this report contains recommendations to assist in mitigating the mechanisms of bushfire attack.

5.3 Construction Level

The Building Code of Australia contains both the performance requirements and the 'deemed to satisfy' provisions relating to construction of class 1, 2 & 3 buildings that are proposed for *construction in bushfire prone areas*. To satisfy the performance provision P2.3.4 of the Building Code of Australia Vol. 2, a Class1a building that is constructed in a designated bushfire prone area must be designed and constructed to reduce the risk of ignition from a bushfire while the fire front passes.

Australian Standard 3959-2009 Construction of buildings in bushfire prone areas is referenced by the BCA as the deemed to satisfy construction standard for residential dwellings in designated bushfire prone areas with the exception that in NSW the requirements shall be varied to comply with the Addendum to Appendix 3 of *Planning for Bushfire Protection* 2006.

Given that the category of bushfire attack that could be anticipated for the proposed new dwelling is Moderate from vegetative fuels to the west, this proposed dwellings roof and eaves section and the north western and south western external elevations should therefore be designed and constructed to the requirements of AS 3959-2009 and must be constructed to comply with section 3 Construction General and section 6 BAL 19 of such standard apart from as varied to comply with the Addendum to Appendix 3 of *Planning for Bushfire Protection 2006*.

Due to the effects of shielding and with reference to AS 3959-2009 section 3.5 *Reduction in Construction Requirements Due To Shielding,* this report recommends that it is appropriate to construct the north eastern and south eastern external elevations of the proposed new dwelling to satisfy section 3 Construction General and section 5 BAL 12.5 of such standard apart from as varied to comply with the Addendum to Appendix 3 of *Planning for Bushfire Protection 2006*.

Given that the category of bushfire attack that could be anticipated for the proposed secondary dwelling is Low from vegetative fuels to the west and south, this proposed dwelling should therefore be constructed to the requirements of AS 3959-2009 and must be constructed to comply with section 3 Construction General and section 5 BAL 12.5 of such standard apart from as varied to comply with the Addendum to Appendix 3 of *Planning for Bushfire Protection 2006*.

This report does recommend that all guttering and roof valley areas for the new primary dwelling and the secondary dwelling shall be fitted with a material or device that will stop leaves collecting in roof valleys, gutters or down pipes and it shall have a flammability index of not greater than 5 when tested in accordance with AS 1530.2-1993 Methods for fire tests on building materials, components and structures Part 2: Test for flammability of materials.

5.4 Access / Egress

5.4.1 To the Proposed Development

The access to the subject site is from St Marys Road which is a sealed two lane road in a well maintained condition and under most conditions should provide adequate access and egress for both residents and emergency service vehicles.

St Marys Road links to other through roads at each end which would afford the residents the ability to evacuate the area to a location not being directly implicated by the mechanisms of bushfire attack, although under most bushfire conditions this would generally not be required.

5.4.2 Within the Site

The site plan for the proposal does show that vehicle access may not be possible to all elevations of the dwelling, although a fire tanker will be able to park in close proximity to the north western building elevation of the new dwelling and the southern elevation of the proposed secondary dwelling upon the new driveway as shown on the site plan and foot access will be available to each of the other building elevations.

To comply with the requirements of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection* 2006 the driveway surface must be an all weather surface capable of carrying a fully laden fire tanker (15 tonnes). The driveway must have trafficable width of not less 4.0 metres and have a minimum of 4.0 metres vertical clearance. The inner radius of any curve must be greater than 6.0 metres.

As a minimum the site must not inhibit the movement of fire fighters on foot and provide for an area of hard surfaced driveway to negotiate the turning around of a bushfire tanker.

This may be achieved by either a turning circle with a minimum radius of 12 metres or a reversing bay. The reversing bay should be at least 6.0 metres wide and 12.0 metres deep with an inner minimum turning radius of 6.0 metres and an outer radius of 12 metres.

It should be considered by the residents that during a major bushfire event the following may occur;

- The suppression or defensive operations by fire authorities may not be possible in the general area of the development due to safety considerations for fire fighters; and
- That there may not be adequate fire authority resources to protect this development or others in the general area.

Whilst all fire authorities will endeavour to assist all occupants and protect all buildings during major bushfire events this is not always possible and cannot be guaranteed.

