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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached a copy of response in relation to a DA.

Regards
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Your reference: 2015/053337
Our reference: LEP/0129
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31 March 2015

Attention: Taylor Richardson

Dear Sir/Madam

Secondary Dwellings in Terrey Hills and Duffys Forest

Reference is made to your letter dated 25 February 2015 seeking comments from the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) in relation to allowing Secondary Dwellings in Terry Hills and Duffys Forest on land zoned RU4 Primary Production Small Lots.

The perimeter of the site and much of the interior is mapped as bush fire prone land with a significant bush fire history. The RFS does not object in principle to the erection of a second dwelling on bush fire prone land provided bush fire protection measures can be met including a bushfire attack level not exceeding BAL 29. The RFS has prepared a Fast Facts on *Increased Density on a Single Parcel of Land*, outlining our position.

In regards specifically to the increased density of the Terrey Hills and Duffys Forest areas, the RFS raises concerns with the existing public road network. Some of the roads shown on plans are not formed, isolating areas of the suburbs with only a single entry and exit road. Some of the existing roads would ideally be upgraded and widened to comply with the minimum requirements set out in *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2006*. Several pinch points exist along the main Booralie Road opposite Kallaroo Road, Kinka Reserve and Rho-Ker Reserve, which have the potential to isolate residents trying to evacuate the area in an emergency. The issue of evacuation is compounded by the number of schools, retirement villages and child care facilities in the area.

There is also concern about the reliability of the water supply and water pressure for fire fighting purposes. Additional dwellings constructed in the area may require an upgrade of the public supply or an additional requirement for each individual new dwelling to supply a suitable water tank.

It is suggested that a traffic study by suitably qualified traffic engineer be undertaken not only to determine the impact that the increase in housing density traffic flows will have on the existing road network, but also how the current roads would perform in an emergency evacuation situation.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Iona Cameron', with a stylized, flowing script.

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