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## **Bush Fire Assessment Report**

In relation to proposed development at:

## 948 Barrenjoey Road, Palm Beach, NSW

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## 1. Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide a bushfire risk assessment for the proposed new passenger lift and landings at No. 948 Barrenjoey Road, Palm Beach, NSW, and to certify that the plans and specifications provided are in accordance with the requirements of *Planning for Bushfire Protection 2019* and AS 3959-2018.

The proposed development is an infill development as defined within chapter 7 of *Planning for Bushfire Protection 2019* and this report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Section 4.14 of the Environment Planning and Assessment Act.



Figure 1: Aerial photo



Figure 2: Bushfire prone land map

## 2. Development Proposal

The development proposal is for the construction of a new passenger lift on the southeast side of the dwelling and new landings attached to the dwelling.



Figure 4: Elevation

## 3. Classification of the Vegetation on and surrounding the site

For the purpose of a Bush Fire Risk Assessment, vegetation within 140m of the development is assessed and classified. In this instance, there is an area of Category 1 vegetation to the north of the dwelling which is of significance. The vegetation formation within this area consists of a mix of Southern Lowlands Wet Dry Sclerophyll Forest and Rainforest (refer to Figure 6), which for the purpose for this assessment will be classified as 'Forest'.



Figure 5: Aerial photo showing vegetation within 140m of the site.



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Figure 6: Aerial photo showing vegetation formations surrounding the subject site (Source: NSW Government Central Resource for Sharing and Enabling Environmantla Data)

## 4. Effective Slope



**Legend:** Direction of effective slope

Figure 5: Contour map

Transect Line	Effective slope group as per PBP
T1	Upslope
T2	Upslope

## 5. Bushfire Risk Assessment



Figure 6: Aerial photo showing the location of the site and distance to surrounding vegetation.

**Table 1**; Determination of the category of bushfire attack for the development, and subsequent required building standards (Reference Table A1.12.5 *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019*).

Direction	Distance to classified vegetation	Vegetation Classification	Assessment of effective slope	FDI	Bushfire Attack Level
T1	9.00m	Forest	Upslope	100	BAL-FZ
T2	6.00m	Forest	Upslope	100	BAL-FZ

**Summary:** Based upon the relevant provisions of PBP the anticipated radiant heat attack for the new works is >40 kW/m2 and the subsequent Bushfire Attack Level is BAL-FZ AS 3959- 2018.

## 6. Construction requirements

All new construction shall comply with a minimum standard of section 3 [construction general] and section 9 (BAL-FZ), *AS3959-2018* and Chapter 7 of *Planning for Bushfire Protection 2019; or* 

Non-combustible material.

## 6.1 Retaining walls

For the purpose of this assessment the retaining walls are considered a Class 10b structure. With reference to Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019 Section 8.3.2, Class 10a and 10b structures that are located within 6m of a dwelling must be constructed in accordance with the NCC.

All new retaining walls should be constructed of masonry or other non-combustible material.

### 6.2 Landscaping

All new landscaping should be designed in accordance with Appendix 4 of *Planning for Bushfire Protection 2019* outlines the requirements for Asset Protection Zones (APZ's)

### 6.3 Fences and gates

All fences in bushfire prone areas should be made of either hardwood or noncombustible material. However, in circumstances where the fences in within 6m of a building or in areas of BAL-29 or greater, they should be made of non-combustible material only

## 7. Summary

This report consists of a bushfire risk assessment for the proposed passenger lift and landings at No. 948 Barrenjoey Road, Palm Beach, NSW.

This report has considered all elements of bushfire attack and based on the plans and specification provided the development can satisfy the Objectives and Performance requirements of *Planning for bushfire Protection 2019* and *AS 3959 2018* if constructed in accordance with the recommendations made within this report.

<u>Note:</u> Notwithstanding the precautions adopted, it should always be remembered that bushfires burn under a wide range of conditions and an element of risk, no matter how small always remains, and although the standard id designed to improve the performance of such buildings, there can be no guarantee, because of the variable nature of bushfires, that any one building with withstand a bushfire attack on every occasion. This report is a Bushfire Hazard Assessment that provides the required information to assist Local Councils and the Rural Fire Service in determining compliance in accordance with Planning for Bushfire Protection 2019 and AS3959, 2018. The local Council is the final consenting authority and the construction of the building must comply with the recommendations included in the council's conditions of consent.