5.5 Utility Supplies

5.5.1 Water

This section of Berkshire Park is serviced by a mains reticulated water system and a search of the mains reticulated water supply layout plans (see figure 6 below) indicates that a hydrant is located approximately 18 metres to the northwest from the subject allotment on the road verge area of St Marys Road.

The site inspection confirmed the location of this hydrant.

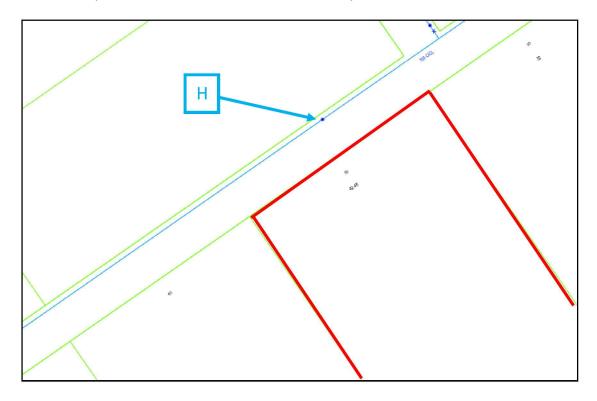


Figure 6: Section Sydney Water Reticulated Mains Water Supply Layout Plans

The location of this hydrant and the distance to the furthest point of the secondary dwelling does not satisfy the requirements of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection* 2006 and the provisions of AS 2419.1-2005 *Fire hydrant installations*.

Therefore the proposed development must be able to integrate suitable measures that ensure an independent, reliable water supply for use during a bushfire event by the occupants or a firefighting authority tanker, and should have the following key objectives:

- To enable a suitably prepared, able bodied person or persons to undertake first aid fire suppression of small ignitions near or on the external elevations of the building that may occur before and after the passing of a bushfire front.
- To be able to replenish bushfire tankers that may be in attendance during a bushfire event
- To be able to operate independently of the mains power supply so as to be able to fully function if an electrical mains power failure occurred

 To be able to supply an adequate amount of water at the required pressure to firefighting hose or hoses

To satisfy the requirements of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection* 2006 it is a recommendation of this report that a reserve Static Water Supply (SWS) of not less than 20,000 litres be permanently maintained on the subject allotment within noncombustible tanks located within the inner protection area of the asset protection zone.

The reserve Static Water Supply (SWS) should be permanently plumbed to a petrol or diesel firefighting water pump of not less than 5 hp. The pump must be shielded from the direct effects of a bushfire event.

The site restrictions may not allow for a bushfire tanker to have direct and clear access to the reserve Static Water Supply (SWS) and as such the proposed development should provide a delivery line of not less than 50mm diameter from the firefighting water pump to an outlet point located within 4.0 metres of the proposed fire tanker turning bay in the new driveway. This outlet point should be fitted with a ball or gate valve and a 65 to 38mm Storz reducer fitting.

The water pump should also be connected to and supply water to kink resistant hose or hoses with a minimum diameter of not less than 19mm and firefighting nozzle capable of reaching all building elevations.

All plumbing and fittings associated with reserve water supply, the first aid fire hoses, the tanker refill outlet point and firefighting pump that is above the ground or below the ground for less than 300mm shall be metal.

The installation and ongoing maintenance of the plumbing and water pump must be undertaken to the manufacturer specifications.

The site shall provide NSW RFS Static Water Supply (SWS) approved signage fitted in the approved locations to enable fire fighters clear indication of the location of the reserve water and the outlet point.

The NSW RFS district office can assist with the procurement of these signs and the guidelines for suitable installation.

5.5.2 Electricity

The methodology for the connection of electricity shall be by overhead wire connection from the mains service supply to a pole that will be located just inside the road frontage boundary and from that point it shall travel underground to the metre box upon the external wall of the new dwelling. This connection should not increase to a large extent the likelihood of bushfire ignition or be the cause of electrical failure to the subject site under most conditions due to the limited overhead distance to be spanned by the wiring.

5.5.3 Gas

At the time of report preparation it was not known if it is proposed to connect gas supply to the subject dwelling. However any future connection to either mains or portable gas supply should be undertaken and maintained to the provisions of AS 1596-2002 *Storage and handling of LP Gas.* All piping associated with the installation must be metal.

