

CATEGORY 1 FIRE SAFETY PROVISIONS STATEMENT

Development Application for Home Food Business

47 Aranda Drive, Davidson NSW 2085

Applicant: Mei-Yan (Katherine) MIU

Property Address: 47 Aranda Drive, Davidson NSW 2085

Development Type: Home-based food business (non-structural, low-impact)

Council Area: Northern Beaches Council

Date: 14 May 2025

1. Introduction

This statement supports a Development Application for a home-based food business to prepare certain toppings for a frozen yoghurt business operated at a regulated food premises.

The business activity involves light food preparation within an existing domestic kitchen, with **no food sold or served** from the residential premises.

The purpose of this statement is to demonstrate how the home kitchen meets **Category 1 Fire Safety Provisions** under the *Building Code of Australia (BCA)*.

2. Description of Activities

- All food preparation occurs at **47 Aranda Drive, Davidson NSW 2085**, using the existing residential kitchen.
 - Prepared items include:
 - **Cookies** (baked in oven)
 - **Roasted nuts** (using stovetop and oven)
 - **Honeycomb** (using induction cooker)
 - **Fruit sauces** (prepared using blender)
 - **No commercial or industrial cooking equipment** is used.
 - **No food sales** or customer interaction occur at the home premises.
 - There are **no structural changes** or alterations to the building.
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3. Fire Safety Measures (Category 1 Provisions)

The home kitchen complies with the following fire safety provisions as defined in Category 1 of the BCA:

a) Smoke Alarms – BCA Clause E2.2a / AS 3786

- Smoke alarms compliant with **AS 3786** are installed and operational on every level of the home premises.
- Alarms are located near sleeping areas and in/near the kitchen area.

- Alarms are tested regularly to ensure functionality.

b) Egress and Exit Safety – BCA Part D1

- The kitchen and food preparation area has **clear, unobstructed egress paths** leading directly to exterior doors.
- Four alternative exits from the premises are available in case of fire.

c) Fire Blanket and Extinguisher – AS 2444

- A **dry chemical powder fire extinguisher (ABE type)** and a **fire blanket** are installed in or near the kitchen, compliant with **AS 2444**.
- Equipment is easily accessible, clearly marked, and regularly maintained.

d) Electrical and Appliance Safety

- Only **standard residential appliances** are used (oven, stove, blender).
- All appliances are maintained in good condition and plugged into **protected power outlets**.
- No overloading of electrical circuits occurs.

4. Risk Minimisation

Given the small scale of preparation and use of domestic equipment:

- Fire risk remains low and **comparable to everyday residential cooking**.
- No flammable gases, commercial fryers, or high-risk equipment are involved.
- Quantities prepared are modest and for off-site sale at a regulated food premises.

5. Ongoing Safety Commitment

The applicant is committed to:

- Ongoing maintenance of all smoke alarms and fire equipment.
- Safe cooking practices and regular safety checks.
- Compliance with any additional requirements by Northern Beaches Council or Fire and Rescue NSW.

Declaration

I, Mei Yan MIU declare that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that I will continue to meet applicable fire safety requirements while operating this home-based food preparation activity.

Signed: Kathleen
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