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Bushfire Management Plan Coversheet

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Site Address / Plan Reference: Lot 27 (3) \	Westfield Road				
Suburb: Camillo			State: WA	P/	code : 6111
Local government area: City of Armadale					
Description of the planning proposal: Deve	elopment				
BMP Plan / Reference Number: 210675		Version: _{V1.0}	Date	of Issue: 15	5/09/2021
Client / Business Name: Harley Dykstra					
Reason for referral to DFES				Yes	No
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Have any of the bushfire protection crite principle (tick no if only acceptable solutions)					
Is the proposal any of the following spe	ecial development types	(see SPP 3.7 for definit	ions)?		
Unavoidable development (in BAL-40 or	BAL-FZ)				
Strategic planning proposal (including re	ezoning applications)				×
Minor development (in BAL-40 or BAL-F	Z)				
High risk land-use					
Vulnerable land-use				×	
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Childcare centre					
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Bushfire Management Plan

Proposed Childcare Centre

Lot 27 (3) Westfield Road, Camillo

City of Armadale

Planning Stage: Development Application (Standard BMP)

Planning Development Type: Construction of a Class 4 - 9 Building

Bushfire Policy – Specific

Development or Use Type:

Vulnerable Land Use (Non-Tourism)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Bushfire Management Plan (BMP) is to accompany a development application for a childcare centre on Lot 27 (3) Westfield Road, Camillo in the City of Armadale.

The development is considered a vulnerable land use, being a facility designed to accommodate occupants with reduced physical or mental ability such as the elderly, children (under 18 years of age) or the sick or injured. A separate Bushfire Emergency Plan is to be developed for the site.

Currently, certain operational information required to complete the Bushfire Emergency Plan is not available. It is a requirement of this Bushfire Management Plan that the associated Bushfire Emergency Plan for this site be updated and completed prior to occupation of the childcare centre.

The proposal is able to meet the requirements of the four elements of the Bushfire Protection Criteria of Location, Siting and Design, Vehicular Access and Water Supply:

- For Element 1 'Location' the subject site is able to achieve the acceptable solution (by being located in an area that will, on completion be subject to BAL-29 or less);
- For Element 2 'Siting and Design' the proposed development is able to meet the acceptable solutions by the infrastructure being able to achieve an Asset Protection Zone (APZ) of sufficient size within the subject site to ensure the radiant heat impact does not exceed BAL-29;
- For Element 3 'Vehicular Access' the location of the development is able to meet the current acceptable solutions; and
- For Element 4 'Water Supply' the subject site is able to achieve the acceptable solution (it is located in a reticulated area where existing hydrants are available for fire-fighting operations. The closest hydrants are located within 100 m of the subject site).

Buildings of Class 4 to Class 9 are not required by the Building Codes of Australia (BCA) to be constructed to comply with bushfire performance requirements. As the proposed buildings are located in a bushfire prone area and may be subject to a bushfire attack, Bushfire Prone Planning recommends that the buildings be constructed to their assessed BAL rating.





1 PROPOSAL DETAILS

1.1 Description and Associated Plans and Maps

Bushfire Prone Planning Commissioned to Produce the Bushfire Management Plan (BMP) By:	Harley Dykstra	
For Submission To:	City of Armadale	
Purpose of the BMP:	To accompany a planning application	
'Development' Site Total Area:	2385 square metres	
No. of Existing/Proposed Lots:	N/A	
Description of the Proposed Development/Use:		
Single storey childcare centre with carparking and outdoor play areas.		
Staged Development and Management of Potential Bushfire Hazard Issues		
N/A		