5.6 Landscaping

A formal landscaping plan was not supplied for perusal at the time of formulating this report however recommendations are made with respect to the maintenance of the area on the site.

It is highly probable that in the future landscaping and garden establishment may occur on the site. However no future planting of trees or shrubs, or combustible landscaping features should be undertaken or constructed in a manner which creates a path for bushfire progression towards the dwelling or allows for a potential compromise to the integrity of the asset protection zone.

5.7 Emergency Procedures

Preparation of procedures and actions by individuals and occupants of lands within bushfire prone areas has clearly been shown to increase chances of personal safety and building survival should a bushfire event occur.

The NSW Rural Fire Service and the NSW Fire Brigades have formulated a Bush Fire Survival Plan and this is readily available from either the NSW RFS website or the local district office.

This document should be completed by the residents in conjunction with all occupants of the household so as to better prepare all persons for a bushfire event.

After completion it should be regularly reviewed (at least once a year) and stored in a location as to be easily accessible for reference during a bushfire emergency.

6.0 Bushfire Hazard Assessment Recommendations

- 1. That the entire site where not built upon shall have the vegetation reduced where or if necessary to satisfy the requirements of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection* 2006 and the NSW Rural Fire Service document "Standards for Asset Protection Zones" for an inner protection area of an asset protection zone and this area shall be maintained at this vegetation level for the lifetime of the development.
- 2. That no future landscaping features, planting of shrubs, trees or other vegetation shall occur in such a manner as to compromise the integrity of the asset protection zone.
- 3. That the proposed new dwellings roof and eaves section, and the north western and south western elevations shall be constructed to a minimum standard of section 3 Construction General and section 6 BAL 19 of AS3959-2009 Construction of buildings in bushfire prone areas with the exception that the construction requirements shall be varied to comply with the requirements of the NSW Rural Fire Service Addendum to Appendix 3 Table A3.7 of Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2006.
- 4. That the proposed new dwellings north eastern and south eastern elevations shall be constructed to a minimum standard of section 3 Construction General and section 5 BAL 12.5 of AS3959-2009 Construction of buildings in bushfire prone areas with the exception that the construction requirements shall be varied to comply with the requirements of the NSW Rural Fire Service Addendum to Appendix 3 Table A3.7 of Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2006.
- 5. That the proposed secondary dwelling shall be constructed to a minimum standard of section 3 Construction General and section 5 BAL 12.5 of AS3959-2009 *Construction of buildings in bushfire prone areas* with the exception that the construction requirements shall be varied to comply with the requirements of the NSW Rural Fire Service Addendum to Appendix 3 Table A3.7 of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection* 2006.
- 6. All guttering and roof valley areas for the new dwelling and secondary dwelling shall be fitted with a material or device that will stop leaves collecting in roof valleys, gutters or down pipes and it shall have a flammability index of not greater than 5 when tested in accordance with AS 1530.2-1993 Methods for fire tests on building materials, components and structures. Part 2: Test for flammability of materials.

- 7. That the driveway shall be constructed to comply with the requirements of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection* 2006 which include:
 - a) The surface shall be a material capable of carrying a fully laden fire tanker (15 tonnes) in all weather conditions.
 - b) The width shall be a minimum of not less than 4.0 metres and a vertical clearance of not less than 4.0 metres
 - c) Provide for a loop road around the dwelling or a turning circle of not less than 12.0 metres in outer radius or a reversing bay that is at least 6.0 metres wide and 12.0 metres deep with an inner minimum turning radius of 6.0 metres and an outer radius of 12 metres.
 - d) That the grade shall not exceed 15 degrees if sealed or 10 degrees if unsealed
- 8. That the secondary dwelling shall maintain a reserve Static Water Supply (SWS) for use during a bushfire event of not less than 20,000 litres stored in a non combustible tank within the area of recommended asset protection zone.
- 9. The reserve Static Water Supply shall be permanently plumbed to a petrol or diesel fire fighting water pump with a minimum of 5hp. The pump shall be regularly maintained as per the manufacturer specifications. The pump must be located in such a position to be shielded from the direct mechanisms of bushfire attack.
- 10. That a water delivery line of not less than 50 mm diameter be plumbed from the fire fighting water pump plumbed to the reserve Static Water Supply tank, to an outlet point located within 4.0 metres of the tanker turning area in the new driveway of the subject allotment to enable fire fighting tankers to refill. The outlet of this line shall be fitted with a ball or gate valve and a 65 to 38mm reducer Storz fitting.
- 11. That the development must provide and have readily available kink resistant hose or hoses with a diameter of not less than 19mm and a fire fighting nozzle, capable of reaching all elevations of the dwelling, and fittings suitable for connection to the fire fighting water pump.
- 12. That all plumbing associated with the reserve water supply above the ground or for a depth of not less than 300mm below the ground shall be metal.
- 13. That approved NSW Rural Fire Service; Static Water Supply signage is installed at approved locations for the proposed development.
- 14. That the supply of electricity and telephone to the dwelling shall be under ground where at all possible.

