

### **AMENDMENT NO. 20**

### TO THE

**EAST WANNEROO CELL 2 (SINAGRA)** 

**AGREED STRUCTURE PLAN NO. 4** 

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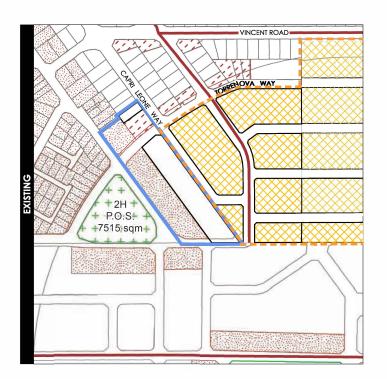
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The City of Wanneroo, pursuant to its District Planning Scheme No. 2, hereby recommends to the Western Australian Planning Commission to approve the abovementioned amendment by:

- 1. Recodes portion of Lot 9001 (30) Capri Leone Way, Sinagra from R20 to R25.
- 2. Designates Lot 9001 (30) Capri Leone Way, Sinagra as Area Subject to R-MD Development Standards.

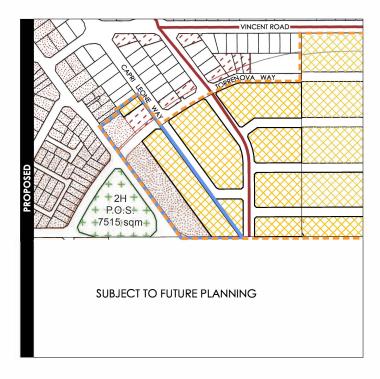
# East Wanneroo Cell 2 (Sinagra) -Agreed Structure Plan No. 4

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# SUBJECT SITE AREA SUBJECT TO R-MD DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS PUBLIC OPEN SPACE R25 R30 R40

NOTE: Unless otherwise denoted the residential code is R20





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This Structure Plan Amendment is prepared under the provisions of the City of Wanneroo District Planning Scheme No. 2

# IT IS CERTIFIED THAT THIS STRUCTURE PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 20 TO THE EAST WANNEROO CELL 2 AGREED STRUCTURE PLAN NO. 4

#### WAS APPROVED BY

RESOLUTION OF THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN PLANNING COMMISSION ON
Signed for and on behalf of the Western Australian Planning Commission
an officer of the Commission duly authorised by the Commission pursuant to section 24 of the <i>Planning and Development Act 2005</i> for that purpose, in the presence of:
Witness
Date
Date of Expiry

#### **PART 2 - EXPLANATORY REPORT**

#### **AMENDMENT NO. 20 TO THE**

#### EAST WANNEROO CELL 2 AGREED STRUCTURE PLAN NO. 4

#### 1 INTRODUCTION

Taylor Burrell Barnett acts on behalf of Jarwin No 6 Pty Ltd in support of the proposed minor amendment to the East Wanneroo Cell 2 (Sinagra) Agreed Structure Plan No. 4 (ASP4) relating to Lot 9001 (30) Capri Leone Way, Sinagra (subject land).

ASP4 was originally endorsed by the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) on 30 June 2004 and has been subject to a number of modifications since its endorsement.

The proposed amendment is the outcome of further detailed planning for the subject land and seeks to modify the density coding currently depicted on the ASP4 maps. The proposed amendment will provide for a more efficient use of the subject land and provide greater flexibility to deliver a range of lot sizes and dwelling types, allowing for development to occur in accordance with the City of Wanneroo's Local Planning Policy 4.19: Medium Density Housing Standards (R-MD). The structure plan amendment will not have an adverse impact on the surrounding land uses or properties, is consistent with orderly and proper planning, and is consistent with other recent amendments in the immediate vicinity of the subject land.

#### **2 LAND DESCRIPTION**

#### 1.1 LOCATION

The ASP4 area is located within the metropolitan north-west corridor, approximately 23 kilometres north of Perth CBD in the City of Wanneroo local government area, within the growing locality of Sinagra.

The subject land is situated south of Pinjar Road, bounded by Capri Leone Way to the northeast, Floresta Street to the southwest, Ingham Enterprises poultry farm to the south and residential property to the north. The surrounding land has been progressively developed for urban purposes, with a mix of low and medium density residential dwellings. The subject land is situated in close proximity to the Wanneroo town centre, which is approximately 850m from the land, immediately south of the ASP4 area.

A development buffer applies to the nearby Ingham's poultry farm, with the southern portion of the subject land situated within the 300m inner buffer precinct, and the northern portion within the 500m outer buffer precinct, measured from the poultry sheds. Subdivision and development within the buffer precinct is restricted until such a time as the poultry sheds have ceased to operate indefinitely, or it is demonstrated that any odour or other impacts can be ameliorated. As the poultry sheds have recently ceased to be used by Ingham's, and are now decommissioned, subdivision is no longer restricted within the buffer zone.

#### 1.2 AREA AND LAND USE

ASP4 covers an area of approximately 214ha and currently comprises a mix of residential dwellings, plant nurseries, tree plantations and rural enterprise properties.

The subject land comprises 1.8243ha and exists with one residential dwelling located on the northern portion of the site, with a number of sheds dispersed throughout the site. The remainder of the land contains a mix of established trees, orchards and vines.

The subject land and immediately adjoining properties are identified for future residential development in accordance with ASP4, upon removal of the poultry farm buffer.

#### 1.3 LEGAL DESCRIPTION AND OWNERSHIP

The legal description and ownership of the land subject to this amendment is outlined in Table 1 below.

Table 1 – Legal Description and Ownership

LOT NUMBER	STREET ADDRESS	DEPOSITED PLAN	VOL/FOLIO	LAND OWNERSHIP
9001	30 Capri Leone Way, Sinagra	65974	2782/700	GARBIN, JUDITH JOYCE & GARBIN, MARIN DUJE

#### 3 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

This amendment seeks to modify the current ASP4 Plan 2: The Agreed Structure Plan by recoding part of the subject land from R20 to R25, and to extend the R-MD development requirements across the site. The R40 and R30 coded portions of the land are proposed to be retained. The street block has been extended south to align with the layout over the adjoining Lot 9500 to the east, and with the street block/road layout under Amendment 18 for the land to the south.

No changes are proposed to the east-west road connection through the site as depicted on ASP4 Plan 2 and proposed under the approved subdivision (WAPC Ref: 157672), which has already progressed subdivision of 0.3251ha on the northern portion of the subject site. The proposed modifications are depicted in the enclosed Amendment Map.

No changes to Plan 1: The Zoning Plan or the Part One text are proposed as part of this amendment. It is understood that the City is progressing a separate amendment to the Structure Plan to remove text and plan references to the poultry shed buffer as a result of the decommission of the Ingham's poultry sheds.

#### 4 JUSTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENT

The purpose of this amendment is to provide for the more efficient use of the subject land, and to provide greater flexibility to deliver a range of lot sizes and dwelling types through the adoption of the R-MD development standards. Furthermore, the adoption of R25 zoning to the north of the subject site will provide for an appropriate transition from the existing R30 zoned property fronting Torrenova Way and Francina View. In support of this amendment, the indictive Concept Plan contained in **Appendix 1** has been prepared to demonstrate how the land is intended to be subdivided by the Applicant. The street block has been extended to the southern boundary to align with the portion contained within Lot 9500, and the proposed street and block layout is consistent with the layout proposed under Amendment 18 for the land to the south.

#### Density

The proposal to increase the density coding is consistent with and seeks to achieve the objectives of State and local strategic planning documents, which encourage increased densities in appropriate locations, housing diversity, adaptability, affordability and choice. The R25 coding of the land will allow for future residential development to occur in accordance with the City's Local Planning Policy 4.19: Medium Density Housing Standards (R-MD) Codes, as enabled under clause 3.2 of ASP4. The application of these standards provides greater opportunity for flexibility to be applied when designing dwellings for smaller lots, to adequately respond to market pressures. These variations to the to the deemed-to-comply provisions of the R-Codes apply only to land coded R25 to R60.

The proposed R25 density code for the subject land is consistent with Amendment 17 to ASP4 for the land immediately east of the subject land and is appropriate in terms of the locational context of the land in an established residential area in relatively close proximity to a town centre. The nominated R25 coding for the northern most portion of the subject site will provide and appropriate transition from the R30 coded lots fronting Torrenova Way, Francina View, down to the R20 lots along Capri Leone Way.