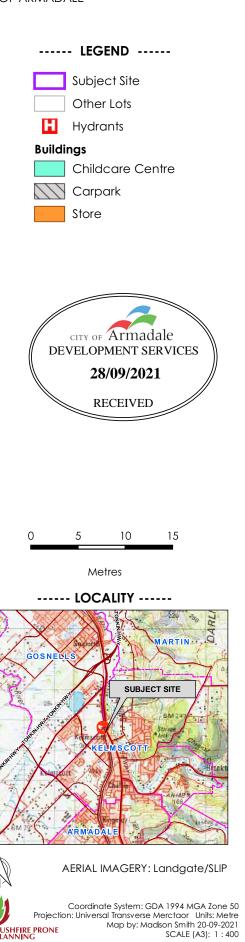


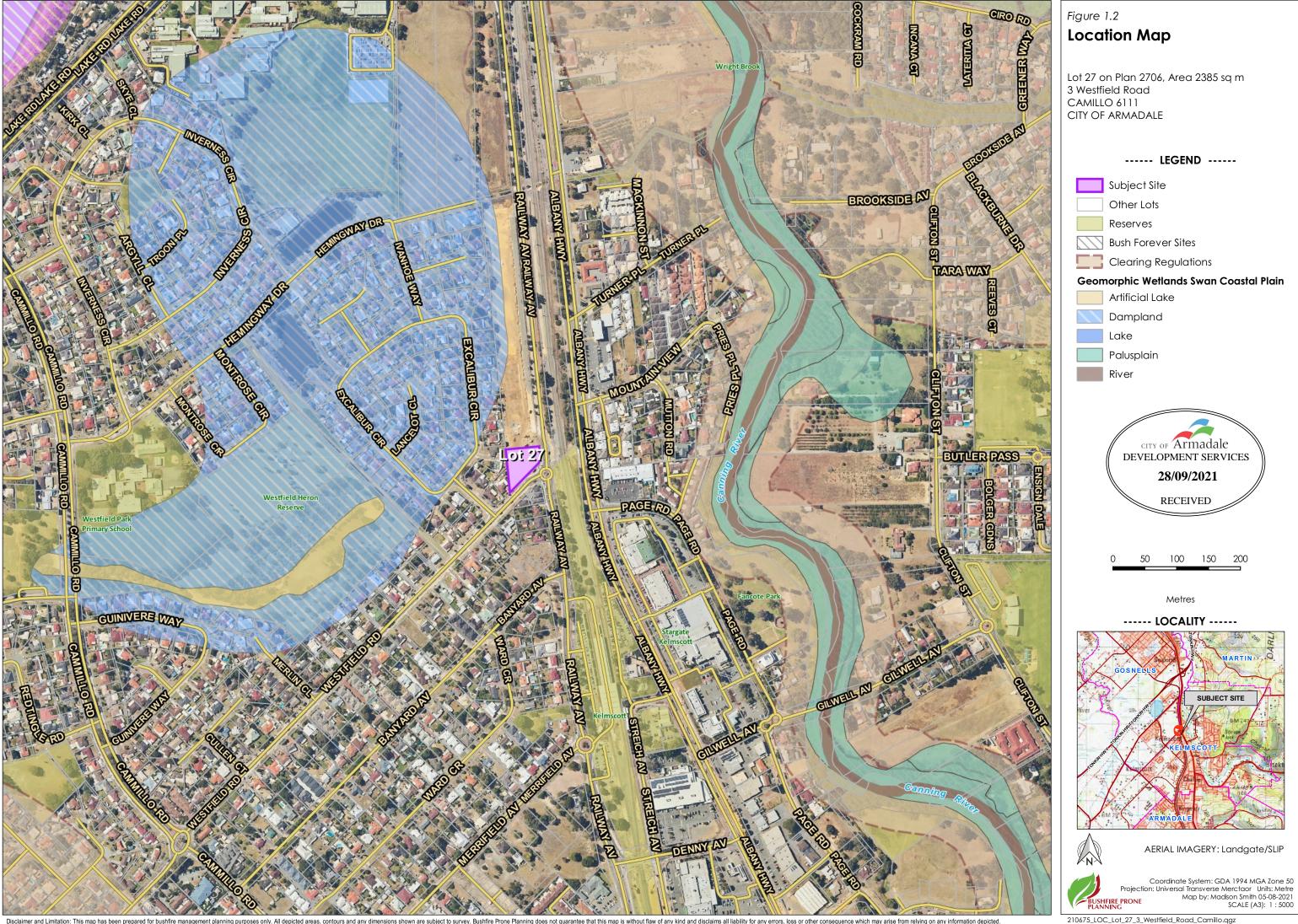


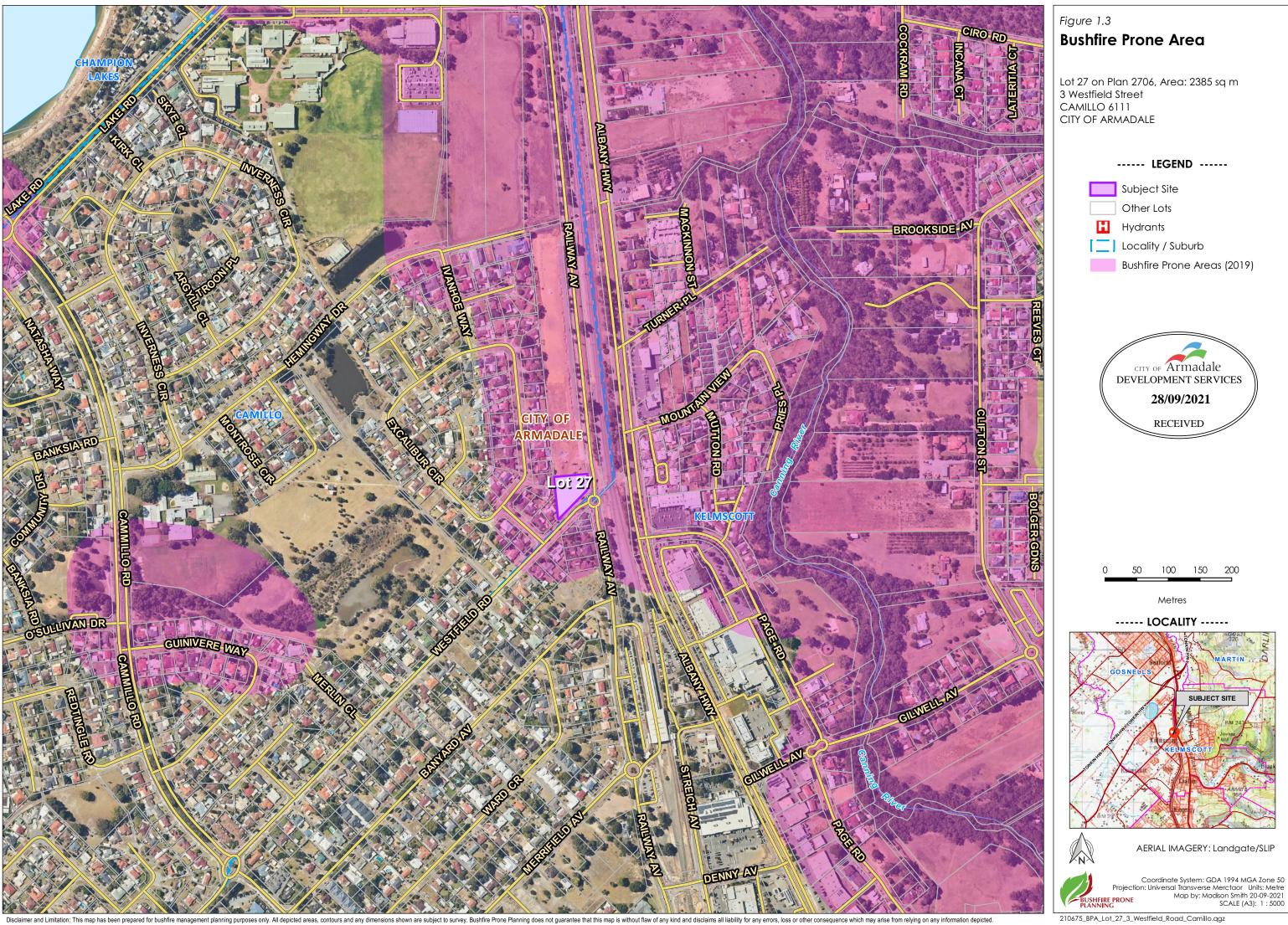
Figure 1.1

Proposed Development Map

Lot 27 on Plan 2706, Area: 2385 sq m 3 Westfield Road CAMILLO 6111 CITY OF ARMADALE









1.2 The Specific 'Land Use' and the Bushfire Planning Requirements

SPP 3.7, the associated Guidelines and Position Statements, define certain land uses that require additional and/or alternative bushfire related assessment and additional information to be provided. This is necessary to facilitate planning application assessment and for subsequent operational use.

When such a proposal is unable to fully achieve the implementation of all required bushfire protection measures - as established by the 'acceptable solutions' contained in the Guidelines and Position Statements – further assessments and the development of additional protection measures are required.

The land use classification that applies to the proposal is identified in Table 1.2, along with the required additional assessments and information and the form and location in which this is provided.

Table 1.2: The determined land use and assessment/information requirements.

	Assessment / Information	on / Documents Detail
The proposed lanc	I use classification is determined to be:	Vulnerable (Non-Tourism)
Category, type an have determined t	d/or operations of the land use that the classification:	Category 1: A facility designed to accommodate occupants with reduced physical or mental ability such as the elderly, children (under 18 years of age) and the sick or injured.
The Policies, Guidelines and	SPP 3.7	
Position Statements	Guidelines including the BPC	
against which the proposed land use will be	Position Statement - BPC Element 1 and 2	
assessed, and which guide the information to be provided.1	Position Statement - Tourism	n/a
	Bushfire Management Plan (BMP)	
The documents	Risk Management Plan (RMP)	n/a
and the information	Risk Assessment and Treatment Plan	n/a
developed and the format and location in which they are provided.	Bushfire Emergency Plan (BEP)	■ Separate Document
	BEP Supporting Information	n/a
	Additional bushfire protection measures	☑ In BMP s5.4





1.3 Existing Documentation Relevant to the Construction of this Plan

This section acknowledges any known reports or plans that have been prepared for previous planning stages, that refer to the subject area and that may or will impact upon the assessment of bushfire risk and/or the implementation of bushfire protection measures and will be referenced in this Bushfire Management Plan.

Table 1.3: Existing relevant documentation.

RELEVANT EXISTING DOCUMENTS				
Existing Document	Copy Provided by Client	Title		
Structure Plan	-			
Environmental Report	-			
Landscaping (Revegetation) Plan	-			
Bushfire Risk Assessments	Yes	Bushfire Management Plan (Subdivision Application) Lot 27 (3) Westfield Road, Camillo – Bushfire Prone Planning (17 October 2019)		



2 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

2.1 Native Vegetation – Restrictions to Modification and/or Clearing

Many bushfire prone areas also have high biodiversity values. SPP 3.7 policy objective 5.4 recognises the need to consider bushfire risk management measures alongside environmental, biodiversity and conservation values (Guidelines s2.3).

There is a requirement to identify any need for onsite modification and/or clearing of native vegetation and whether this may trigger potential environmental impact/referral requirements under State and Federal environmental legislation. Confirmation that any proposed native vegetation modification and/or clearing is acceptable, should be received from the relevant agencies by the proponent and provided to the bushfire consultant for inclusion in the Bushfire Management Plan if it will influence the required bushfire planning assessments and outcomes. The following table details any potential environmental restrictions of which the author of this report is aware.

Table 2.1: Native vegetation and potential environmental considerations and restrictions.

NATIVE VEGETATION MODIFICAT	ION / CLEARING -	POTENTIAL ENVIRO	ONMENTAL RESTRICTIO	NS IDENTIFIED
Environmental Considerations / Features	Potential Mapping Data Source (SLIP / Local Planning)	Relevant to Proposed Development	Data Applied	Action Required
Onsite clearing of native vegetation is required.		No		
Environmental impact/referral requirer State and Federal environmental legisl triggered.		No		
National Park / Nature Reserve	DBCA-011	No-Confirmed by Bushfire Consultant	Relevant Database Reviewed by Bushfire Consultant	None
Conservation Covenant	DPIRD-023	No-Confirmed by Bushfire Consultant	Relevant Database Reviewed by Bushfire Consultant	None
Bush Forever Site	DPLH-019	No-Confirmed by Bushfire Consultant	Relevant Database Reviewed by Bushfire Consultant	None
RAMSAR Wetland	DBCA-010	No-Confirmed by Bushfire Consultant	Relevant Database Reviewed by Bushfire Consultant	None
Geomorphic and Other Wetland	DBCA-011- 019, 040, 043, 044	No-Confirmed by Bushfire Consultant	Relevant Database Reviewed by Bushfire Consultant	None
Threatened and Priority Ecological Communities (TECs or PECs)	DBCA-038	No-Confirmed by Bushfire Consultant	Relevant Database Reviewed by Bushfire Consultant	None
Threatened and Priority Flora including Declared Rare Flora (DRFs)	DBCA-036	No-Confirmed by Bushfire Consultant	Relevant Database Reviewed by Bushfire Consultant	None
Land Identified as significant through a Local Biodiversity Strategy	LG - Intramaps	No-Confirmed by Bushfire Consultant	Relevant Database Reviewed by Bushfire Consultant	None





Development Design Considerations

Establishing development in bushfire prone areas can adversely affect the retention of native vegetation through clearing associated with the creation of lots and/or asset protection zones. Where loss of vegetation is not acceptable or causes conflict with landscape or environmental objectives, it will be necessary to consider available design options to minimise the removal of native vegetation.

Table 2.2: Development design.

MINIMISE THE REMOVAL OF NATIVE VEGETATION				
Design Option	Assessment / Action			
Reduction of lot yield	N/A			
Cluster development	N/A			
Construct building to a standard corresponding to a higher BAL as per BCA (AS 3959:2018 and/or NASH Standard)	N/A			
Modify the development location	N/A			

The proposed development is located on a cleared vacant lot.

IMPACT ON ADJOINING LAND

Is this planning proposal able to implement the required bushfire protection measures within the boundaries of the land being developed so as not to impact on the bushfire and environmental management of neighbouring reserves, properties or conservation covenants?

Yes

The subject lot is currently managed to a low bushfire threat state and is expected to be maintained in this way in perpetuity. No bushfire protection measures are required to be implemented external to the lot.

2.2 Retained Vegetation / Re-vegetation / Landscape Plans (including POS)

Riparian zones, wetland/foreshore buffers, road verges and public open space may have plans to re-vegetate or retain vegetation as part of the proposed development. Vegetation corridors may be created between offsite and onsite vegetation and provide a route for fire to enter a development area.

All retained/planned vegetation and its management will be considered in the development of this Bushfire Management Plan.

Is re-vegetation of riparian zones and/or wetland or foreshore buffers and/or public open space a part of this Proposal?	No
N/A	
Is the requirement for ongoing maintenance of existing vegetation in riparian zones and/or wetland or foreshore buffers and/or public open space a part of this Proposal?	N/A
N/A	
Has a landscape plan been developed for the proposed development?	No
N/A	





POTENTIAL BUSHFIRE IMPACT ASSESSMENT

3.1 Assessment Input

3.1.1 Fire Danger Index (FDI) Applied

AS 3959:2018 Table 2.1 specifies the fire danger index values to apply for different regions. The values used in the model calculations are for the Forest Fire Danger Index (FFDI) and for which equivalent representative values of the Grassland Fire Danger Index (GFDI) are applied as per Appendix B. The values can be modified if appropriately justified.