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# Appendix 1: Performance criteria and acceptable solutions as per Table 7 *Planning for bushfire Protection 2019*

	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS		PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS
	The intent may be achieved where: firefighting vehicles are provided with safe, all-weather access to structures and hazard vegetation.	<ul> <li>property access roads are two-wheel drive, all- weather roads.</li> </ul>		The intent may be achieved where: an adequate water supply is provided for firefighting purposes.	<ul> <li>reticulated water is to be provided to the development, where available; and</li> <li>a static water supply is provided where no</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>the capacity of access roads is adequate for firefighting vehicles.</li> <li>there is appropriate access to water</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>the capacity of road surfaces and any bridges/ causeways is sufficient to carry fully loaded firefighting vehicles (up to 23 tonnes), bridges and causeways are to clearly indicate load rating.</li> <li>hydrants are provided in accordance with the hydrants are provided in accordance with the</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>water supplies are located at regular intervals; and</li> <li>the water supply is accessible and reliable for firefighting operations.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>fire hydrant spacing, design and sizing comply with the relevant clauses of AS 2419.12005;</li> <li>hydrants are not located within any road carriageway: and</li> </ul>
	Supply.	<ul> <li>Pipulatic are jointee in solubile with the relevant clauses of A5 2410.12006;</li> <li>There is suitable access for a Category 1 fire appliance to within 4m of the static water supply where no reticulated supply is available.</li> </ul>		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	<ul> <li>reticulated water supply to urban subdivisions uses a ring main system for areas with perimeter roads.</li> </ul>
				> flows and pressure are appropriate.	fire hydrant flows and pressures comply with the relevant clauses of AS 2419.1:2005.
	dwelling and exit the property safely.	provided for individual dwellings or groups of dwellings that are located more than 200 metres from a public through road:		the integrity of the water supply is maintained.	All above-ground water service pipes external to the building are metal, including and up to any taps.
ACCESS		<ul> <li>There are no specific access requirements in an urban area where an unobstructed path (no greater than 70m) is provided between the most distant esternal part of the proposed dwelling and the nearest pad init he public access road/where the initial path of the proposed dwelling and the nearest pad initial is anot occur, the following requirements apply:</li> <li>In inicums dm carriageway width:         <ul> <li>In forest, woodland and heath altuations, rural property roads have passing bays every 200m that are 20m long by 2m wide, making a minimum trafficable wellshow at the branches;</li> <li>Property roads have passing bays every 200m that are 20m long by 2m wide, making a minimum trafficable wellshow at the branches;</li> <li>Property roads have alturation of an to any overhanging obstructions, including tree branches;</li> <li>Property roads have a noismum inner radius of 6m and are minimal in number to allow for repid access and egress;</li> <li>In excessful is not more than 10 degrees;</li> <li>In be crossfall is not more than 10 degrees;</li> <li>maximum greads for seeled roads do not aveceed 15 degrees and not more than 10 degrees;</li> <li>a daves logpment comprising more than three as development comprising more than three bestween on the store. Some short constructions in the access may be accepted where they are not less than 3.5m wide, wettend for no more than 30m and where the osting the abutic.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	WATER SUPPLIES	<ul> <li>a tatic water supply is provided for firefighting purpose in areas where reticulated water is not available.</li> </ul>	I where no reticulated water supply is available, water for firefighting purposes is provided in accordance with Table 5.3d; a connection for firefighting purposes is located within the IPA or non-heard side and away from the structure; 66mm Storo cubt with a babl valve is fitted to the outlet; building are provided in accordance with Table 5.3d; a upply liper from tank to ball valve have the same bore size to ensure from volume. Use the same bore size to ensure from volume. In additional are metal; a supply liper from tank to ball valve have the same bore size to ensure from volume. In additional data metal; a supply liper from tank to ball valve have the same bore size to ensure from volume. In additional data metal; a hardmend pround surface access to supplied within 4m; a bore-ground tanks are enand/actured from non-combustible material or buch fire-resisting timber (see Appendix F of A 35959). I unobstructed access can be provided at al litine; a lad exact on the heard; side of a building are provided water pipes external to the building are provided water pipes external to the building are shielded against but fire stack; any hose and real firefighter; linely line are conserved against but fire stack; any hose and real for firefighter; linely line are conserved against but fires table; any hose and real for firefighter; line line data are shielded against but fire stack; any hose and real for firefighter; line stack and hose and real for firefighter; line stack and hose and real for firefighter; line stack and hose and real firefighter; line stack and hose and line and are shielded against but fire stack; any hose and real for firefighter; line stack and hose and real for firefighter; line stack and hose and real for firefighter; line stack any hose and real for firefighter; line stack any hose and real firefighter; line stack and hose and real firefighter; line stack any hose and real firefighter; line firefighter; line stack any hose and real firefighter; line stack any hose and real firefighter; lin