Furthermore, the street block has been extended to the southern boundary to align with the portion contained within Lot 9500 to the east. This is consistent with the street block/road layout proposed under Amendment 18 for the land to the south.

#### **5 PLANNING FRAMEWORK**

# 3.1 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (LOCAL PLANNING SCHEMES) REGULATIONS 2015

Schedule 2 of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* (the Regulations) sets out deemed provisions which apply state-wide to all local planning schemes. Within this, Part 4 deals with structure plans and clause 29 addresses amendments to structure plans.

This amendment to ASP4 has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Regulations.

#### 3.2 STRATEGIC PLANNING FRAMEWORK

#### **Directions 2031 and Beyond**

Directions 2031 and Beyond (Directions 2031) is Western Australia's high-level spatial framework and strategic plan. The document provides a vision for future growth of the metropolitan Perth and Peel region, with the aim of achieving a pattern of growth which promotes a better balance between greenfield and infill development. A medium density 'Connected City' model is put forward as the preferred means to achieve a liveable, prosperous, accessible, sustainable and responsible city.

The subject land is located within the north-west sub-region as identified by Directions 2031, which is expected to supply 167,400 dwellings under the adopted 'Connected City' scenario, with the City of Wanneroo contributing 141,700 dwellings through the development of greenfield sites.

The proposed increase to the residential density applicable to the subject land will facilitate the provision of a range of housing and lot product within the site, contributing towards the City's dwelling target under Directions 2031.

#### Perth and Peel @ 3.5 million & North-West Sub-regional Framework

Perth and Peel @ 3.5 million is a suite of documents released by the WAPC in 2015 for the Perth and Peel metropolitan regions to identify:

- where future homes and jobs should be located;
- how to protect important environmental assets;
- · how to best utilise existing and proposed infrastructure; and
- appropriate areas for greater infill development and residential density.

As part of this documentation, sub-regional planning frameworks have been prepared to guide future development. The frameworks build upon the principles of Directions 2031 and are the key instruments for achieving a more consolidated urban form. The subject land is included within the North-West Sub-regional Planning Framework, which identifies the subject land as 'Urban', after recently being lifted from 'Urban Deferred' due to its proximity to the Ingham's poultry farm.

The minimum urban infill dwelling targets identified for the City of Wanneroo are 3,860 dwellings in 2021-2026 and 2,870 dwellings from 2026-31. This structure plan amendment will assist in achieving the infill dwelling targets for the City of Wanneroo.

The subject land is identified in the Sub-regional Framework for development within the medium-long term, which at the time of its publication was indicated as the year 2022+. This timeframe is expected to coincide with the closure of the poultry farm, and removal of the associated development buffer. The proposed structure plan amendment will allow for the subdivision of the land to occur immediately upon removal of the poultry farm buffer, consistent with the expectations outlined in the Sub-regional Framework.

#### City of Wanneroo Local Housing Strategy - Local Planning Policy 3.1

The City's Local Planning Policy 3.1 – Local Housing Strategy Implementation (LPP3.1) provides the framework to guide the planning and development of increased housing density in the City's existing suburbs. The policy is divided into two parts, dealing with 'Housing Precincts' and 'Other Infill Development'. The subject land is not within an identified Housing Precinct under the Local Housing Strategy, and is therefore subject to the Other Infill Development provisions of the policy.

As this structure plan amendment seeks to increase the density of the subject land, an assessment against the relevant matters under clause 9.1(b) of LPP3.1 is provided in **Table 2** below.

Table 2 – Assessment against LPP3.1 applicable policy provisions

	LPP3.1 PROVISION	ASSESSMENT	COMPLIANCE
i)	Is appropriate within the broader planning framework provided by the Structure Plan	The broader ASP4 area comprises a mix of R20, R25, R30 and R40 coded land, with a small pocket of R10 coded land along the eastern interface with Special Rural zoned land. The proposed R25 coding of the subject land is consistent with the immediately adjoining land to the east and beyond, which was recoded to R25 via Amendments 15 and 17 to ASP4. The proposal is therefore appropriate within the broader planning framework provided by ASP4.	✓
ii)	The criteria in Table 3 of the policy relating to infill development and increased density	Table 3 of LPP3.1 sets out the locational criteria for infill development and increased density, in terms of appropriate densities within a walkable catchment to activity centres and public transport, and relate to density increases of R40 and greater. As the proposal seeks to modify the density of the subject land to R25, the criteria under Table 3 are not considered to apply to this amendment.  Notwithstanding, the subject land will be between 401-800m from the edge of the Wanneroo town centre once the pedestrian links are created through the subdivision/development of the adjoining land to the south. The subject land would therefore be eligible for residential densities up to R40 in accordance with LPP3.1, however, the R25 density code is proposed to ensure future development provides a suitable transition from the town centre, and is compatible with the surrounding lower density residential area.	✓
iii)	The objectives and recommendations of the Local Housing Strategy	The proposal to modify the density of the subject land is consistent with State government policy to increase housing density within the existing urban footprint to meet infill targets. It will also contribute to housing affordability within the City, by allowing greater flexibility in the delivery of a variety of lot sizes and dwelling types. As mentioned above, the subject land is in close proximity to the Wanneroo town centre, and it is therefore appropriate for additional dwellings to be located within close proximity to this existing infrastructure and amenities. Based on this, the proposed density modification is considered to be entirely consistent with the objectives of the LHS.	V

As demonstrated above, the proposal to modify the residential density coding of the subject land is consistent with the policy requirements of LPP3.1 and warrants approval accordingly.

#### **Local Planning Policy 4.19: Medium-Density Housing Standards (R-MD)**

The City's Local Planning Policy 4.19 (LPPS4.19) replaces the R-Code provisions for Medium Density Housing within development zones, by replacing the deemed-to-comply provisions of various clauses of the Residential Design Codes with the provisions set out in the policy. It applies where an approved structure plan identifies that the R-MD standards apply. Clause 3.2 of ASP4 states that development within areas identified on the Structure Plan as subject to R-MD 25 and R-MD 40 is subject to the provisions of LPP4.19. This amendment seeks to include the subject land within the ASP4 R-MD code area to enable future development to take advantage of the augmented development standards for medium-density single houses.

#### 3.3 STATUTORY PLANNING FRAMEWORK

#### **Metropolitan Region Scheme**

The subject land is zoned Urban under the Metropolitan Region Scheme (MRS). The majority of the surrounding area is zoned Urban and Urban Deferred. Under this zoning, urban development is able to proceed immediately upon removal of the poultry farm buffer.

#### City of Wanneroo District Planning Scheme No. 2

The subject land is zoned Urban Development under the City of Wanneroo District Planning Scheme No. 2 (DPS2). As outlined under Clause 3.14 of DPS2, subdivision and development is to be carried out in accordance with an adopted Structure Plan.

As required under the Regulations and DPS2, the approval of City and WAPC is sought for this amendment to ASP4.

#### 3.4 BUSHFIRE

The intent of State Planning Policy 3.7 – Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas (SPP3.7) is to implement effective, risk-based land use planning and development to preserve life and reduce impact of bushfire on property and infrastructure. The accompanying Guidelines for Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas provide advice on how bushfire risk is to be addressed when planning, designing or assessing a planning proposal within a designated bushfire prone area.

The majority of the south and eastern portions of the subject land are designated as bushfire prone on the WA Map of Bushfire Prone Areas (DFES 2021). A Bushfire Management Plan (BMP), contained in **Appendix 2**, has been prepared by Bushfire Prone Planning in order to address the policy requirements of SPP3.7. The BMP has been prepared in accordance with the Guidelines for Planning for Bushfire Prone Areas, which requires Structure Plans to be accompanied by a BMP that includes the results of a strategic level Bushfire Hazard Level (BHL) assessment.

Based on the post-development scenario where vegetation has been cleared from Lot 9001 and adjoining Lot 9500 to the east, the indicative Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) ratings for lots within the subject site will range between BAL-LOW and BAL-29. The BAL assessment for each lot is the highest BAL rating that applies to the lot. For some lots, it is likely that a lower BAL rating can be achieved for future buildings, depending on the size and location of the building on the lot.

#### 3.5 TRAFFIC

Based on the minimal change in density for a portion of the subject site, it is submitted that there will be no adverse effects from any increased traffic based on development under this proposed structure plan amendment. The purpose of the density change from R20 to R25 is to enable the site to be subject to the R-MD development standards.