Table 3.1: Applied FDI Value

FDI VALUE				
Vegetation AreasAs per AS 3959:2018 Table 2.1As per DFES for the LocationValue Applied				
1-5	80	N/A	80	

3.1.2 Vegetation Classification and Effective Slope

Classification: Bushfire prone vegetation identification and classification has been conducted in accordance with AS 3959:2018 s2.2.3 and the Visual Guide for Bushfire Risk Assessment in WA (DoP February 2016).

When more than one vegetation type is present, each type is identified separately, and the applied classification considers the potential bushfire intensity and behaviour from the vegetation types present and ensures the worst-case scenario is accounted for - this may not be from the predominant vegetation type.

The vegetation structure has been assessed as it will be in its mature state (rather than what might be observed on the day). Areas of modified vegetation are assessed as they will be in their natural unmodified state (unless maintained in a permanently low threat, minimal fuel condition, satisfying AS 3959:2018 s2.2.3.2(f) and asset protection zone standards). Vegetation destroyed or damaged by a bushfire or other natural disaster has been assessed on its revegetated mature state.

Effective Slope: Refers to the ground slope under each area of classified vegetation and is described in the direction relative to the view from the building or proposed development site. Effective slope is not the same as 'average slope', rather it is the slope which most significantly influences fire behaviour. This slope has a direct and significant influence on a bushfire's rate of spread and intensity.

Where there is a significant change in effective slope under an area of classified vegetation, that will cause a change in fire behaviour, separate vegetation areas will be identified to enable the correct assessment.

When the effective slope, under a given area of bushfire prone vegetation, will be different relative to multiple proposed development sites, then the effective slopes corresponding to the different locations, are separately identified.



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Table 3.2: Vegetation classification and effective slope.

	ALL VEGETATION WITHIN 150 METRES OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT					
Vegetation Identified Vegetation Types ¹ Area or Description if 'Excluded'	Applied Vegetation Classification 1		Effective Slope (degrees) ² (AS 3959:2018 Method 1)			
71100	of Beschpherri Excided	Glassification	Assessed	Applied Range		
1	Open scrub D-14	Class D Scrub	0	upslope or flat		
2	Open forest A-03	Class A Forest	0	upslope or flat		
3	Tussock grassland G-22	Class G Grassland	0	upslope or flat		
4	Non-vegetated Area	Excluded as per Section 2.2.3.2 (e)	N/A	N/A		
5	Non-vegetated Area, Low Threat Vegetation	Excluded as per Section 2.2.3.2 (e)(f)	N/A	N/A		

Representative photos of each vegetation area, descriptions and classification justification, are presented on the following pages. The areas of classified vegetation are defined, and the photo locations identified on Figure 3.1, the vegetation and topography map.

Note¹: Described and classified as per AS 3959:2018 Table 2.3 and Figures 2.3 and 2.4 (A)-(H)

Note²: Effective slope measured as per AS 3959:2018 Section 2.2.5 and Appendix B Part B4



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VEGETATION AREA 1				
AS 3959:2018 Vegetation Classification Applied:		Class D Scrub		
Vegetation Types Present:	Open scrub D-1	Open scrub D-14		
Description/Justification:	Mixed species tall scrub comprised of acacias and melaleucas up to 5 m in height. Trees oresent with <10% foliage cover. Understory comprised of patchy tall grass with areas up to 20 cm in height.			
Post Dev. Assumptions:	Area of vegetation is offsite and cannot be managed by the subject site landowner. Vegetation is classified as worst-case scenario.			





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	VEGETA	TION AREA 2
AS 3959:2018 Vegetation C	Classification Applied:	Class A Forest
Vegetation Types Present:	Open forest A-03	
Description/Justification:	present. Trees up to 15 m in h	rion dominated by marri trees with mixed eucalypt species neight, foliage cover 60%. Understory comprised of sparse ees up to 1 m in height and sparse grass.
Post Dev. Assumptions:	Area of vegetation is offsite Vegetation is classified as wo	and cannot be managed by the subject site landowner orst-case scenario.
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VEGETATION AREA 3				
AS 3959:2018 Vegetation Classification Applied: Class G Grassland				
Vegetation Types Present:	Tussock grassland G-22			
Description/Justification:	Unmanaged verge side grass with clovers and other mixed species weeds up to 30 cm in height and vacant lot with tall grass up to 40 cm in height. Sparse trees <10% foliage cover.			
Post Dev. Assumptions:	Area of vegetation is offsite and cannot be managed by the subject site landowner. Vegetation is classified as worst-case scenario.			





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VEGETATION AREA 4				
AS 3959:2018 Vegetation Classification Applied: Excluded as per Section 2.2.3.2 (e)				
Vegetation Types Present:	etation Types Present: Non-vegetated Area			
Description/Justification:	Cleared land (sand) for development.			
Post Dev. Assumptions:	Onsite area to be developed into a childcare centre and parking area. Area will remoin a low threat state in perpetuity. The landowner will be responsible for maintaining that area once developed.			



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VEGETATION AREA 5					
AS 3959:2018 Vegetation Classification Applied: Excluded as per Section 2.2.3.2 (e)(f)					
Vegetation Types Present:	Non-vegetated A	rea Low Threat Vegetation			
Description/Justification:	Managed verge vegetation with no understory and sparse maintained trees. Sealed public roads, footpaths and train tracks. Private reticulated gardens in residential and commercial areas.				
Post Dev. Assumptions:	Dev. Assumptions: Areas of low threat offsite can be reasonably expected to remain in a low threat state in perpetuity.				





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VEGETATION AREA 5





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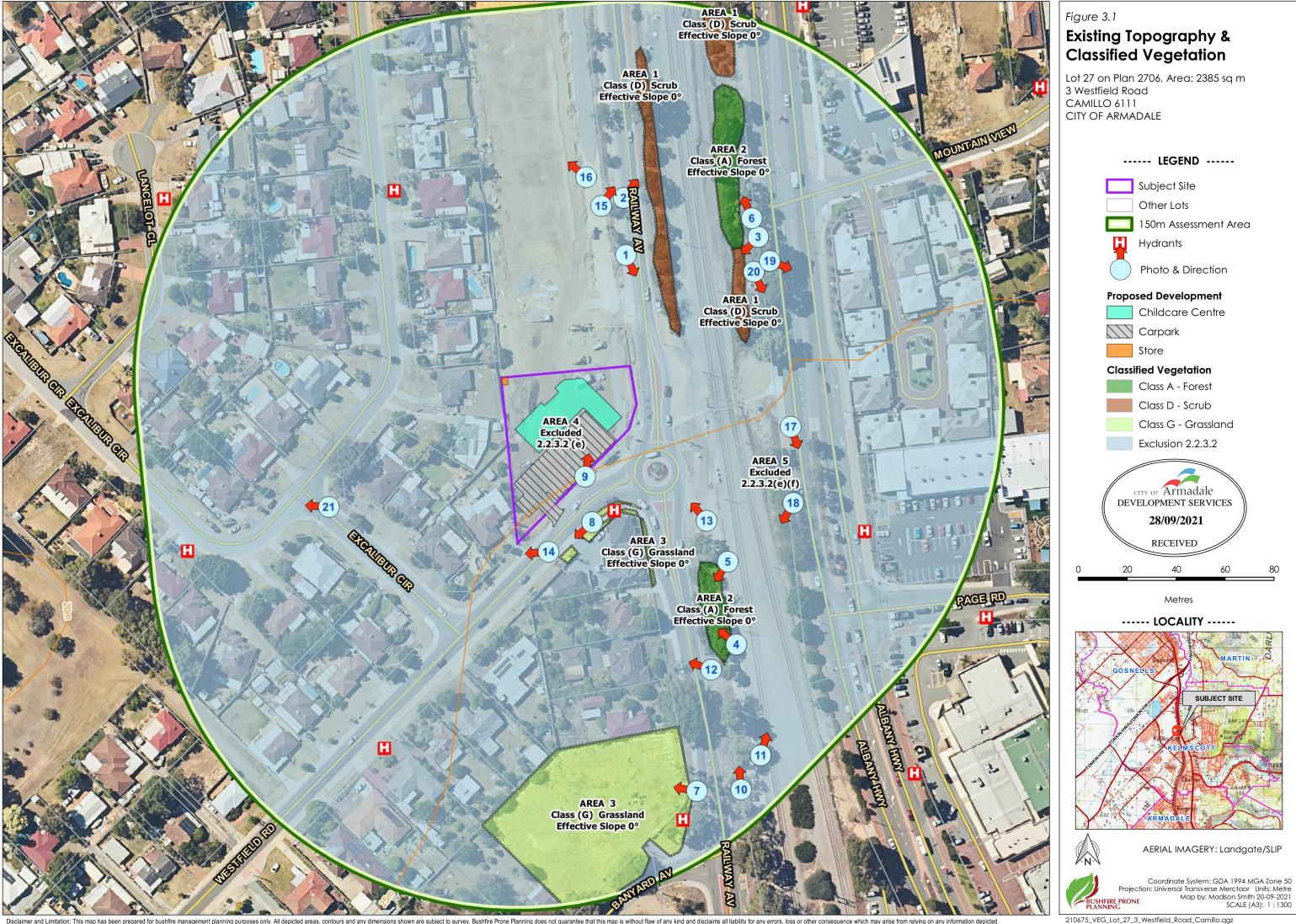
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3.1.3 Vegetation Separation Distance

The vegetation separation distance is the horizontal distance measured from the relevant parts of an existing building or a future building's planned location (within a lot), to the determined edge of an area of classified vegetation.