- 15. That if the supply of gas to the subject dwelling is undertaken it shall be installed and maintained in accordance with AS 1596-2002 and requirements of relevant authorities.
- 16. The residents should complete a *Bush Fire Survival Plan* as formulated by the NSW Rural Fire Service and the NSW Fire Brigades.

These recommendations are the opinions of the author of this report and are compiled to assist the consent authority and the NSW Rural Fire Service in the assessment of this proposed development and that the final conditions as imposed by the consent authority must be adhered to at all stages and where required for the lifetime of the development.

7.0 Conclusion

The objectives and performance requirements for the proposed development as required by the Building Code of Australia Volume 2 and the document *Planning for Bush Fire Protection* 2006 will be achieved by the incorporation of the 16 recommendations contained within this report.

The recommendations contained within this report will assist in providing a reasonable level of bushfire protection and improve but not guarantee the chances of building survival, or provision for the occupants with a safe refuge during the passage of a bushfire front and or the provision of a defendable space for fire fighters.



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Caveat

Quote from Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2006, 'not withstanding the precautions adopted, it should always be remembered that bushfire burn under a wide range of conditions and an element of risk, no matter how small always remains.'

Quote from Standards Australia, 'Although the standard is designed to improve the performance of such buildings, there can be no guarantee, because of the variable nature of bushfires, that any one building will withstand bushfire attack on every occasion.'