Under the current zoning of R20, the portion of the subject site has a potential yield of approximately 16 lots. If the proposed structure plan amendment is approved, this will enable the creation of potentially 5 additional lots. In accordance with the WAPC's Transport Impact Assessment Guidelines, a residential land use proposal generating less than 10 vehicle trips in the subdivision's peak hour is considered to be 'Low Impact', and therefore no transport information is required. It is submitted that an increase in development at a scale this small will not increase any proposed traffic which was already considered under adoption of the original Structure Plan. Furthermore, the Applicant, in preparing the structure plan amendment, has also prepared a preliminary subdivision plan (**Appendix 1**). The proposed subdivision layout proposes 14 lots within the current R20 coded area, which is less than the potential 16 lots which could be achieved under the R20 coding.

Therefore, based upon the above, the proposed amendment will not generate any additional traffic beyond what has been planned for under ASP4, and will not result in any adverse impacts on traffic in the surrounding area.

#### 3.6 SERVICING

The site is generally unconstrained with regards to the provision of wastewater, potable water, power, gas and NBN coverage. Due to the current and proposed residential density of the subject site, adequate provision for servicing has already been provided, with the extension of the existing services in the locality being able to provide for these services.

#### 6 CONCLUSION

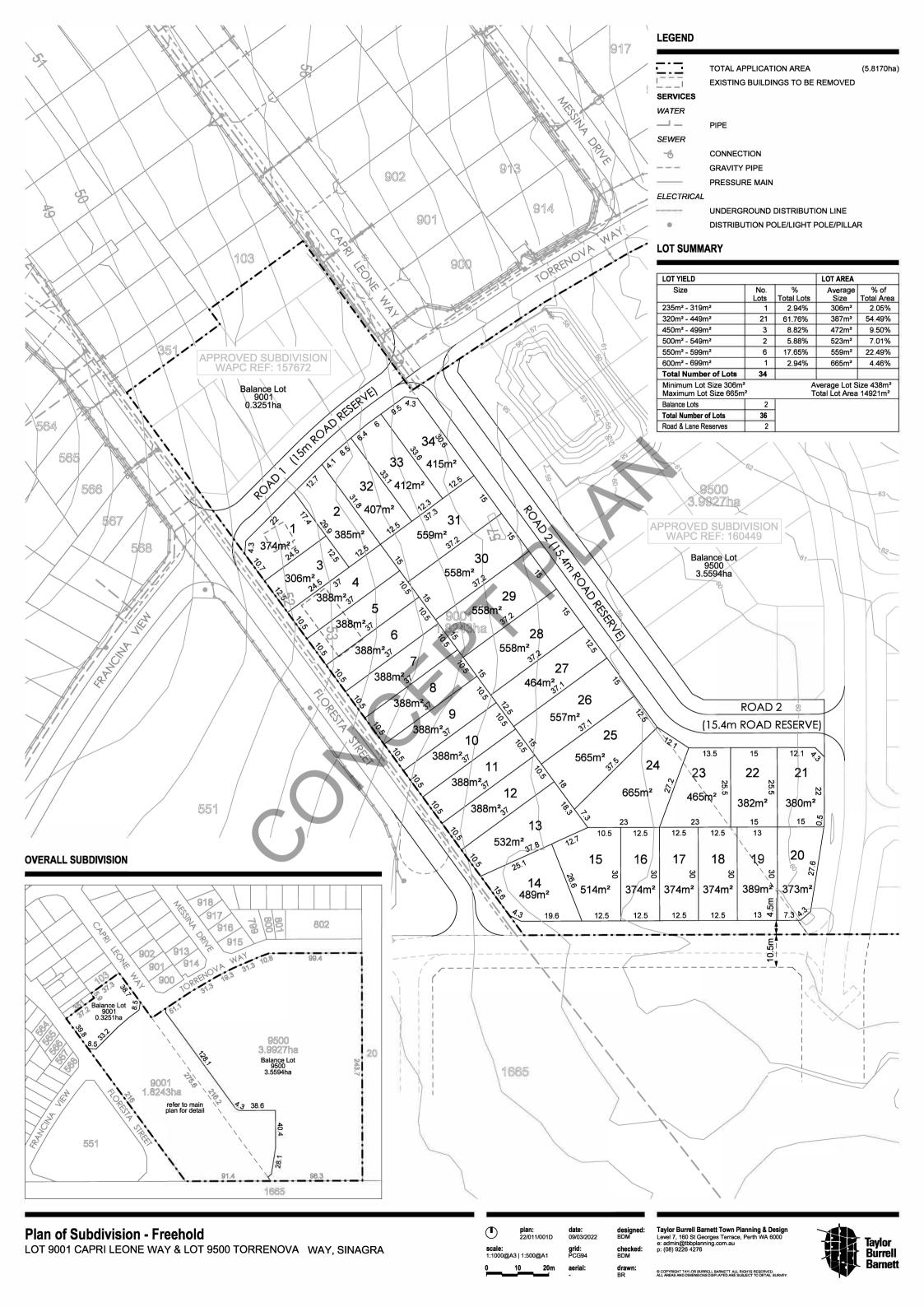
This amendment to ASP4 has been prepared with consideration given to the relevant planning framework and impacts on surrounding properties. The amendment seeks to modify the residential density of part of the subject land, and extend the R-MD development standards across the whole of the subject land.

The amendment has been submitted to allow for the subdivision and development of the subject land to proceed without delay upon removal of the development buffer associated with the Ingham's poultry farm.

The proposal is consistent with objectives and requirements of the applicable statutory and strategic planning frameworks, at both the State and local level.

Having regard to the above, the City and WAPC are requested to support this amendment to ASP4.

# APPENDIX 1 CONCEPT PLAN



# APPENDIX 2 BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT PLAN

# Bushfire management plan/Statement addressing the Bushfire Protection Criteria coversheet

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Site visit: Yes No		
Date of site visit (if applicable):	Day Month Year	
Report author or reviewer:		
WA BPAD accreditation level (ple	ease circle):	
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# **Bushfire Management Plan**

Lot 9001 (#30) Capri Leone Way, Sinagra

City of Wanneroo

**Planning Stage:** Subdivision Application

**Planning Development Type:** Subdivision - Large Number of Lots

Bushfire Policy – Specific

Development or Use Type:

N/A

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**Limitation of Liability:** The measures contained in this Bushfire Management Plan, are considered to be minimum requirements and they do not guarantee that a building will not be damaged in a bushfire, persons injured, or fatalities occur either on the subject site or off the site while evacuating. This is substantially due to the unpredictable nature and behaviour of fire and fire weather conditions. Additionally, the correct implementation of the required bushfire protection measures will depend upon, among other things, the ongoing actions of the landowners and/or operators over which Bushfire Prone Planning has no control.

All surveys, forecasts, projections and recommendations made in this report associated with the proposed development are made in good faith based on information available to Bushfire Prone Planning at the time. All maps included herein are indicative in nature and are not to be used for accurate calculations.

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This Bushfire Management Plan is to accompany a subdivision application for Pt Lot 9500 and Lot 9001 (#30) Capri Leone Way, Sinagra in the City of Wanneroo. The subdivision will create 34 residential lots along with associated roads and services.

The assessments and bushfire protection measures detailed the Bushfire Management Plan, assume that environmental approval will be achieved or clearing permit exemptions will apply.

The whole of the abutting Lot 9500, to the east, is currently being cleared for subdivision development. Some vegetation remains uncleared on the lot at the time of assessment but will be removed shortly. The whole of Lot 9001 will be cleared of vegetation during development of the proposed subdivision.

The proposed subdivision will provide an area of land within each proposed lot 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.

Future buildings on the lot(s) of the proposed subdivision 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. For this proposed subdivision the Asset Protection Zones extend to the boundaries of each lot and includes road verges.

The BAL Assessment for each lot is the highest BAL rating that applies to the lot. For some lots it is likely that a lower BAL rating can be achieved for future buildings, depending upon the size and location of the building on the lot.

Indicative BAL ratings for lots within the subdivision range between BAL-LOW and BAL-29. The exception is Lot 20 which, if the proposed road adjoining the southern boundary of the development is not built prior to the construction of the proposed subdivision, will have a small portion of the lot assessed as BAL-40.

Where the proposed road, adjoining the southern boundary of the subject lot, is not built prior to the construction of the proposed subdivision, then building will be restricted on proposed Lot 20 by the application of a restrictive covenant (129BA Transfer of Land Act 189) as per the WAPC Model Subdivision Conditions Schedule (April 2020) Code F3.

All existing and proposed roads abutting or within the proposed subdivision will comply with the construction requirements of the IPWEA Subdivision Guidelines.