This separation distance applied to determining a Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) can be either:

- The <u>measured distance</u> for which the location of the building relative to the edge of classified vegetation must be known. This will result in single determined BAL that will apply to a building. (The measured distance is a required calculation input); or
- A <u>calculated minimum and maximum distance (range)</u> that will correspond to each individual BAL. The calculated distances provide an indicative (or achievable) BAL for which the determined BAL will be dependent on the known location of the building relative to the edge of classified vegetation.

The calculated range of distances corresponding to each BAL can be presented in different formats (tables or a BAL contour map), dependent on the form of information that is most appropriate for the proposed development/use. These distance ranges corresponding to BAL(s) will be presented in Section 3.2: 'Assessment Output".

For the proposed development/use, the applicable vegetation separation distances will be presented within the Bushfire Management Plan in this location:

In Section 3.2 'Assessment Output' as a table containing the calculated ranges of distance corresponding to each BAL and illustrated as a BAL Contour Map.



3.2 Assessment Output

UNDERSTANDING THE RESULTS OF THE BUSHFIRE IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Bushfire Attack Levels (BALs) – Their Application in the Building Environment is Different to the Planning Environment

In the building environment, a **determined BAL** is required for the proposed construction at the building application stage. This is to inform approval considerations and establish the bushfire construction standards that are to apply. An indicative BAL is not acceptable for a building application.

In the planning environment, through the application of SPP 3.7 and associated Guidelines, the deemed to satisfy requirement for a proposed 'development site' or sites (defined by the LPS Amendment Regulations 2015 as "that part of a lot on which a building that is the subject of development stands or is to be constructed"), is that a BAL-29 or lower rating can be achieved once all works associated with the proposal are completed. For planning approval purposes, an *indicative BAL* can provide the required information.

Determined Bushfire Attack Level

A determined BAL is to apply to an existing building or the 'development site' on which the building is to be constructed and not to a lot or building envelope. Its purpose is to state the potential radiant heat flux to which the building will be exposed, thereby determining the construction standard to be applied.

A determined BAL cannot be given for a future building whose design and position on the lot are unknown or the vegetation separation distance has not been established. It is not until these variables have been fixed that a determined BAL can be stated, and a BAL Certificate can be issued.

The one exception is when a building **of any dimension** can be **positioned anywhere** on a proposed lot (within R-Code building setbacks) or within a defined building envelope, and always remain subject to the same BAL, regardless of the retention of any existing classified vegetation either onsite or offsite.

Indicative Bushfire Attack Level

If a BAL is not able to achieve 'determined' status it will be an indicative BAL. It indicates the BAL that can be achieved by the proposed development/use. However, it is conditional upon an assessment variable(s) being confirmed at a later stage (e.g. the building location is established/changed, or vegetation is modified/removed to establish the vegetation separation distance).

A BAL certificate cannot be issued for an indicative BAL – unless that BAL cannot vary (refer to 'Determined BAL' above).

In table form, a single or a range of indicative BAL(s) may be presented. If a single indicative BAL is stated for a defined area (i.e. the lot or building envelope), this will be the highest indicative BAL impacting the defined area.

In BAL contour map form (refer to Section 3.2.), the illustrated BAL contours visually identify areas of land for which if any part of an existing or proposed building is located on that land and within the BAL contours, then the highest BAL affecting that building (or part of the land on which the building will be constructed), will be the indicative BAL that is to apply.

The BAL can only become a determined BAL once the actual location of that building on the land is known and/or the required minimum vegetation separation distance corresponding to the relevant BAL contour is established (refer to Table 3.3).





3.2.1 Bushfire Attack Level Results - BAL Contour Map Format

INTERPRETATION OF THE BUSHFIRE ATTACK LEVEL (BAL) CONTOUR MAP

The contour map will present different coloured contour intervals extending from the areas of classified bushfire prone vegetation. These represent the different bushfire attack levels that will exist at varying distances away from the classified vegetation in the event of a bushfire in that vegetation.

The areas of classified vegetation to be considered in developing the BAL contours, are those that will remain as the intended end state of the subject development once earthworks, clearing and/or landscaping and re-vegetation have been completed (or each stage completed).

Each bushfire attack level corresponds to a set range of radiant heat flux that is generated by a bushfire. That range is defined by the AS 3959:2018 BAL determination methodology.

The width of each shaded BAL contour is a diagrammatic representation of the separation distances from the classified vegetation that correspond to each BAL for each separately identified area of classified vegetation. They have been calculated by the application of the unique site variables including vegetation types and structure, ground slope and applied fire weather.

(Refer to Section 3.2 'Understanding the Results of the Bushfire Impact Assessment' for the explanation of how BAL(s) for buildings will be assessed from the BAL Contour Map).

Construction of the BAL Contours

VEGETATION AREAS APPLIED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BAL CONTOUR MAP

All identified areas of classified vegetation have been applied.

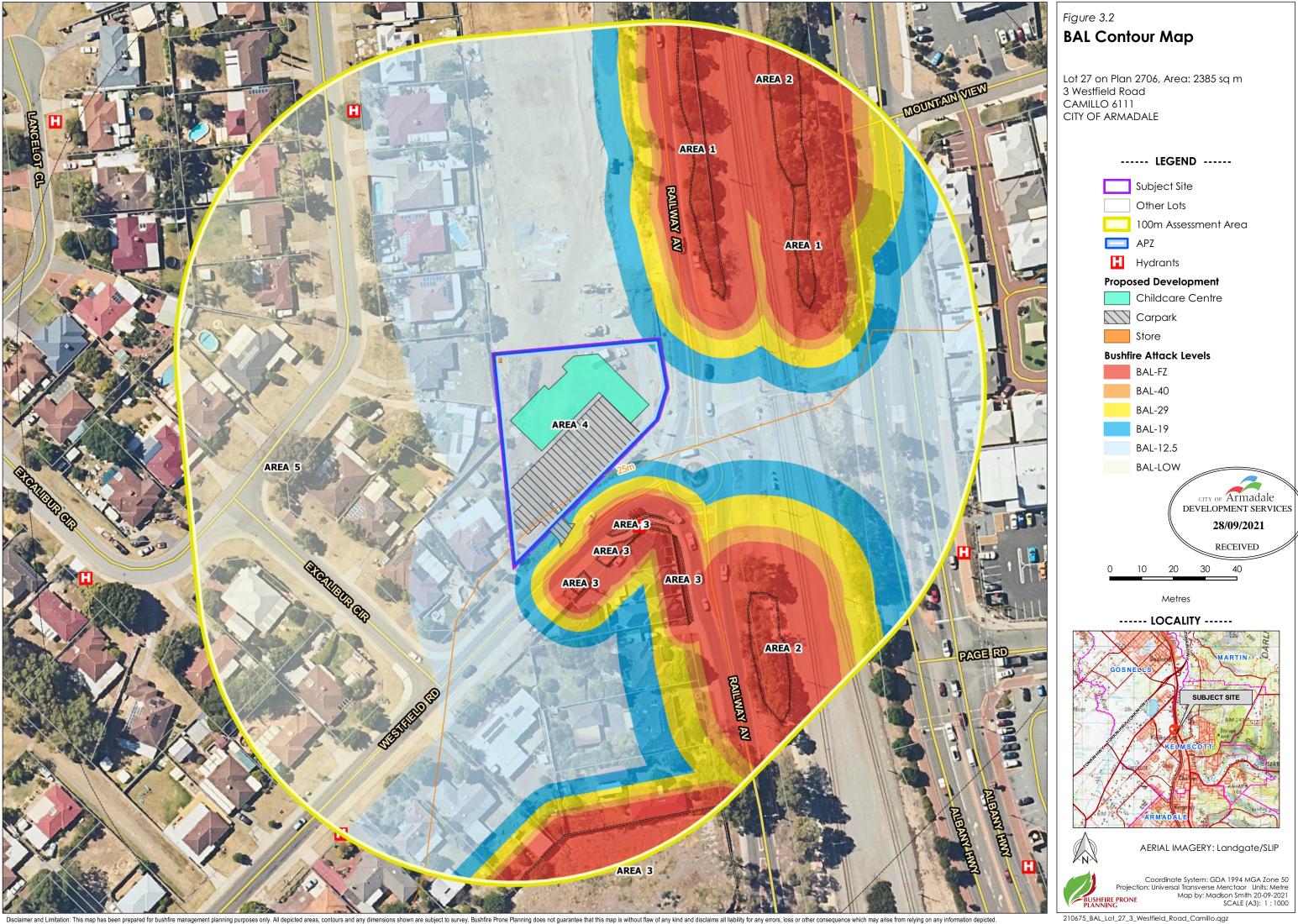
VEGETATION SEPARATION DISTANCES APPLIED

The distances that have been applied to illustrating the width of each BAL contour shown in Figures 3.2 are stated in Table 3.3. These correspond to each Bushfire Attack Level and are specific to the proposed development site.

Table 3.3: Vegetation separation distances applied to construct the BAL contours.