				PERFORMANCE CRITERIA	ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS
	The intent may be achieved where:	an AR7 is provided in accordance with Table		The intent may be achieved where:  I coation of electricity services limits the	> where practicable, electrical transmission lines are
N ZONES	<ul> <li>A defendable space is provided.</li> <li>A Additional and maintained and maintained to the space of the s</li></ul>	All 22 or All 23 in Accordance with the servicements of Annual Annu	NUTY SEBUCES	land or the fabric of buildings.	<ul> <li>where overhead, electrical transmission lines are proposed as follows:</li> <li>lines are installed with short pole spacing (30m), unless crossing gullies, gorges or riparian areas; and</li> </ul>
ROTECTIO	the APZ is provided in perpetuity.     APZ maintenance is practical, soil	APZs are wholly within the boundaries of the development site.	irrements of Appendix 4 of PBP. s are wholly within the boundaries of the elopment site.		> no part of a tree is closer to a power line than the distance set out in accordance with the specifications in ISSC3 Guideline for Managing Vegetation Near Power Lines.
ASSET PI	stability is not compromised and the potential for crown fires is minimised. Home-based child care: the building must not be exposed to radiant heat levels	<ul> <li>APZ are located on lands with a slope less than 18 degrees.</li> <li>an APZ is provided in accordance with Table</li> <li>A112 Z is Association.</li> </ul>	CES	<ul> <li>location and design of gas services will not lead to ignition of surrounding bushland or the fabric of buildings.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>reticulated or bottled gas is installed and maintained in accordance with AS/NZS 1596:2014 and the requirements of relevant authorities, and metal piping is used;</li> <li>all fixed nas explicitly according to the piper of all fixemable</li> </ul>
	exceeding 29kW/m <sup>2</sup> (1090K).		C CEDV		materials to a distance of 10m and shielded on the hazard side; connections to and from gas cylinders are metal:
	The intent may be achieved where: landscaping is designed and managed	> compliance with the NSW RFS 'Asset protection	1	5	<ul> <li>&gt; polymer-sheathed flexible gas supply lines are not used; and</li> <li>&gt; above-ground gas service pipes are metal, including</li> </ul>
SCAPING	to minimise flame contact and realiant heat to buildings, and the potential for wind-driven embers to cause ignitions.	<ul> <li>cone standards' (see Appendix 4);</li> <li>a clear area of low-cut lawn or pavement is maintained adjacent to the house;</li> <li>fencing is constructed in accordance with section 76; and</li> </ul>	TANDARDS	the proposed building can withstand bush fire attack in the form of embers, radiant heat and flame contact.	and up to any outlets. <b>)</b> BAL is determined in accordance with Tables A1.12: 5 to A1.12; 7, and <b>)</b> construction provided in accordance with the NCC and as modified by section 7.5 (please see advice on construction in the filame zone).
LAND		<ul> <li>the branches will not overhang the roof;</li> <li>the tree canopy is not continuous; and</li> </ul>		proposed fences and gates are designed to minimise the spread of bush fire.	<ul> <li>fencing and gates are constructed in accordance with section 7.6.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>any proposed windbreak is located on the elevation from which fires are likely to approach.</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>proposed Class 10a buildings are designed to minimise the spread of bush fire.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Class 10a buildings are constructed in accordance with section 8.3.2.</li> </ul>
MERGENCY MANAGEMENT	Nome-based child serve a buch fire emergency and evacuation management plan is prepared.	a Buth File Temorgency Management and Evacuation Plan Is prepared by the operator consistent with the NSW RFS publication A Guide to Developing a Buth Fire Emergency Management and Evacuation Plan, and the AS 3745-2010.		Home-based child care the proposed building can writhstand buch fire attack in and expected levels of radiant heat.	an APZ is provided in accordance with Table AI122 or AI123 in Appendix 10 this document around the entire building or structure, and the existing dealing is required to be upgraded achieved by enclosing or covering openings with a corresion-resistent steel, promas or aluminium mean with a maximum aperture of Zmm. Where of the windows, vents, weepholes and eaves, but does not include roof tile spaces. Weather initiating the base of side hung external doors as par AS 3959. The subfloor space must be enclosed.
Not	e: the above specifications and requirements apply in de the application of BPMs for 'other' developments (r	relation to residential infili developments but may be used to see Chapter 8).			