It is expected by the proponent that the proposed road abutting the southern boundary of the subject subdivision will be constructed prior to the construction of this development. This road will provide access for proposed lots 15 to 19 and allow multiple access/egress routes for all lots within the subdivision.

If the road adjoining the southern extents of the subdivision is not constructed before the proposed subdivision of Lot 9001 is under construction:

- 1. Proposed Lots 15 to 19 will remain as a balance lot for the subdivision until such time as compliant road access is made available to those lots.
- 2. Floresta Street will remain as a cul-de-sac.
- 3. The no through road portion of Floresta Street will be approximately 150 metres in length which is compliant with the requirements of the acceptable solutions.

A reticulated water supply is available to the proposed subdivision. The closest existing fire hydrant is located on Floresta Street at the front of proposed Lot 7. Further hydrants will be installed as required by the relevant authorities.

Where the proposed development is staged each stage must comply with the requirements of the Guidelines for Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas and this Bushfire Management Plan. This may require the creation of roads, temporary emergency access ways, management of land or installation of water supply lines outside that particular stage to achieve compliance.

Vegetation on balance lot(s) may adversely affect the indicative BAL ratings of lots being developed. This should be assessed prior to the sale of the lots and the required vegetation on the balance lot managed and maintained until developed, or the indicative BAL ratings for the affected lots amended.

Some future buildings on lots within the proposed subdivision will be subject to a BAL rating of BAL-LOW, and these buildings will not be required to be constructed to bushfire standards. However, as these buildings may still be subject



to ember attack during a bushfire event, Bushfire Prone Planning recommends that some form protection be considered such as construction to BAL-12.5 standards (i.e. ember protection).

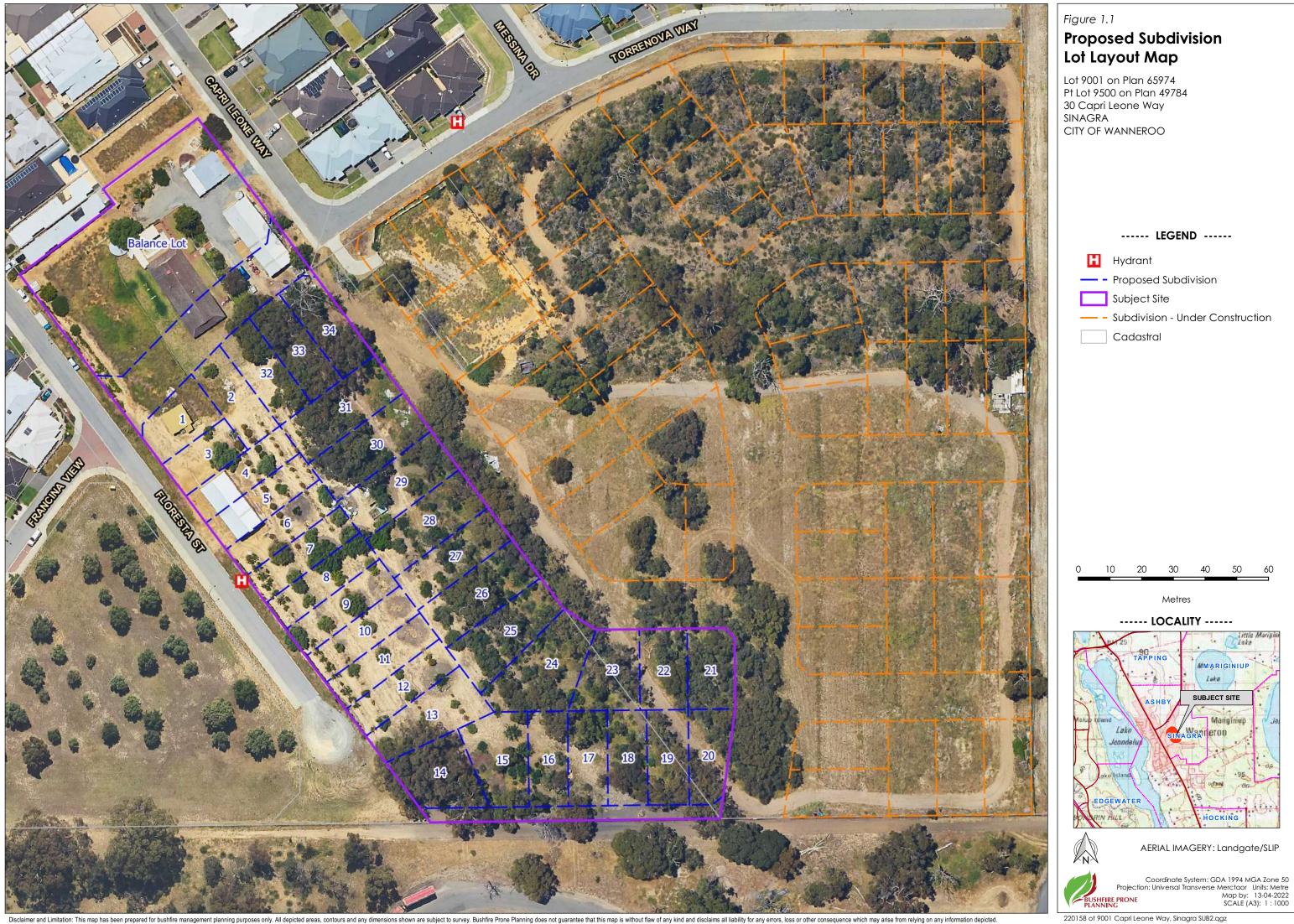
#### 1 PROPOSAL DETAILS

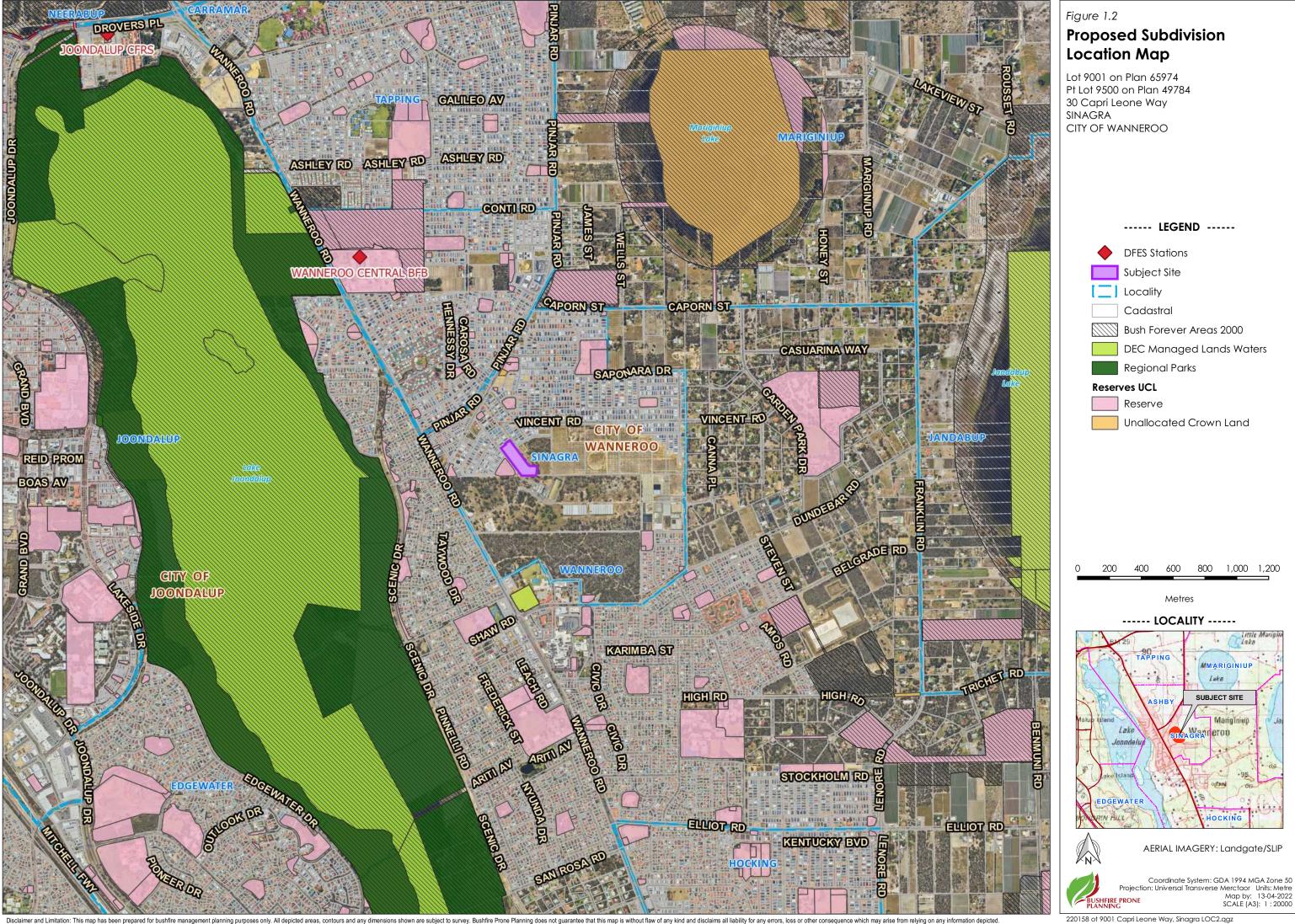
#### 1.1 Description and Associated Plans and Maps