1000	able 3.5. Vegetation separation distances applied to consider the BAE comodis.							
	BAL CONTOUR MAP – APPLIED VEGETATION SEPARATION DISTANCES							
De	Derived from the Application of Method 1 BAL Determination Methodology (AS 3959:2018 Section 2, Table 2.5)1							
ation	Effective Slope BAL and Corresponding Separation Distance (m)						(m)	
vegetation Classification	(degree range)	BAL-FZ	BAL-40	BAL-29	BAL-19	BAL12.5	BAL- LOW	
1	Class D Scrub	upslope or flat	<10	10-<13	13-<19	19-<27	27-<100	>100
2	Class A Forest	upslope or flat	<16	16-<21	21-<31	31-<42	42-<100	>100
3	Class G Grassland	upslope or flat	<6	6-<8	8-<12	12-<17	17-<50	>50
4	Excluded AS3959:2018 2.2.3.2 (f)	N/A	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	Excluded AS3959:2018 2.2.3.2 (e)(f)	N/A	-	-	-	-	-	-







3.2.2 Bushfire Attack Level Results - Derived from The BAL Contour Map

Table 3.4: Determined BAL for proposed building works.

BUSHFIRE ATTACK LEVEL FOR EXISTING/PLANNED BUILDINGS/STRUCTURE				
BAL Determination Methodology Applied ¹ Method 1 as per AS 3959:2018 s2.2.6 and Table 2.5.				
Building/Structure Description	Determined BAL			
(planned/existing)	(refer to start of s3.2)			
Proposed childcare centre	BAL-12.5			
Store BAL-12.5				
Note ¹ Assessment inputs applied are presented in Section 3.1.				







4 IDENTIFICATION OF BUSHFIRE HAZARD ISSUES

In response to the Bushfire Management Plan requirements established by Appendix 5 of the Guidelines for Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas (WAPC 2017 v1.3), the following statements are made to assist in the understanding of whether the proposal is likely to be able to comply with the bushfire protection criteria now or in subsequent planning stages.

Spatial Context - Broader Landscape Considerations					
Wider road network and access constraints	The surrounding area has an extensive public road network at the larger scale associated with the residential zoning. At a more local level, numerous access/egress options are available in different directions. There is no access constraint for the subject site with regard to what is considered acceptable from a planning perspective.				
Proximity of settlements and emergency services	The subject site is located in central Kelmscott/Camillo, surrounded by residential urban areas. The Armadale Fire and Rescue Service is 5.5 km away (9 minutes travel time), Maddington Fire and Rescue Service is 11.3 km away (15 minutes travel) and Bedfordale Volunteer Bushfire Brigade is 10.3 km away (13 minutes travel time).				
Bushfire prone vegetation types and extent (including conserved vegetation)	Bushfire prone vegetation exist across the broader landscape as retained native vegetation (jarrah/marri forest) but is separated by residential and managed areas. The bushfire prone vegetation is interspersed with improved pastures (grassland) and asset protection zones around existing dwellings. Screening vegetation (scrub and forest vegetation) follows the trainline to the north and south of the subject site. Most of the bushfire prone vegetation is regional parkland. The Banyowla Regional Park (approximately 2607 ha) is ~ 900 m northeast from the subject site. Additional vegetation follows the Canning River along the riverbank and in non-developed areas >1 km northwest of the subject site. The forest vegetation will produce significant embers and firebrands in a bushfire event primarily due to the type of bark.				
Topography and fire behaviour interactions.	The topography is mostly flat, with some areas gently undulating with slopes between zero to five degrees. Bushfire rates of spread can double for every ten degrees of upslope while downslopes will slow the rate of spread.				
Potential for extreme fire behaviour and pyro convective events.	Unlikely due to the fragmentation of areas of bushfire prone vegetation due to cleared and built-up areas, fuel load management by landowners and the availability of emergency services (including being a part of the greater Perth metropolitan area).				
	Environmental Considerations				
Constraints to implementing required and/or additional bushfire protection measures	The environment considerations have not identified any issues in regard to implementing required and/or additional bushfire protection measures.				
	Provision of Access Within the Subject Site				
Potential constraints	No constraints to establishing the required access will exist.				
Potential Bushfire Impacts					
Flame and radiant heat and ability to establish an APZ	A BAL-12.5 dimensioned APZ is to be established within the lot. This will prevent flame contact from the classified vegetation. An APZ will be established over the entire lot (as directed under the City of Armadale Firebreak Notice) and the proposed childcare will be subject to a maximum BAL of BAL-12.5.				
Embers/firebrands, smoke and fire-driven wind	These will be the major impacts to the subject site. The appropriate protection measures of building construction and strict management of the APZ will mitigate the risk to what is considered an acceptable level.				



Issues to be Considered at Subsequent Planning Stages (additional assessments/documents)				
Specific land uses to be addressed	N/A			
Additional assessments	N/A			
Additional documents	Bushfire Emergency Evacuation Plan (BEEP) & Bushfire Evacuation Poster			
Discretionary I	Decision Making and the Precautionary Principle (SPP 3.7 and Guidelines)			
Does the bushfire consultant consider there are issues that need to be addressed in this space?	No.			





5 ASSESSMENT AGAINST THE BUSHFIRE PROTECTION CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE GUIDELINES

For a development application that is not a 'Tourism Land Use' to be considered compliant with SPP 3.7, it must satisfy (achieve) the intent of each of the four elements of the bushfire protection criteria. These criteria are established by the Guidelines for Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas WAPC 2017 v1.3). Compliance can be achieved by either:

- Meeting all applicable acceptable solutions corresponding to each element (i.e. the minimum bushfire protection measures that are deemed to satisfy planning requirements); or
- Where an acceptable solution cannot be met, by developing a performance solution that satisfies the established requirements.

5.1 Local Government Variations to Apply

Local governments may add to or modify the acceptable solutions of the Bushfire Protection Criteria (BPC) and/or apply technical requirements that vary from those specified in the Guidelines for Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas (WAPC). In such instances, this Proposal will be assessed against these variations and/or any specific local government technical requirements for emergency access and water. Refer to Appendices 2 and 3 for relevant technical requirements.

Will local or regional variations (endorsed by WAPC / DFES) to the applicable acceptable solutions established by the *Guidelines* or the *Position Statement: Tourism land uses in bushfire* prone areas WAPC October 2019, apply to this Proposal?

N/A





5.2 Summary of Assessment Against the Bushfire Protection Criteria

SUMMARISED OUTCOME OF THE ASSESSMENT AGAINST THE BUSHFIRE PROTECTION CRITERIA							
Basis for the Proposal Achieving Full Compliance with SPP 3.7					The Proposal Cannot Achieve		
	Acceptable Solutions Met			Achieves the Intent of the Element		Full Compliance with SPP 3.7	
Element of the Bushfire Protection Criteria	All applicable solutions are fully met	All applicable solutions are not fully met. A merit based assessment and/or a bushfire performance comparison of the proposals residual risk with that of the residual risk of the acceptable solution is conducted (refer Note 4)		A performance principle-based solution is applied	Bushfire planning development type that may not require full compliance is applied	An improvement in bushfire performance compared to the existing development is detailed (refer Note 4)	
1. Location	✓						
Siting and Design of Development	✓))		
3. Vehicular Access	✓				N/A		
4. Water	✓						

Note: The development proposal has been assessed:

- 1. Against the requirements established in Appendix 4 of the Guidelines for Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas, WAPC 2017 v1.3 (Guidelines). The Guidelines are found at https://www.planning.wa.gov.au/8194.aspx; and
- 2. Applying the interpretation guidance provided in Position Statement: Planning in bushfire prone areas Demonstrating Element 1: Location and Element 2: Siting and design (WAPC Nov 2019).
- 3. Applying any endorsed variations to the Guideline's acceptable solutions and associated technical requirements that have been established by the local government. If known and applicable these have been stated in Section 5.1 with the detail included as an appendix if required by the local government.
- 4. When non-compliant with SPP 3.7 and when appropriate, by utilising additional compliance pathways that include the application of merit based assessment and comparative bushfire performance. The validity of this approach is derived from relevant decisions made by the responsible authorities (refer Appendix 2).







5.3 Assessment Detail

Element 1: Location

Intent: To ensure that strategic planning proposals, subdivision and development applications are located in areas with the least possible risk of bushfire to facilitate the protection of people, property and infrastructure.

Compliance: How the proposed development achieves the intent of Element 1:

By fully meeting all applicable acceptable solutions established by the bushfire protection criteria (Guidelines v1.3 WAPC 2017)

ASSESSMENT (COMPLIANCE) STATEMENTS

For each applicable acceptable solution, the following statements present the results of the assessment of the proposed development/use against the requirements established by the Guidelines (WAPC 2017 v1.3) and apply the interpretation guidance established by the Position Statement: Planning in bushfire prone areas – Demonstrating Element 1: Location and Element 2: Siting and design (WAPC Nov 2019).

Acceptable Solution: A1.1: Development Location

ASSESSMENT AGAINST THE REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE GUIDELINES

The subject site will provide an area of land that can be considered suitable for development as BAL-40 or BAL-FZ construction standards will not be required to be applied. This meets the requirements established by Acceptable Solution A1.1 and its associated explanatory note.

ASSESSMENT AGAINST THE REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE POSITION STATEMENT

The position statement establishes that:

- The source of risk (the hazard) to be considered in Element 1 is the "level of bushfire exposure" from the type and extent of bushfire prone vegetation and the topography of the land on which it exists; and
- "Consideration should be given to the site context" which includes the land both "within and adjoining the subject site". The "hazards remaining within the site should not be considered in isolation of the hazards adjoining the site, as the potential impact of a bushfire will be dependent on the wider risk context."

The position statement also recognises:

- That the proposed development site and its surrounding land may be part of an area "identified for development or intensification of land use prior to the release of SPP 3.7"; consequently
- Consideration by decision-makers "should also be given to improving bushfire management of the site
 and surrounding area, thereby reducing the vulnerability of people property and infrastructure to bushfire";
 and
- The application of mitigation measures to lessen the risk to the broader area would include improvements
 to the local road network (including emergency access ways), improvements/additions to firefighting
 water supply and increasing separation distance from the hazard.