## Appendix 2: 7.5.2 NSW State Variations under G5.2(a)(i) and 3.10.5.0(c)(i) of the NCC

Certain provisions of AS 3959 are varied in NSW based on the findings of the Victorian Bush Fires Royal Commission and bush fire industry research.

The following variations to AS 3959 apply in NSW for the purposes of NSW G5.2(a)(i) of Volume One and NSW 3.10.5.0(c)(i) of Volume Two of the NCC; clause 3.10 of AS 3959 is deleted and any sarking used for BAL-12.5, BAL-19, BAL-29 or BAL-40 shall:

- be non-combustible; or
- comply with AS/NZS 4200.1, be installed on the outside of the frame and have a flammability index of not more than 5 as determined by AS 1530.2; and
- clause 5.2 and 6.2 of AS 3959 is replaced by clause 7.2 of AS 3959, except that any wall enclosing the subfloor space need only comply with the wall requirements for the respective BAL; and
- clause 5.7 and 6.7 of AS 3959 is replaced by clause 7.7 of AS 3959, except that any wall enclosing the subfloor space need only comply with the wall requirements for the respective BAL; and
- fascias and bargeboards, in BAL-40, shall comply with:
- clause 8.4.1(b) of AS 3959; or
- clause 8.6.6 of AS 3959.

The interpretation of this variation is:

<u>Enclosed subfloors</u>: For subfloor supports there are no requirements for supporting posts, columns, stumps, stringers piers and poles for subfloor supports for BAL 12.5 and BAL 19 when the subfloor space is enclosed with a wall that complies with the determined BAL level for the site.

<u>Unenclosed subfloors</u>: For unenclosed subfloor supporting posts, columns, stumps, stringers piers and poles the requirements are upgraded from BAL 12.5 and BAL 19 to BAL 29 level.

<u>Enclosed verandas</u>: There are no requirements for supporting posts, columns, stumps, stringers piers and poles for verandas, decks, steps and landings when the subfloor space is enclosed with a wall that complies with the determined BAL level for the site. <u>Unenclosed verandas</u>: The requirements for supporting posts, columns, stumps, stringers piers and poles for verandas, decks, steps, and landings are upgraded from BAL 19 and BAL 12.5 to BAL 29 level.

For unenclosed subfloors of the main building or verandas, decks, steps and landings for BAL 12.5, 19 and BAL29 supporting posts, columns, stumps, stringers piers and poles shall be:

- 1. A non-combustible material; or
- 2. A Bushfire resistant timber; or
- 3. A combination of 1 and 2

Acceptable timber species:

Black-butt, Turpentine, Silver Top Ash, Spotted Gum, Red Iron Bark, Kwila, Red River Gum

Sarking: To comply with the NSW State variation any sarking used for BAL 12.5 shall:

- Be Non-combustible; or
- Comply with AS/NZ 4200.1 be installed on the outside of the frame and have a flammability index of not more than 5 as determined by AS1530.2

## Appendix 3: Asset Protection Zones (APZ's)

### A4.1.1 Inner Protection Areas (IPAs)

The IPA is the area closest to the building and creates a fuel-managed area which can minimise the impact of direct flame contact and radiant heat on the development and act as a defendable space. Vegetation within the IPA should be kept to a minimum level. Litter fuels within the IPA should be kept below 1cm in height and be discontinuous.