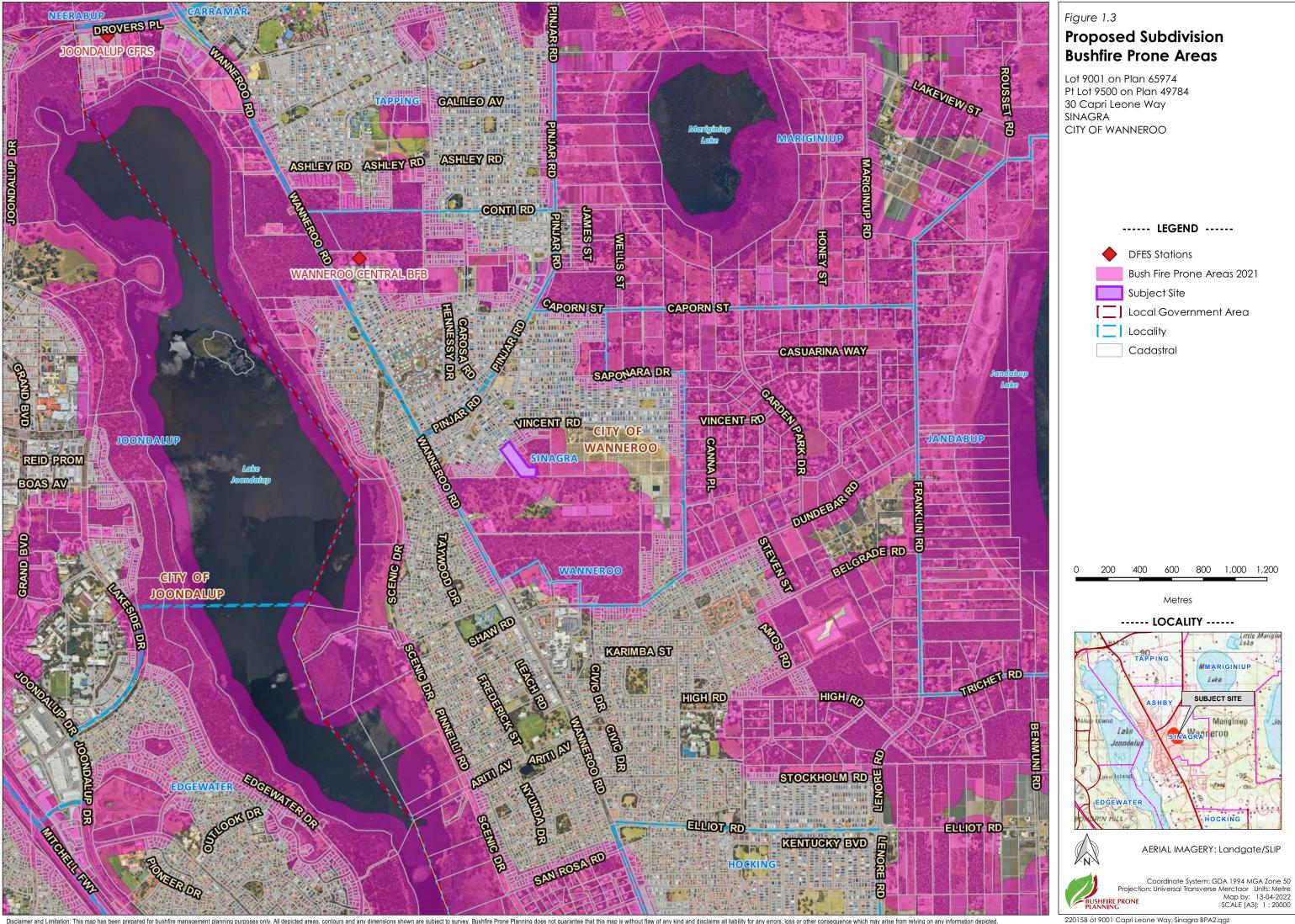
Landowner / Proponent:	Jardim Property
Bushfire Prone Planning Commissioned to Produce the Bushfire Management Plan (BMP) By:	Jardim Property
For Submission To:	WA Planning Commission (WAPC)
Purpose of the BMP:	To accompany a planning application
No. of Existing/Proposed Lots:	Existing lot(s) = 2 / Proposed lot(s) = 34

Description of the Proposed Development/Use:

This Bushfire Management Plan is to accompany a subdivision application for Pt Lot 9500 and Lot 9001 (#30) Capri Leone Way, Sinagra in the City of Wanneroo. The subdivision will create 34 residential lots along with associated roads and services.









#### 1.2 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 2.1: Existing relevant documentation.

RELEVANT EXISTING DOCUMENTS						
Existing Document	Copy Provided by Client	Title				
Structure Plan	No					
Environmental Report	No					
Landscaping (Revegetation) Plan	No					
Bushfire Risk Assessments	Yes	BAL Contour Report Lot 9500 Torrenova Way, Sinagra v2 Dec 2020 (Natural Area Consulting Management Services).				

A BAL Contour Assessment for the subdivision of the abutting lot 9500 has been supplied by the proponent.

#### 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 the need for onsite modification and/or clearing of native vegetation and whether this might 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 2.2: Native vegetation and potential environmental considerations and restrictions.

NATIVE VEGETATION MODIFICATION / CLEARING - POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESTRICTIONS 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 require	ed.	Yes				
Environmental impact/referral requirements and Federal environmental legislation may be		Unlikely				
National Park / Nature Reserve	DBCA-011	No- Confirmed by Proponent	Relevant Database Reviewed by Bushfire Consultant	None		
Conservation Covenant	DPIRD-023	Not Known	Data Not Readily Available to Bushfire Consultant	Proponent to Seek Advice		
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	Not Known	Data Not Readily Available to Bushfire Consultant	Proponent to Seek Advice		
Threatened and Priority Flora including Declared Rare Flora (DRFs)	DBCA-036	Not Known	Data Not Readily Available to Bushfire Consultant	Proponent to Seek Advice		
Land Identified as significant through a Local Biodiversity Strategy	LG - Intramaps	Possible	Data Not Readily Available to Bushfire Consultant	Proponent to Seek Advice		



## Statement of how the identified environmental feature(s) is dealt with in this Bushfire Management Plan (and the location of relevant information):

The assessments and bushfire protection measures detailed the BMP, assume that environmental approval will be achieved or clearing permit exemptions will apply.

It is advised that the proponent seek further advice from an Environmental Consultant or the WA Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions for further information on the condition and species contained within the proposed development area and the requirement for referral of the proposal.

#### **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 2.3: 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 whole of the subject lot is to be cleared during the construction phase of the proposed subdivision.

#### **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

It is expected by the proponent that the proposed road abutting the southern boundary of the subject subdivision will be constructed prior to the construction of the subdivision. This road will provide access for proposed lots 15 to 19. In the event that the proposed road is not constructed prior to the development of the subdivision, then proposed lots 15 to 19 will remain as a balance lot until such time that road access is provided.