The Hazard Within the Subject Site

The existing lot is cleared of vegetation for development. There are no bushfire threats within the subject site

The Hazard Adjoining the Subject Site

Bushfire prone vegetation within the residential locality exists as native vegetation classified as Class A Forest, Class B Woodland, Class D Scrub, and Class G Grassland. There is limited land within the locality supporting this vegetation, as the area is largely built out. Residential areas border the west and south of the development site, with the north to



Element 1: Location

become future residential dwellings. The train tracks to the west of the subject site (and screening vegetation) separate additional residential suburbs and commercial areas.

The impact of the slope under the vegetation will be dependent on a bushfire's direction of travel. The area surrounding the subject site is mostly flat, however slopes in the range of zero to five degrees downslope from the lot do exist. Bushfire travelling upslope will have increased intensity and rate of spread. However, the adjoining land cannot be considered as rugged (which would present the potential for more extreme and variable fire behaviour).

Bushfire prone vegetation as native vegetation occurs under these scenarios:

- Native vegetation as reserves or national parks. Banyowla Regional Park (approximately 2607 ha) is ~ 900 m northeast from the subject lot and is a significant expanse of classified forest vegetation. Further south, additional expanses of native forest vegetation exist in the Wungong Regional Park and Araluen area. This forest vegetation will produce significant amounts of embers that could threaten the subject site, dependent on wind. This ember threat will be mitigated by the application of appropriate building design, bushfire construction standards and the ongoing maintenance of the BAL-29 dimensioned APZ, to ensure the buildings will not be impacted by consequential fire within combustible materials used, stored or accumulated within the APZ.
- 2. Remnant native vegetation present in wetlands and small reserves within the residential area. The Westfield Park Reserve and Camillo Wetland is located ~160 m from the subject site. Remnant native vegetation also adjoining the Canning River, which runs north/south ~260 m from the subject site.

Consequently, there are limited scenarios in which the subject development site is likely to be subject to a significant bushfire event.

The development site, within the context of its location in the broader landscape, cannot be considered as being at high risk from the impacts of bushfire.



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Element 2: Siting and Design of Development

Intent: To ensure that the siting and design of development (note: not building/construction design) minimises the level of bushfire impact.

Compliance: How the proposed development achieves the intent of Element 2:

By fully meeting all applicable acceptable solutions established by the bushfire protection criteria (Guidelines v1.3 WAPC 2017)

ASSESSMENT (COMPLIANCE) STATEMENTS

For each applicable acceptable solution, the following statements present the results of the assessment of the proposed development/use against the requirements established by the Guidelines (WAPC 2017 v1.3) and apply the interpretation guidance established by the Position Statement: Planning in bushfire prone areas – Demonstrating Element 1: Location and Element 2: Siting and design (WAPC Nov 2019).

Acceptable Solution: A2.1: Asset Protection Zone

THE APZ - DEVELOPMENT SITING AND DESIGN PLANNING REQUIREMENTS

The necessary outcome of bushfire planning for development siting and design, is to ensure that a building can be located within the developable portion of any lot (i.e. outside those parts of the lot that form the required R-Code building setbacks, or any other excluded area), and be subject to potential radiant heat from a bushfire not exceeding 29 kW/m² (i.e. a maximum BAL of BAL-29).

This will be achieved when the size of the "low fuel area immediately surrounding a building", the asset protection zone (APZ), is large enough. This requires a certain separation distance to exist between the building and areas of classified vegetation. These are the BAL-29 APZ dimensions and they will vary dependent on site specific parameters.

The APZ should be contained solely within the boundaries of each lot, except in instances where the neighbouring lot(s) or adjacent public land will be managed in a low-fuel state on an ongoing basis, in perpetuity.

Where possible, planning for siting and design should incorporate elements that include non-vegetated areas (e.g. roads/parking/drainage) and/or formally managed areas of vegetation (public open space/recreation areas/ services installed in a common section of land), as either part of the required APZ dimensions or to additionally increase separation distances to provide greater protection. These elements create robust and easier managed asset protection zones.

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The proposed development on the lot can be surrounded by an APZ that will ensure the potential radiant heat impact of a bushfire does not exceed 29 kW/m² (BAL-29). The required APZ specifications of width, location and management can be achieved.

APZ Width: The required APZ dimensions to ensure buildings are subject to a maximum BAL of BAL-29 (measured from any external wall or supporting post or column to the edge of the classified vegetation), has been determined in Section 3.2 of this BMP and are:

BAL-29 APZ Dimensions					
Applicable to Following Buildings:	Building to Vegetation Area 1 Scrub	Minimum 13 metres			
Proposed childcare centre	Building to Vegetation Area 2 Forest	Minimum 21 metres			
	Building to Vegetation Area 3 Grassland	Minimum 8 metres			

As directed in the City of Armadale Firebreak Notice, the entire subject site will be managed. The proposed childcare centre will be subject to a maximum BAL of **BAL-12.5**.



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Element 2: Siting and Design of Development

APZ Location: The APZ will exist within the lot.

APZ Management: The whole of the subject lot is to comply with the APZ requirements.

Retained vegetation will be managed in accordance with the technical requirements established by the Schedule 1: 'Standards for Asset Protection Zones (Guidelines). The APZ specifications are also detailed in Appendix 1 and the City of Armadale may have additional requirements established by their Firebreak Notice.

THE APZ – REQUIRED DIMENSIONS TO SATISFY FUTURE BUILDING (AND ONGOING MANAGEMENT)

It is important for the landowner to be aware that the APZ dimensions that will be required to be physically established and maintained on each lot surrounding relevant future buildings, may be different to those stated above for the BAL-29 APZ - which is the minimum dimension a planning proposal needs to show can be established to comply with SPP 3.7.

The actual APZ dimensions to be physically established and maintained, will be based on which of the following establishes the larger APZ dimension:

- The dimensions corresponding to the determined BAL of a building (refer to Section 3.2 for explanation of the 'planning' versus 'building' requirements and 'indicative' versus 'determined' BAL); or
- The APZ dimensions established by the local government's Firebreak Notice.

If the dimensions of the APZ that are to be established are known at this time, they will be stated below.





Element 3: Vehicular Access

Intent: To ensure that the vehicular access serving a subdivision/development is available and safe during a bushfire event.

Compliance: How the proposed development achieves the intent of Element 3:

By fully meeting all applicable acceptable solutions established by the bushfire protection criteria (Guidelines v1.3 WAPC 2017)

ASSESSMENT (COMPLIANCE) STATEMENTS

For each applicable acceptable solution, the following statements present the results of the assessment of the proposed development/use against the requirements established by the Guidelines (WAPC 2017 v1.3).

Acceptable Solution: A3.1: Two Access Routes

The subject site is available from Westfield Road which provides at least two access routes to different destinations in different directions. Westfield Road connects to Railway Avenue and Camilo Road.

Acceptable Solution: A3.2: Public Road

No new roads are planned for this development. The existing roads surrounding the subject site are sealed and are appropriate for the public at all times under all weather conditions.

Acceptable Solution: A3.3: Cul-de-sacs (including a dead-end road)

N/A

Acceptable Solution: A3.4: Battle-axe

N/A

Acceptable Solution: A3.5: Private Driveways

The driveway will be less than 50 m from the public road. The proposed driveway is not required to comply with the construction technical requirements established by the Guidelines and/or the local government.

Acceptable Solution: A3.6: Emergency Access Way

N/A

Acceptable Solution: A3.7: Fire Service Access Routes

N/A

Acceptable Solution: A3.8: Firebreak Width

The subject site will comply with the requirements of the local government annual firebreak notice issued under s33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954.





Element 4: Water

Intent: To ensure water is available to the subdivision, development or land use to enable people, property and infrastructure to be defended from bushfire.

Compliance: How the proposed development achieves the intent of Element 4:

By fully meeting all applicable acceptable solutions established by the bushfire protection criteria (Guidelines v1.3 WAPC 2017)

ASSESSMENT (COMPLIANCE) STATEMENTS

For each applicable acceptable solution, the following statements present the results of the assessment of the proposed development/use against the requirements established by the Guidelines (WAPC 2017 v1.3).

Acceptable Solution: A4.1: Reticulated Areas

A reticulated water supply is available to the subject site. A hydrant is located on Westfield Road in front of the existing lot as indicated on Figure 3.1 and at ~140 m intervals along Westfield Road. Additional hydrants are located on Excalibur Circus (100 m and 140 m from subject site) and Banyard Avenue Railway Avenue intersection (140 m away from subject site).

Required hydrant separation distances – 100 m commercial, 200 m residential, 400 m rural residential >1 ha)

The construction technical requirements established by the Guidelines and/or the local government can and will be complied with.

Acceptable Solution: A4.2: Non-Reticulated Areas

N/A

Acceptable Solution: A4.3: Non-Reticulated Areas – Individual Lots

N/A



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5.4 Additional Bushfire Protection Measures

The following bushfire protection measures are to be implemented and maintained. They are additional to those established by the relevant acceptable solutions applied to the proposed subdivision, development or use.

The relevant acceptable solutions are those against which this planning proposal has been assessed in Section 5.3 of this Bushfire Management Plan.

5.4.1 Additional Measures to Improve Bushfire Performance

Buildings of Class 4 to 9 are not required by the Building Code of Australia (BCA) to be constructed to comply with bushfire performance requirements. As the proposed buildings are located in a bushfire prone area and may be subject to bushfire attack, Bushfire Prone Planning recommends that buildings be constructed to their assessed BAL rating.