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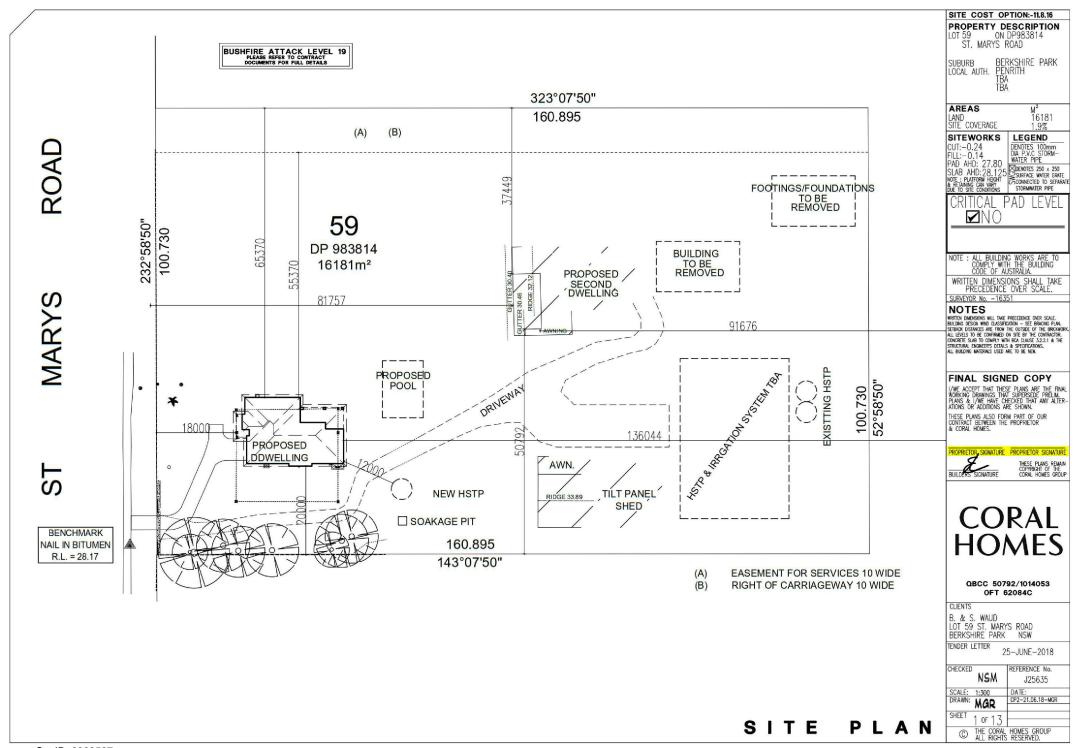
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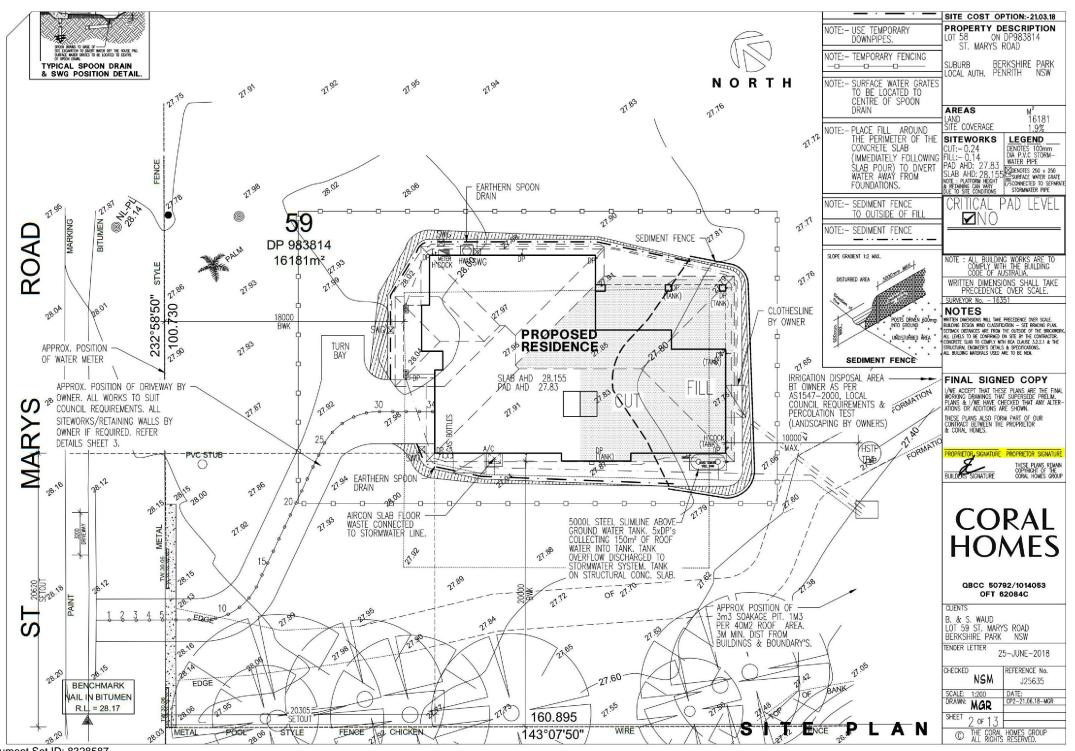
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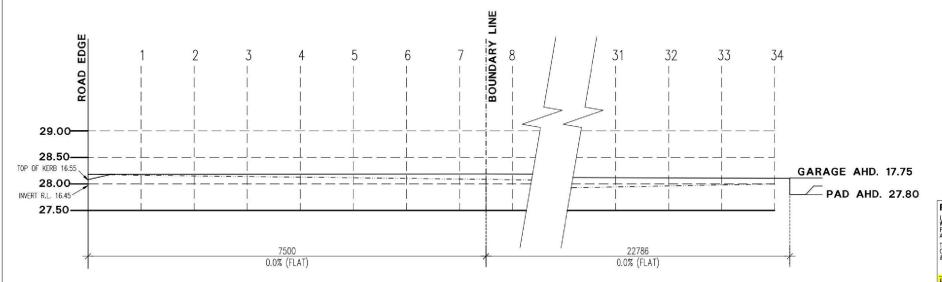
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Appendix 1- Proposed dwelling plans ex Coral Homes







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NOTE: THE ABOVE IS SIMPLIFIED TRANSITIONS, THERE IS TO BE A CURVATURE ALLOWANCE AT CHANGE OF GRADE.