#### 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?	No
N/A	
Has a landscape plan been developed for the proposed development?	No
N/A	



#### 3 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 Areas  As per AS 3959:2018 Table 2.1  As per DFES for the Location  Value Applied							
All Vegetation Areas	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 Area	Identified Vegetation Types <sup>1</sup> or Description if 'Excluded'	Applied Vegetation  Classification 1	Effective Slope (degrees) <sup>2</sup> (AS 3959:2018 Method 1)					
Alca	or besemption in Excitated	Classification	Assessed	Applied Range				
1	Open forest A-03	Class A Forest	2	downslope >0-5				
2	Tussock grassland G-22	Class G Grassland	0	upslope or flat				
3	Woodland B-05	Class B Woodland	0	upslope or flat				
4	Sown pasture G-26	Class G Grassland	0	upslope or flat				
5	Open forest A-03	Class A Forest	0	upslope or flat				
6	Tussock grassland G-22	Class G Grassland	10	downslope >5-10				
7	Tussock grassland G-22	Class G Grassland	5	downslope >0-5				
8	Woodland B-05	Class B Woodland	2	downslope >0-5				
9	Managed parks and private gardens, non vegetated areas.	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.

Note<sup>1</sup>: Described and classified as per AS 3959:2018 Table 2.3 and Figures 2.3 and 2.4 (A)-(H)

Note<sup>2</sup>: Effective slope measured as per AS 3959:2018 Section 2.2.5 and Appendix B Part B4

#### Additional Supporting Information

- Vegetation Areas 5 and 6, and portion of vegetation Area 1 are currently being cleared to accommodate the construction of a subdivision on the neighbouring Lot 9500 to the east.
- The whole of Lot 9001 will be cleared prior to construction of the proposed subdivision.

These areas will be excluded when considering Bushfire Attack Levels for the proposed lots.



VEGETATION AREA 1						
AS 3959:2018 Vegetation Classificati	ion Applied:	Class A Forest				
Vegetation Types Present:	Open forest A-03					
Description/Justification:		other eucalypts to 12 metres tall, some banksia and and grass trees, grass understorey.				
Post Dev. Assumptions:	Those portions of Veg be removed prior to	getation Area 1 that are located on Lots 9001 and 9500 will the construction of the proposed subdivision of Lot 9001.				
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VEGETATION AREA 2						
AS 3959:2018 Vegetation Classification	on Applied:	Class G Grassland				
Vegetation Types Present:	Tussock grassland G-22					
Description/Justification:	Photo 2a: Partly managed tussock grasses, firebreak along fence line. Photo 2b: Single row of trees underpruned to above 2 metres, assessed as windbreak and excluded from classification. Partly managed tussock grasses, firebreak along fence line.					
Post Dev. Assumptions:	It is expected that a road, by others will be constructed along this area o vegetation. However, as a precautionary measure, this is not taken into accoun when calculating the BAL ratings of propose lots within the proposed subdivision of Lot 9001.					





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#### **VEGETATION AREA 3**

AS 3959:2018 Vegetation Classification Applied:		Class B Woodland		
Vegetation Types Present:		Woodland B-05		
	Marri and jarrah to 15 metres, partly managed grass understorey. Firebrea along fence line.			

Post Dev. Assumptions: Nil





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VEGETATION AREA 4						
AS 3959:2018 Vegetation Classification Applied: Class G Grassland						
Vegetation Types Present:	Sown pasture G-26					
Description/Justification:	Open partly managed grassland areas. Isolated olive trees.					
Post Dev. Assumptions:	Nil					





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AS 3959:2018 Vegetation Classification Applied:	Class A Forest
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Vegetation Types Present:	Open forest A-03	
Description/Justification:	Marri and jarral	n, banksias, sheoak, shrubs, grass trees, grassy understorery.
Post Dev. Assumptions:	Area is currentl	y being cleared for construction of a subdivision on Lot 9500.





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VEGETATION AREA 6								
AS 3959:2018 Vegetation Classification	Class G Grassland							
Vegetation Types Present:	Tussock grassland G-22							
Description/Justification:	Drainage sump, unmanaged tussock grasses.							
Post Dev. Assumptions:	Area is to be cleared and backfilled for construction of subdivision on neighbouring Lot 9500.							





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AS 3959:2018 Vegetation Classification Applied:		Class G Grassland
Vegetation Types Present:	Tussock grassland G-22	
Description/Justification:	Onsite area of unmanaged tussock grassland.	
Post Dev. Assumptions:	Area will be cleared for construction of proposed subdivision.	





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VEGETATION AREA 8				
AS 3959:2018 Vegetation Classification Applied:		Class B Woodland		
Vegetation Types Present:	Woodland B-05			
Description/Justification:	Sheoaks, banksia, occasional tuart. Isolated grass trees and zamias. Grass understorey.			
Post Dev. Assumptions:	Nil			





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VEGETATION AREA9			
AS 3959:2018 Vegetation Classification Applied:		Excluded as per Section 2.2.3.2 (e) & (f)	
Vegetation Types Present:	Low bushfire threat vegetation		
Description/Justification:	Photos 9a to 9d: Onsite orchard. Photos 9e and 9f: Managed parkland and private gardens.		
Post Dev. Assumptions:	Onsite vegetation will be removed during construction of the proposed subdivision.		





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VEGETATION AREA9				
AS 3959:2018 Vegetation Classification Applied:		Excluded as per Section 2.2.3.2 (e) & (f)		
Vegetation Types Present:	Low bushfire threat vegetation			
Description/Justification:	Photos 9g to 9i: Managed private gardens and street verges. Photos 9e and 9f: Areas being cleared on neighbouring Lot 9500.			
Post Dev. Assumptions:	Nil			





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VEGETATION AREA9			
AS 3959:2018 Vegetation Classification Applied: Excluded as per Section 2.2.3.2 (e) & (f)			
Vegetation Types Present:	Low bushfire threat vegetation		
Description/Justification:	Area being cleared on neighbouring Lot 9500.		
Post Dev. Assumptions:	Nil		

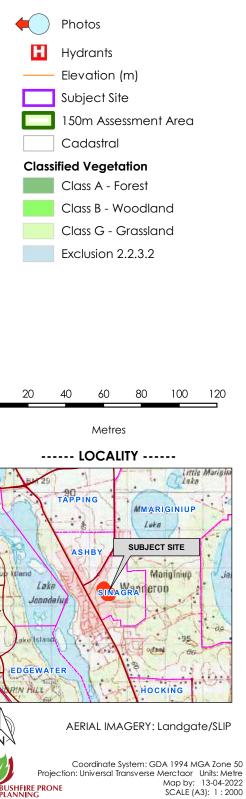


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# **Existing Topography & Classified Vegetation**

Pt Lot 9500 on Plan 49784





# 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 3.2.1), 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 with the following exceptions:

1. All classifiable vegetation within Lots 9001 and 9500 are excluded as these areas will be cleared during construction of the subdivisions on these lots (See Figure 3.2 Post Development Classified Vegetation Map).

The BAL Contour Map assumes the worst case scenario, where the proposed road, by others, adjoining the southern boundary of the development is not built prior to construction of the subdivision.

This approach is applied to indicate the achievable bushfire attack levels within the specified lot and the resultant area of developable land (i.e. subject to BAL-29 or less).