SUMMARY OF ADDITIONAL BUSHFIRE PROTECTION MEASURES (TREATMENTS) TO BE APPLIED					
	(Detail Contained in Section 5.4)				
Treatment Category	The Relevant Element and its Inter- the Treatment Has Been Develope to Help Achieve				
Siting and Design of Development	Construct the proposed childcare centre to its assessed BAL rating of BAL-12.5.	Element 2 Construction to assessed BAL rating to protect against ember attack.			

5.4.2 Additional Measures Established by the Bushfire Emergency Plan

SPP 3.7 establishes the requirement for a Bushfire Emergency Plan to be developed and used as a bushfire protection measure for 'vulnerable' land uses. The emergency plan is produced as a separate operational document.

It establishes the required actions corresponding to a set of relevant procedures that are to be followed in preparation for a bushfire emergency event and in response to and recovery from, a bushfire emergency event.

The responsibility for the facility/premises owner/manager to ensure the requirements of Bushfire Emergency Plan are actioned every year, is established in Section 6 of this Bushfire Management Plan.

Additional Bushfire Protection Measures - To Implement at Design Stage or Prior to Operation				
Bushfire Protection Measure	Relevant Site Specific Details	Application		
Ensure the Bushfire Emergency Plan is developed.		To be applied		
Complete all actions of the Pre-Season Prepare Procedure established in the Bushfire Emergency Plan, prior to initial operation.		To be applied		
Any proposed buildings that are not Class 1, 2 3 or 10(a), are to be constructed to the bushfire standard established by either AS 3959-2018 or the NASH Standard and corresponding to their determined BAL rating, or greater.		To be applied		
To reduce the risks from gas flaring or explosion, the installation of LP Gas cylinders must be in accordance with AS 1596:2014. This includes 6m separation from any combustible materials, the use of metal piping and fittings, safety valves directed away from the building and persons access/egress routes and tethers securing cylinders upright to be non-combustible.	Lincrease the robustness of the new building I	To be applied		



Additional Bushfire Protection Measures - Ongoing Operational						
Bushfire Protection Measure	Relevant Site Specific Details	Application				
Each year complete the actions of the Pre-Season Prepare Procedure established in the Bushfire Emergency Plan.		To be applied				
A responsible person, with appropriate bushfire emergency training, must always be present on-site (staff / caretaker / landowner) to oversee emergency management procedures.	Bushfire Emergency Plan this an important	To be applied				





6 RESPONSIBILITIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE BUSHFIRE PROTECTION MEASURES

Table 6.1: BMP Implementation responsibilities prior to occupancy or building.

	Landowner (Developer) - Prior to Occupancy
No.	Implementation Actions
1	The local government may condition a development application approval with a requirement for the landowner/proponent to register a notification onto the certificate of title and deposited plan.
	This will be done pursuant to Section 70A <i>Transfer of Land Act 1893</i> as amended ('Factors affecting use and enjoyment of land, notification on title'). This is to give notice of the bushfire hazard and any restrictions and/or protective measures required to be maintained at the owner's cost.
	This condition ensures that:
	 Landowners/proponents are aware their lot is in a designated bushfire prone area and of their obligations to apply the stated bushfire risk management measures; and
	 Potential purchasers are alerted to the Bushfire Management Plan so that future landowners/proponents can continue to apply the bushfire risk management measures that have been established in the Plan.
2	Prior to sale and post planning approval, the entity responsible for having the BMP prepared should ensure that anyone listed as having responsibility under the Plan has endorsed it and is provided with a copy for their information and informed that it contains their responsibilities. This includes the landowners/proponents (including future landowners where the Plan was prepared as part of a subdivision approval), local government and any other authorities or referral agencies ('Guidelines' s4.6.3).
3	Establish the Asset Protection Zone (APZ) surrounding proposed childcare centre to the largest dimension as determined by either: • The dimensions corresponding to the determined BAL of a building (refer to Section 3.2 for explanation of the 'planning' versus 'building' requirements and 'indicative' versus 'determined'
	 BAL); or The dimensions corresponding to the local government's Firebreak Notice (entire lot).
	Establish the APZ to the above dimensions and to the standards established by the Guidelines (refer to Appendix 1) or as varied by the local government through their Firebreak Notice.
	This is the responsibility of the developer.
	Prior to sale of the subject lots, each individual lot is to be compliant with the City of Armadale Firebreak Notice issued under s33 of the Bushfires Act 1954.
4	This may include specifications for asset protection zones that differ from the Guideline's APZ Standards, with the intent to better satisfy local conditions. When these are more stringent than those created by the Guidelines, or less stringent and endorsed by the WAPC and DFES, they must be complied with. Refer to Appendix 1.
5	Prior to occupancy, a copy of the Bushfire Emergency Plan must be provided to the landowner/occupier and they are to be informed that it contains responsibilities that must be actioned due to the subject Proposal's land use being defined as 'Vulnerable'.
	This Plan must be read, and the instructions contained in the Plan that require certain information to be displayed and available to all occupants, must be complied with.
6	Prior to occupancy, install the private driveway to the standards stated in the BMP



7	There is an outstanding obligation, created by this Bushfire Management Plan, for a Bushfire Emergency Plan for proposed occupants to be developed and approved for the 'vulnerable' land use.					
8	Prior to occupancy, all actions contained within the Pre-Season Procedure established by the Bushfire Emergency Plan, must be completed.					
9	Prior to any building work, inform the builder of the existence of this Bushfire Management Plan and the responsibilities it contains, regarding the required construction standards. This will be:					
	 The standard corresponding to the determined BAL, as per the bushfire provisions of the Building Code of Australia (BCA); and/or 					
	 A higher standard because the BMP establishes that the construction standard is to correspond to a higher BAL as an additional bushfire protection measure. 					
10	To implement and maintain the additional bushfire protection measures contained in Section 5.4 of this Bushfire Management Plan, in addition to the measures that are established by the acceptable solutions.					





Table 6.2: Ongoing management responsibilities for the Landowner/Occupier.

	Landowner/Occupier - Ongoing
No.	Ongoing Management Actions
1	Maintain the Asset Protection Zone (APZ) surrounding proposed childcare centre to the largest dimension as determined by either:
	The dimensions corresponding to the determined BAL of a building (refer to Section 3.2 for explanation of the 'planning' versus 'building' requirements and 'indicative' versus 'determined' BAL); or
	The dimensions corresponding to the local government's Firebreak Notice (entire lot).
	Maintain the APZ to the above dimensions and to the standards established by the Guidelines (refer to Appendix 1) or as varied by the local government through their Firebreak Notice.
2	Comply with the City of Armadale Firebreak Notice issued under s33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954.
	This may include specifications for asset protection zones that differ from the Guideline's APZ Standards, with the intent to better satisfy local conditions. When these are more stringent than those created by the Guidelines, or less stringent and endorsed by the WAPC and DFES, they must be complied with. Refer to Appendix 1.
3	Maintain vehicular access routes within the lot to the required surface condition and clearances as stated in the BMP.
4	Ensure that any builders (of future structures on the lot) are aware of the existence of this Bushfire Management Plan and the responsibilities it contains regarding the application of construction standards corresponding to a determined BAL.
5	Ensure all future buildings the landowner has responsibility for, are designed and constructed in full compliance with: 1. the requirements of the WA Building Act 2011 and the bushfire provisions of the Building Code of Australia (BCA); and 2. with any identified additional requirements established by this BMP or the local government.
6	To implement and maintain, the additional bushfire protection measures contained in Section 5.4 of this Bushfire Management Plan, in addition to the measures that are established by the acceptable solutions.
7	Annually review the Bushfire Emergency Plan and conduct the pre-season preparation procedure.

Table 6.3: Ongoing management responsibilities for the Local Government.

Local Government - Ongoing				
No.	Ongoing Management Actions			
1	Monitor landowner compliance with the Bushfire Management Plan and the annual Firebreak Notice.			





APPENDIX 1: TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ONSITE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

A1.1 Requirements Established by the Guidelines – Standards for Asset Protection Zones

(Source: Guidelines for Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas - WAPC 2017 v1.3 Appendix 4, Element 2, Schedule 1 and Explanatory Note E2.1)

DEFINING THE ASSET PROTECTION ZONE (APZ)

Description: An APZ is an area surrounding a building that is managed to reduce the bushfire hazard to an acceptable level (by reducing fuel loads). The width of the required APZ varies with slope and vegetation and varies corresponding to the BAL rating determined for a building (lower BAL = greater dimensioned APZ).

For planning applications, the minimum sized acceptable APZ is that which is of sufficient size to ensure the potential radiant heat impact of a fire does not exceed 29kW/m² (BAL-29). It will be site specific.

For subdivision planning, design elements and excluded/low threat vegetation adjacent to the lot(s) can be utilised to achieve the required vegetation separation distances and therefore reduce the required dimensions of the APZ within the lot(s).

Defendable Space: The APZ includes a defendable space which is an area adjoining the asset within which firefighting operations can be undertaken to defend the structure. Vegetation within the defendable space should be kept at an absolute minimum and the area should be free from combustible items and obstructions. The width of the defendable space is dependent on the space, which is available on the property, but as a minimum should be 3 metres.

Establishment: The APZ should be contained solely within the boundaries of the lot on which the building is situated, except in instances where the neighbouring lot or lots will be managed in a low-fuel state on an ongoing basis, in perpetuity.

The APZ may include public roads, waterways, footpaths, buildings, rocky outcrops, golf courses, maintained parkland as well as cultivated gardens in an urban context, but does not include grassland or vegetation on a neighbouring rural lot, farmland, wetland reserves and unmanaged public reserves.

