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Northern Beaches Council
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Your reference: CNR-74738 DA2024/1362
Our reference: DA20241021004360-Original-1

ATTENTION: Northern Beaches Council

Date: Wednesday 13 November 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

Development Application
s4.14 - Other - Commercial Premises
40 Myoora Road, Terry Hills 2084, 180//DP752017

I refer to your correspondence dated 21/10/2024 seeking advice regarding bush fire protection for the above Development Application in accordance with section 4.14 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

The New South Wales Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) has considered the information submitted and provides the following recommended conditions:

Landscaping Assessment

The intent of measure is to minimise the risk of bush fire attack and provide protection for emergency services personnel, residents and others assisting firefighting activities.

1. Landscaping within the area mapped as Bush Fire Prone Land must comply with Appendix 4 of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019*. In this regard, the following principles are to be incorporated:

- A minimum 1 metre wide area (or to the property boundary where the setbacks are less than 1 metre), suitable for pedestrian traffic, must be provided around the immediate curtilage of the building;
- Planting is limited in the immediate vicinity of the building;
- Planting does not provide a continuous canopy to the building (i.e. trees or shrubs are isolated or located in small clusters);
- Landscape species are chosen to ensure tree canopy cover is less than 15% (IPA), and less than 30% (OPA) at maturity and trees do not touch or overhang buildings;
- Avoid species with rough fibrous bark, or which retain/shed bark in long strips or retain dead material in their canopies;
- Use smooth bark species of trees species which generally do not carry a fire up the bark into the crown;
- Avoid planting of deciduous species that may increase fuel at surface/ ground level (i.e. leaf litter);
- Avoid climbing species to walls and pergolas;
- Locate combustible materials such as woodchips/mulch, flammable fuel stores away from the building;
- Locate combustible structures such as garden sheds, pergolas and materials such as timber garden furniture away from the building; and

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- Low flammability vegetation species are used.

General Advice - Consent Authority to Note

The NSW RFS was not able to verify the assessment set out in the bush fire report submitted with the application. The NSW RFS has therefore undertaken an independent assessment of the proposal to determine compliance with *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019*.

For any queries regarding this correspondence, please contact Joshua Calandra on 1300 NSW RFS.

Yours sincerely,

James Killen
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