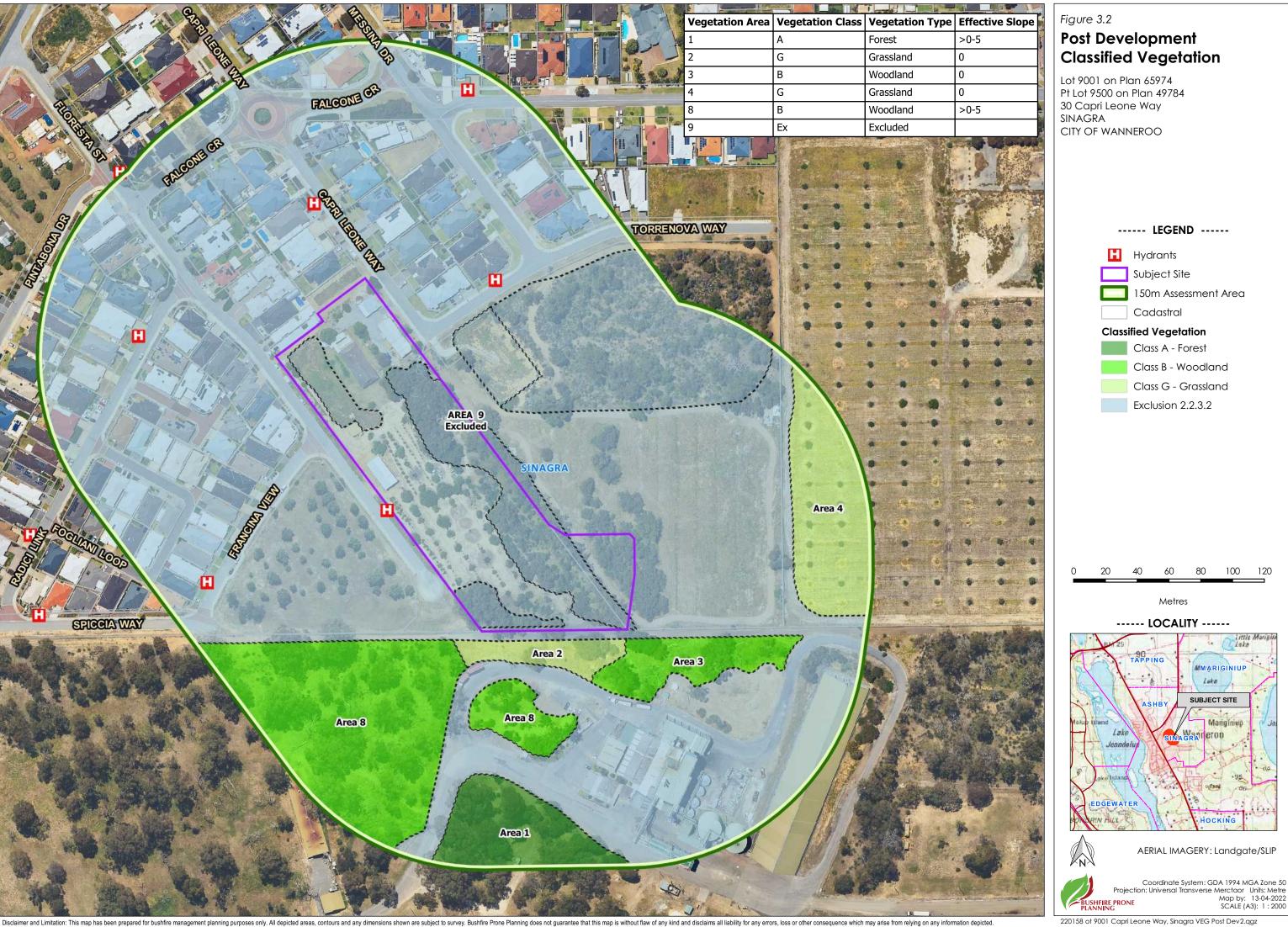


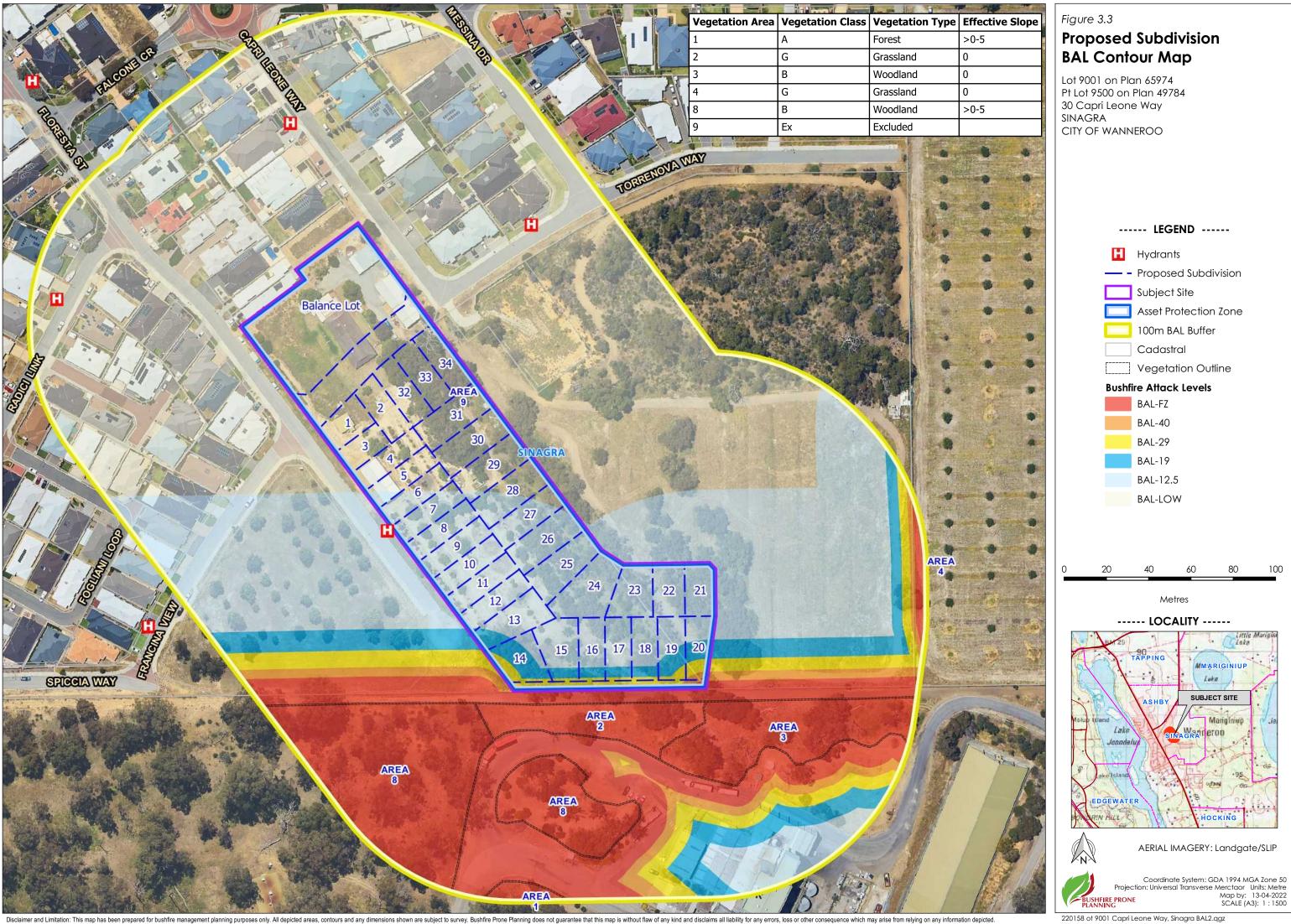
### **VEGETATION SEPARATION DISTANCES APPLIED**

The distances that have been applied to illustrate the width of each BAL contour shown in Figure 3.3 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.

		BAL CONTOUR MAP – APPLIED V	EGETATION	N SEPARAT	ION DISTA	NCES		
Der	Derived from the Application of Method 1 BAL Determination Methodology (AS 3959:2018 Section 2, Table 2.5) <sup>1</sup>							
ation	Vegetation	Effective Slope	BAL and Corresponding Separation Distance (m)					
Vegetation Area	Classification	(degree range)	BAL-FZ	BAL-40	BAL-29	BAL-19	BAL12.5	BAL- LOW
1	Class A Forest	downslope >0-5	<20	20-<27	27-<37	37-<50	50-<100	>100
2	Class G Grassland	upslope or flat	<6	6-<8	8-<12	12-<17	17-<50	>50
3	Class B Woodland	upslope or flat	<10	10-<14	14-<20	20-<29	29-<100	>100
4	Class G Grassland	upslope or flat	<6	6-<8	8-<12	12-<17	17-<50	>50
8	Class B Woodland	downslope >0-5	<13	13-<17	17-<25	25-<35	35-<100	>100
Note <sup>1</sup>	Note <sup>1</sup> All the assessment inputs applied are presented in Section 3.1.							







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

Table 3.4: Indicative BAL(s) for proposed lots.

BUSHFIRE ATTACK LEVEL FOR FUTURE BUILDING WORKS ON PROPOSED LOTS		
BAL Determination Methodology Applied <sup>1</sup>	Method 1 as per AS 3959:2018 s2.2.6 and Table 2.5.	
Let No	Indicative BAL	
Lot No.	(refer to start of s3.2)	
Lots 1 to 4	BAL-LOW	
Lots 5 to 11	BAL-12.5	
Lots 12 and 13	BAL-19	
Lots 14 to 19	BAL-29	
Lot 20	BAL-40 See Table 3.5 below	
Lots 21 to 29	BAL-12.5	
Lots 30 to 34	BAL-LOW	
Balance Lot	BAL-LOW	
Note <sup>1</sup> Assessment inputs applied are presented in Section 3.1.		

Indicative BAL ratings for lots within the subdivision range between BAL-LOW and BAL-29. The BAL Assessment for each lot is the highest BAL rating that applies to the lot. For some lots it is likely that a lower BAL rating can be achieved for future buildings, depending upon the size and location of the building on the lot.

Table 3.5: Indicative bushfire attack levels and corresponding building setbacks.