[Note: Regardless of whether an Asset Protection Zone exists in accordance with the acceptable solutions and is appropriately maintained, fire fighters are not obliged to protect an asset if they think the separation distance between the dwelling and vegetation that can be involved in a bushfire, is unsafe.]

Schedule 1: Standards for APZ

Fences: within the APZ are constructed from non-combustible materials (e.g. iron, brick, limestone, metal post and wire). It is recommended that solid or slatted non-combustible perimeter fences are used.

Objects: within 10 metres of a building, combustible objects must not be located close to the vulnerable parts of the building i.e. windows and doors.

Fine Fuel Load: combustible dead vegetation matter less than 6 mm in thickness reduced to and maintained at an average of two tonnes per hectare (example below).





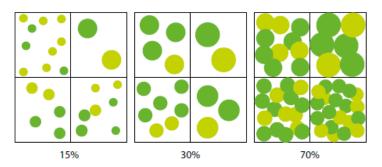
Example: Fine fuel load of 2 t/ha

(Image source: Shire of Augusta Margaret River's Firebreak and Fuel Reduction Hazard Notice)



Trees (> 5 metres in height): trunks at maturity should be a minimum distance of 6 metres from all elevations of the building, branches at maturity should not touch or overhang the building, lower branches should be removed to a height of 2 metres above the ground and or surface vegetation, canopy cover should be less than 15% with tree canopies at maturity well spread to at least 5 metres apart as to not form a continuous canopy. Diagram below represents tree canopy cover at maturity.

Tree canopy cover – ranging from 15 to 70 per cent at maturity



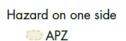
(Source: Guidelines for Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas 2017, Appendix 4)

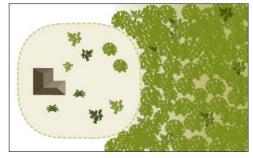
Shrubs (0.5 metres to 5 metres in height): should not be located under trees or within 3 metres of buildings, should not be planted in clumps greater than 5m2 in area, clumps of shrubs should be separated from each other and any exposed window or door by at least 10 metres. Shrubs greater than 5 metres in height are to be treated as trees.

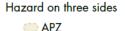
Ground covers (<0.5 metres in height): can be planted under trees but must be properly maintained to remove dead plant material and any parts within 2 metres of a structure, but 3 metres from windows or doors if greater than 100 mm in height. Ground covers greater than 0.5 metres in height are to be treated as shrubs.

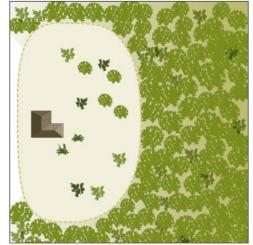
Grass: should be managed to maintain a height of 100 mm or less.

The following example diagrams illustrate how the required dimensions of the APZ will be determined by the type and location of the vegetation.













A1.2 Requirements Established by the Local Government – the Firebreak Notice

The local government's current Firebreak Notice is available on their website, at their offices and is distributed as ratepayer's information. It must be complied with.

These requirements are established by the local government's Firebreak Notice created under s33 of the Bushfires Act 1954 and issued annually (potentially with revisions). The Firebreak Notice may include additional components directed at managing fuel loads, accessibility and general property management with respect to limiting potential bushfire impact.

If Asset Protection Zone (APZ) specifications are defined in the Firebreak Notice, these may differ from the Standards established by the Guideline's, with the intent to better satisfy local conditions. When these are more stringent than those created by the Guidelines, or less stringent and endorsed by the WAPC and DFES, they must be complied with.

The APZ dimensions to be physically established and maintained, will be based on which of the following establishes the larger APZ dimension:

- The dimensions corresponding to the determined BAL of a building (refer to Section 3.2 explanation of the 'planning' versus 'building' requirements and 'indicative' versus 'determined' BAL(s)); or
- The APZ dimensions established by the local government's Firebreak Notice.

A1.3 Requirements Recommended by DFES – Property Protection Checklists

Further guidance regarding ongoing/lasting property protection (from potential bushfire impact) is presented in the publication 'DFES – Fire Chat – Your Bushfire Protection Toolkit'. It is available from the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) website.

A1.4 Requirements Established by AS 3959:2018 – 'Minimal Fuel Condition'

This information is provided for reference purposes. This knowledge will assist the landowner to comply with Management Requirement No. 3 set out in the Guidance Panel at the start of this Appendix. It identifies what is required for an area of land to be excluded from classification as a potential bushfire threat.

"Australian Standard - AS 3959:2018 Section 2.2.3.2: Exclusions - Low threat vegetation and non-vegetated areas:

The Bushfire Attack Level shall be classified BAL-LOW where the vegetation is one or a combination of the following:

- a) Vegetation of any type that is more than 100m from the site.
- b) Single areas of vegetation less than 1ha in area and not within 100m of other areas of vegetation being classified vegetation.
- c) Multiple area of vegetation less than 0.25ha in area and not within 20m of the site or each other or other areas of vegetation being classified vegetation.
- d) Strips of vegetation less than 20m in width (measured perpendicular to the elevation exposed to the strip of vegetation) regardless of length and not within 20m of the site or each other, or other areas of vegetation being classified vegetation.
- e) Non-vegetated areas, that is, areas permanently cleared of vegetation, including waterways, exposed beaches, roads, footpaths, buildings and rocky outcrops.
- f) Vegetation regarded as low threat due to factors such as flammability, moisture content or fuel load. This includes grassland managed in a **minimal fuel condition**, (means insufficient fuel available to significantly increase the severity of a bushfire attack for example, recognisable as short cropped grass to a nominal height of 100mm), mangroves and other saline wetlands, maintained lawns, golf courses (such as playing areas and fairways), maintained public reserves and parklands, sporting fields, vineyards, orchards, banana plantations, market gardens (and other non-curing crops), cultivated gardens, commercial nurseries, nature strips and windbreaks (single row of trees)."





APPENDIX 2: TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR VEHICULAR ACCESS

Each local government may have their own standard technical requirements for emergency vehicular access, and they may vary from those stated in the Guidelines.

When required, these are stated in Section 5.1 of this bushfire management plan.

Requirements Established by the Guidelines – The Acceptable Solutions

(Source: Guidelines for Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas WAPC 2017 v1.3, Appendix 4)

VEHICULAR ACCESS TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS - PART 1

Acceptable Solution 3.5: Private Driveways

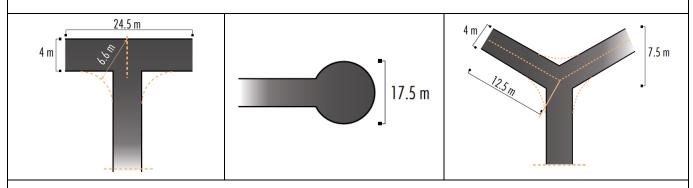
The following requirements are to be achieved:

• The design requirements set out in Part 2 of this appendix; and

Where the house site is more than 50 metres from a public road:



- Passing bays every 200 metres with a minimum length of 20 metres and a minimum width of two metres (ie combined width of the passing bay and constructed private driveway to be a minimum six metres);
- Turn-around areas every 500 metres and within 50 metres of a house, designed to accommodate type 3.4 fire appliances to turn around safely (ie kerb to kerb 17.5 metres);
- Any bridges or culverts are able to support a minimum weight capacity of 15 tonnes; and
- All weather surface (i.e. compacted gravel, limestone or sealed).



Acceptable Solution 3.8: Firebreak Width

Lots greater than 0.5 hectares must have an internal perimeter firebreak of a minimum width of three meters or to the level as prescribed in the local firebreak notice issued by the local government.

VEHICULAR ACCESS TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS - PART 2								
	Vehicular Access Types							
Technical Component	Public Roads	Cul-de-sacs	Private Driveways	Emergency Access Ways	Fire Service Access Routes			
Minimum trafficable surface (m)	6*	6	4	6*	6*			
Horizontal clearance (m)	6	6	6	6	6			
Vertical clearance (m)	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5			
Maximum grade <50 metres	1 in 10	1 in 10	1 in 10	1 in 10	1 in 10			
Minimum weight capacity (t)	15	15	15	15	15			
Maximum cross-fall	1 in 33	1 in 33	1 in 33	1 in 33	1 in 33			
Curves minimum inner radius (m)	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5			



* A six metre trafficable surface does not necessarily mean paving width. It could, for example, include four metres of paving and one metre of constructed road shoulders. In special circumstances, where 8 lots or less are being serviced, a public road with a minimum trafficable surface of four metres for a maximum distance of ninety metres may be provided subject to the approval of both the local government and DFES.





APPENDIX 3: TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FIREFIGHTING WATER

Reticulated Areas

[Source: Guidelines for Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas WAPC 2017 v1.3, Appendix 4, Element 4]

The Water Corporation's 'No 63 Water Reticulation Standard' is deemed to be the baseline criteria for developments and should be applied unless local water supply authority's conditions apply.

The requirement is to supply a reticulated water supply and fire hydrants, in accordance with the technical requirements of the relevant water supply authority and DFES.

Key specifications in the most recent version/revision of the design standard include:

- **Residential Standard** hydrants are to be located so that the maximum distance between the hydrants shall be no more than 200 metres.
- **Commercial Standard** hydrants are to be located with a maximum of 100 metre spacing in Industrial and Commercial areas.
- **Rural Residential Standard** where minimum site areas per dwelling is 10,000 m² (1ha), hydrants are to be located with a maximum 400m spacing. If the area is further subdivided to land parcels less than 1ha, then the residential standard (200m) is to be applied.

Figure A4.1: Hydrant Location and Identification Specifications