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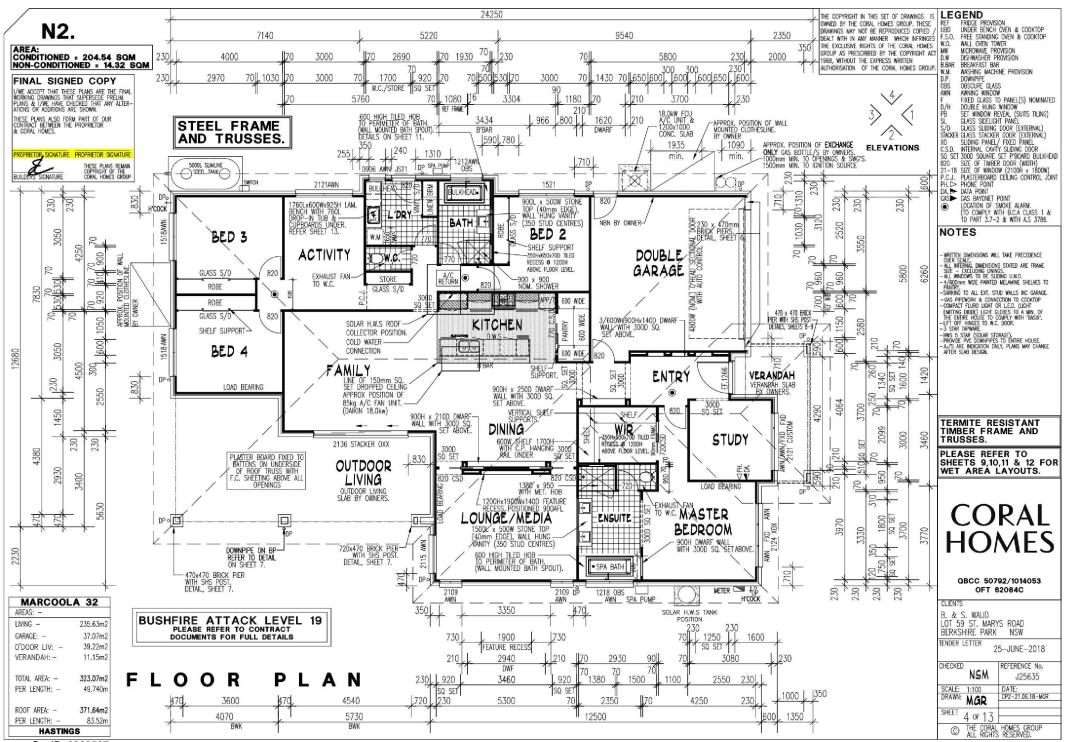
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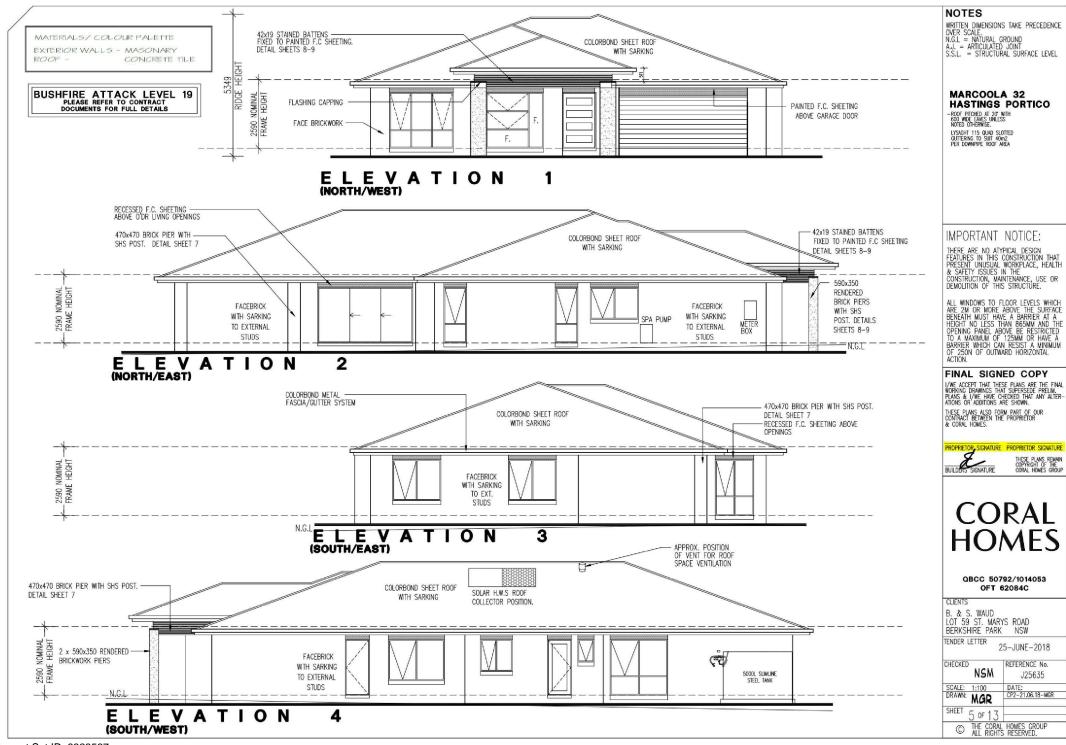
