

9 MINKARA ROAD BAYVIEW

LANDSCAPE STATEMENT

The landscape design approach for the proposed residential development is based on three principles; conservation, rehabilitation and adaptation.

It is proposed to conserve as much of the existing indigenous landscape character as possible and rehabilitated areas of disturbance except for that area deemed and defined as the Asset Protection Zone (APZ) in order to provide a managed buffer with a reduced bush fire fuel level between the proposed residence and the perceived bush fire hazard.

Within the APZ a conscious selection of planting, grassing and water bodies have been selected to act as identified fire retardant species yet reference distinctive Australian flora within the immediate setting of the residential development.

Shrub and selected tree species have been selected to visually screen the building masses and visually integrate the development with the surrounding indigenous Open Forest vegetation structure.

Grassed areas are proposed to be irrigated soft Buffalo turf and contained by a peripheral sandstone 'logs'. The grassing will act as a fire buffer area as well as recreational use and as a system for water dispersal to selective areas.

The rip – rap sandstone retaining structures are intended as an informal stepped arrangement along contour lines to contain and minimise potential erosion of fill areas and also allow for planting of indigenous shrubs, ground covers and grasses to help hold the soil and integrate into the surrounding bushland landscape character.

These structures imitate the terraced form of the Hawkesbury Sandstone country and are all within the APZ

and along with the revegetation are intended to be managed as a buffer and conform to the requirements of the APZ.

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