In practical terms the IPA is typically the curtilage around the building, consisting of a mown lawn and well maintained gardens.

When establishing and maintaining an IPA the following requirements apply:

### Trees

- tree canopy cover should be less than 15% at maturity;
- trees at maturity should not touch or overhang the building;
- lower limbs should be removed up to a height of 2m above the ground;
- tree canopies should be separated by 2 to 5m; and
- preference should be given to smooth barked and evergreen trees.

### Shrubs

- create large discontinuities or gaps in the vegetation to slow down or break the progress of fire towards buildings should be provided;
- shrubs should not be located under trees;
- shrubs should not form more than 10% ground cover; and
- clumps of shrubs should be separated from exposed windows and doors by a distance of at least twice the height of the vegetation.

#### Grass

- grass should be kept mown (as a guide grass should be kept to no more than 100mm in height); and
- leaves and vegetation debris should be removed.

### A4.1.2 Outer Protection Areas (OPAs)

An OPA is located between the IPA and the unmanaged vegetation. It is an area where there is maintenance of the understorey and some separation in the canopy. The reduction of fuel in this area aims to decrease the intensity of an approaching fire and restricts the potential for fire spread from crowns; reducing the level of direct flame, radiant heat and ember attack on the IPA.

Because of the nature of an OPA, they are only applicable in forest vegetation.

When establishing and maintaining an OPA the following requirements apply:

### Trees

- tree canopy cover should be less than 30%; and
- canopies should be separated by 2 to 5m.

### Shrubs

- shrubs should not form a continuous canopy; and
- shrubs should form no more than 20% of ground cover.

### Grass

- grass should be kept mown to a height of less than 100mm; and
- leaf and other debris should be removed.

An APZ should be maintained in perpetuity to ensure ongoing protection from the impact of bush fires. Maintenance of the IPA and OPA as described above should be undertaken regularly, particularly in advance of the bush fire season.

### Figure A4.1

Typlical Inner and Outer Protection Areas.



## Appendix 4: Northern Beaches Council Bushfire Certificate

### BUSHFIRE RISK ASSESSMENT CERTIFICATE

THIS FORM IS TO BE COMPLETED BY A RECOGNISED CONSULTANT IN BUSHFIRE RISK ASSESSMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 4.14 1(b) OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT 1979 NO 203

PROPERTY ADDRESS:	94-6 Barrenjoeg Kd Parm Beach
DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:	New possenger lift
PLAN REFERENCE: (relied upon in report preparation)	Peter Downes Designs 28.08.23 (Rev A)
BAL RATING:	BAZ-FZ (If the BAL rating is FZ the application is to be referred to NSW RFS for assessment.)
DOES THE PROPOSAL RELY ON ALTERNATE SOLUTIONS:	YES (Circle the relevant response)

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have carried out a bushfire risk assessment on the above mentioned proposal and property. A detailed Bushfire Assessment Report is attached which includes the submission requirements set out in Appendix 2 of Planning for Bushfire Protection 2019 together with recommendations as to how the relevant specifications and requirements are to be achieved.

REPORT REFERENCE:	948Bar-04	
REPORT DATE:	11.10.23	
CERTIFICATION NO/ACCREDITED SCHEME:	8/AD316+21	

I hereby certify, in accordance with Section 4.14 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 No 203:

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

I am aware that the Bushfire 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 Northern Beaches 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 2019*.

SIGNATURE:

11.10.23 DATE:

Note: this certificate must be completed and signed by a person recognised by the NSW Rural Fire Service as a oualified consultant in bush fire risk assessment in accordance with Section 4.14 of the EP&A Act 1979 No 203.