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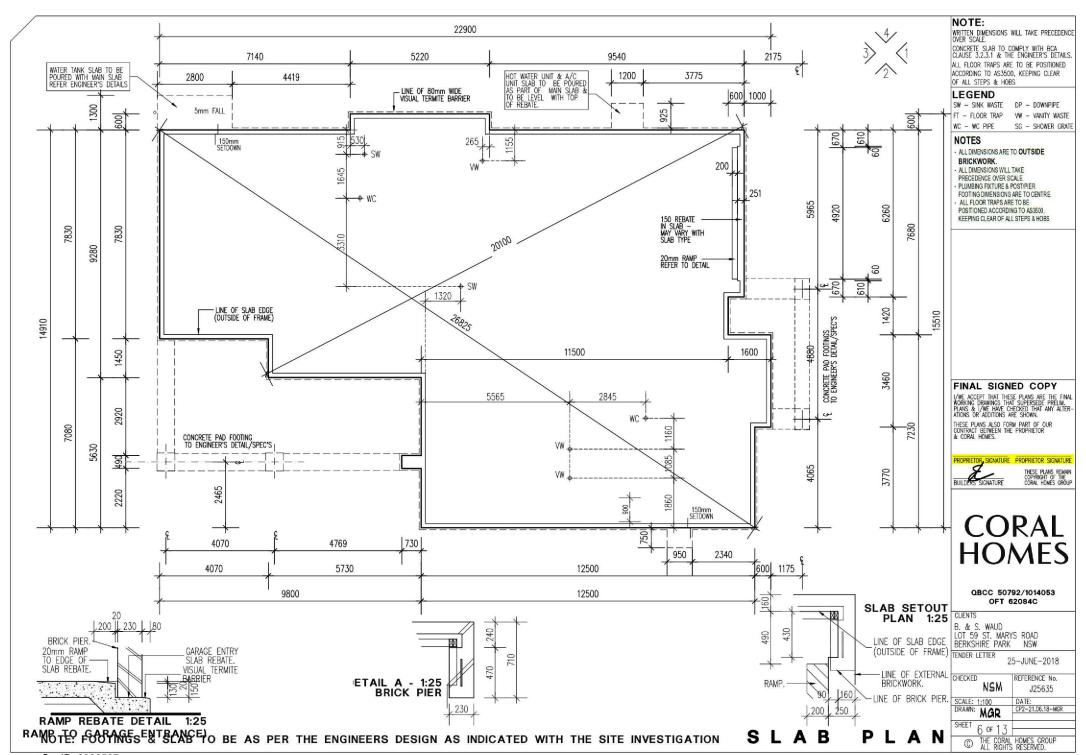
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