## Abbreviations and definitions

AS 3959	Australian Standard AS 3959:2018 Construction of	
	buildings in bush fire-prone areas	
AS 2419.1:2005	Australian Standard AS 2419.1:2005 Fire hydrant	
	installations System design, installation and	
	commissioning	
AS 2441:2005	Australian Standard AS 2441:2005 Planning for	
	emergencies in facilities	
APZ	Asset Protection Zone	
BAL	Bushfire Attack Level	
BFPL	Bushfire prone land	
BRPL Map	Bushfire prone land map	
BPM's	Bushfire protection measures	
BFSA	Bushfire safety authority	
DA	Development application	
DCP	Development Control Plan	
EP&A Act	Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979	
FDI	Fire Danger index	
FFDI	Forest Fire Danger Index	
IPA	Inner Protection Area	
kW/m2	Kilowatts per metre squared	
LGA	Local government area	
NASH	Nation Association of Steel Framed Housing Steel	
	Framed Construction in Bushfire Areas 2021	
NCC	National Construction Code	
OPA	Outer Protection Area	
PBP	Planning for Bush Fire protection 2019	
RF Act	Rural Fires Act 1997	
RF Reg	Rural Fires Regulation 2013	
NSW RFS	NSW Rural Fire Service	
SEPP	State Environmental Planning Policy	
SFPP	Special Fire protection Purpose	
SFR	Short fire run	

**Asset Protection Zone:** A fuel reduced area surrounding a built asset or structure which provides a buffer zone between a bush fire hazard and an asset. The APZ includes a defendable space within which firefighting operations can be carried out. The size of the required APZ varies with slope, vegetation and FFDI. **Bush Fire Attack level (BAL):** A means of measuring the severity of a building's potential exposure to ember attack, radiant heat and direct flame contact. IN the NCC, the BAL is used as the basis for establishing the requirements for construction to improve protection of building elements.

**Bush fire:** An unplanned fire burning in vegetation, also referred to as wildfire. **Bush fire prone land (BFPL):** An area of land that can support a bush fire or is likely to be subject to bush fire attack, as designated on a bush fire prone land map. **Bush fire prone land map:** A map prepared in accordance with the NSW RFS requirements and certified by the Commissioner of the NSW RFS under EP&A Act s.10.3(2).

**Bush fire protection measures (BPMs):** A range of measures used to minimise the risk from a bushfire that need to be complied with. BPM's include APZ's, construction provisions, suitable access, water and utility services, emergency management and landscaping.

**Bush fire safety authority (BFSA):** An approval by the commissioner of the NSW RFS that is required for a subdivision for residential or rural residential purpose or for a SFPP development listed under section 100B of the RF Act. **Consent authority:** As identified in the EP&A Act, in relation to development consents, usually the local council.

**Defendable space:** An area adjoining a building that is managed to reduce combustible elements free from constructed impediments. It is a safe working environment in which efforts can be undertaken to defend the structure, before and after the passage of a bush fire.

**Effective slope:** The land beneath the vegetation which most significantly effects fire behaviour, having regard to the vegetation present.

**Fire Danger Index (FDI):** The chance of a fire starting, its rate of spread, its intensity and the difficulty potential for its suppression, according to various combinations of air temperature, relative humidity, wind speed and both the long- and short-term drought effects.

**Inner protection Area (IPA):** The component of a APZ which is closest to the asset (measured form unmanaged vegetation). It consists of an area maintained to minimal fuel loads so that a fire path is not created between the hazard and the building.

<u>Managed land</u>: Land that has vegetation removed or maintained to a level that limits the spread and impact of bush fire. This may include developed land (residential, commercial or industrial), roads, golf course fairways, playgrounds, sports fields, vineyards, orchards, cultivated ornamental gardens and

commercial nurseries. Most common will be gardens and lawns within curtilage of buildings. These areas are managed to meet the requirements of an APZ.

**Outer Protection Area (OPA):** The outer component of an APZ, where fuel loads are maintained at a level where the intensity of an approaching bush fire would be significantly reduced. Applies to Forest vegetation only.

**Special Fire Protection Purpose (SFPP) developments:** Developments where the vulnerable nature of the occupants means that a lower radiant heat threshold needs to be accommodated for in order to allow for the evacuation of occupants and emergency services.

**Vegetation classification:** Vegetation types identified using the formations and classifications within *Ocean Shores to Desert Dunes: The Native Vegetation of New South Wales and ACT (Keith, 2004).*