IND	INDICATIVE BUSHFIRE ATTACK LEVELS FOR FUTURE BUILDINGS ON PROPOSED LOTS AND REQUIRED BUILDING SETBACKS						
Lot ID.	Vegetation Separation Distance to Boundaries of Proposed Lots (stated when relevant)	Relevant Vegetation Area/s <sup>1</sup>	Relevant Lot Boundary <sup>2</sup>	Highest BAL Impacting the Lot	AS 3959:2018  BAL  Determination  Method Applied	Achieve the	Building Setback to e Stated BAL t lot boundary)
	meters					BAL	metres
20	10.4	Area 3	Southern	BAL-40	Method 1	BAL-29	3.6

Note 1: The vegetation area(s) that generate the highest BAL for the lot.

Note<sup>2</sup>: The lot boundary adjacent to the relevant vegetation area from which the required building setback distance to achieve the stated BAL is to be applied.

It should be noted that where the proposed road, by others, adjoining the southern boundary of the development is built prior to construction of the subdivision the BAL rating of Lot 20 will be BAL-29.



# 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 2021 v1.4), 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 proposed subdivision is located within a residential built up area where there are multiple access/egress routes available to the public.		
Proximity of settlements and emergency services	The proposed subdivision is located in the suburb of Sinagra. The nearest commercial centre is located in Wanneroo approximately 2 kms by road to the south of the subject lot.  The nearest emergency service is the Wanneroo Central Bush Fire Brigade located approximately 2.5 kms by road (3 minutes travel time) north of the subject lot.		
Bushfire prone vegetation types and extent (including conserved vegetation)	There are no significant extents of bushfire prone vegetation close to the proposed subdivision. An isolated area of woodland and forest (70 ha) is located to the south of the subject lot and this would be the main bushfire threat to the site. Some retained vegetation surrounds Lake Joondalup approximately 900 meters to the west of the site.		
Topography and fire behaviour interactions.	The topography rises gently from west to east with slopes of 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.	Extreme fire behaviour is unlikely near the proposed subdivision due to large built up residential developments surrounding the site and relatively small fragmented sites of bushfire vegetation.		
Environmental Considerations			
	Environmental Considerations		
Constraints to implementing required and/or additional bushfire protection measures	Environmental Considerations  The environment considerations have not identified any issues that will affect implementation of the bushfire protection measures.		
implementing required and/or additional bushfire	The environment considerations have not identified any issues that will affect		
implementing required and/or additional bushfire	The environment considerations have not identified any issues that will affect implementation of the bushfire protection measures.		
implementing required and/or additional bushfire protection measures	The environment considerations have not identified any issues that will affect implementation of the bushfire protection measures.  Provision of Access Within the Subject Site  A road, constructed by others, is expected to be in place abutting the southern boundary of the subject site prior to the development of the proposed subdivision.  Should this road not be constructed this will restrict the development of some lots within		
implementing required and/or additional bushfire protection measures	The environment considerations have not identified any issues that will affect implementation of the bushfire protection measures.  Provision of Access Within the Subject Site  A road, constructed by others, is expected to be in place abutting the southern boundary of the subject site prior to the development of the proposed subdivision. Should this road not be constructed this will restrict the development of some lots within the subdivision.		



# 5 ASSESSMENT AGAINST THE BUSHFIRE PROTECTION CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE GUIDELINES

For a subdivision application 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 2021 v1.4). 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 Pro	posal Achiev	The Proposal Cannot Achieve			
	Acceptable Solutions Met Achie			ne Intent of the ement	Full Compliance with SPP 3.7	
Element of the Bushfire Protection Criteria	All applicable solutions are fully met	A merit base and/or performanc of the prop risk with residual acceptab	able solutions fully met.  ed assessment a bushfire e comparison osals residual that of the risk of the ble solution is ducted 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	<b>✓</b>				N/A	
3. Vehicular Access	<b>✓</b>				IN/A	
4. Water	<b>✓</b>					

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 2021 v1.4 (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 v1.4 WAPC 2021)

# **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 2021 v1.4) 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 proposed subdivision will provide an area of land within each lot 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.

Indicative BAL ratings for lots within the subdivision range between BAL-LOW and BAL-29. The exception is Lot 20 which, if the proposed road adjoining the southern boundary of the development is not built prior to the construction of the proposed subdivision, will have a small portion of the lot assessed as BAL-40.

Where the proposed road, adjoining the southern boundary of the subject lot, is not built prior to the construction of the proposed subdivision, then building will be restricted on proposed Lot 20 by the application of a restrictive covenant (129BA Transfer of Land Act 189) as per the WAPC Model Subdivision Conditions Schedule (April 2020) Code F3. Figure 3.3 BAL Contour Map depicts the worst case scenario where the proposed southern road is not constructed.

#### 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.



### Element 1: Location

#### The Hazard Within the Subject Site

The whole of the proposed subdivision will be cleared and managed to a low bushfire threat state in perpetuity. There will be no bushfire prone vegetation remaining on the subject site.

#### The Hazard Adjoining the Subject Site

Built up residential areas currently abut the northern and western boundaries of the subject site. A residential subdivision is currently under construction adjoining the eastern boundary of the subject site.

Areas of woodland and forest exist to the south of the subject site. This will be the main area of effect on the proposed subdivision.

The impact of the slope under the vegetation will be dependent on a bushfire's direction of travel, but slopes in the range of zero to five degrees downslope from the proposed lots 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).

The potential bushfire impact on persons and property within the proposed lots will be radiant heat level and to increase the level of ember attack.

This radiant heat and ember threat will be mitigated by the application of appropriate building design and bushfire construction standards. The ongoing maintenance of the BAL APZs will ensure the buildings will not be impacted by consequential fire within combustible materials used, stored or accumulated within the APZ.



# 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 v1.4 WAPC 2021)

### **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 2021 v1.4) 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.

# THE ASSESSMENT

Future buildings on the lot(s) of the proposed subdivision 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		
	Building to Vegetation Area 1	Minimum 27 metres
	Building to Vegetation Area 2	Minimum 8 metres
Applicable to Following Lot(s): All Lots	Building to Vegetation Area 3	Minimum 14 metres
	Building to Vegetation Area 4	Minimum 8 metres
	Building to Vegetation Area 8	Minimum 17 metres



# Element 2: Siting and Design of Development

**APZ Location:** The BAL-29 APZ will exist both within and outside the proposed lots. The portions of the required size APZ that exist outside each proposed lot consist of:

- Adjacent residential lots.
- Road verges.

**APZ Management:** All vegetation that will require modification/removal and future management is onsite and therefore under the control of the landowner.

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 Wanneroo may have additional requirements established by their Fire Mitigation 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.

For this proposed subdivision the Asset Protection Zones extend to the boundaries of each lot and includes road verges.



# 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 v1.4 WAPC 2021)

#### **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 2021 v1.4).

#### Acceptable Solution: A3.1: Public Roads

All existing and proposed roads abutting or within the proposed subdivision will comply with the construction requirements of the IPWEA Subdivision Guidelines.

#### Acceptable Solution: A3.2a: Multiple Access Routes

It is expected by the proponent that the proposed road abutting the southern boundary of the subject subdivision will be constructed prior to the construction of this development. This road will provide access for proposed lots 15 to 19 and allow multiple access/egress routes for all lots within the subdivision (See Figure 5.1).

If the road adjoining the southern extents of the subdivision is not constructed before the proposed subdivision of Lot 9001 is under construction:

- 1. Proposed Lots 15 to 19 will remain as a balance lot for the subdivision until such time as compliant road access is made available to those lots.
- 2. Floresta Street will remain as a cul-de-sac.
- 3. The no through road portion of Floresta Street will be approximately 150 metres in length which is compliant with the requirements of this acceptable solution.

#### Acceptable Solution: A3.2b: Emergency Access Ways

N/A

#### Acceptable Solution: A3.3: Through Roads

All proposed roads will be compliant with this acceptable solution for through roads.

If the southern portion of Floresta Street remains as a cul-de-sac, a temporary turnaround area will be installed until such time as this section of road becomes a through road (see Appendix 2 for specifications).

#### Acceptable Solution: A3.4a: Perimeter Roads

The proposed subdivision is compliant with the requirements for perimeter roads.

If the proposed road by others to the south of the subject site is not constructed prior to construction of the subdivision, compliance may still be achieved as the adjoining classified vegetation to this portion of the subject lot is Class G Grassland.

# Acceptable Solution: A3.4b: Fire Service Access Routes

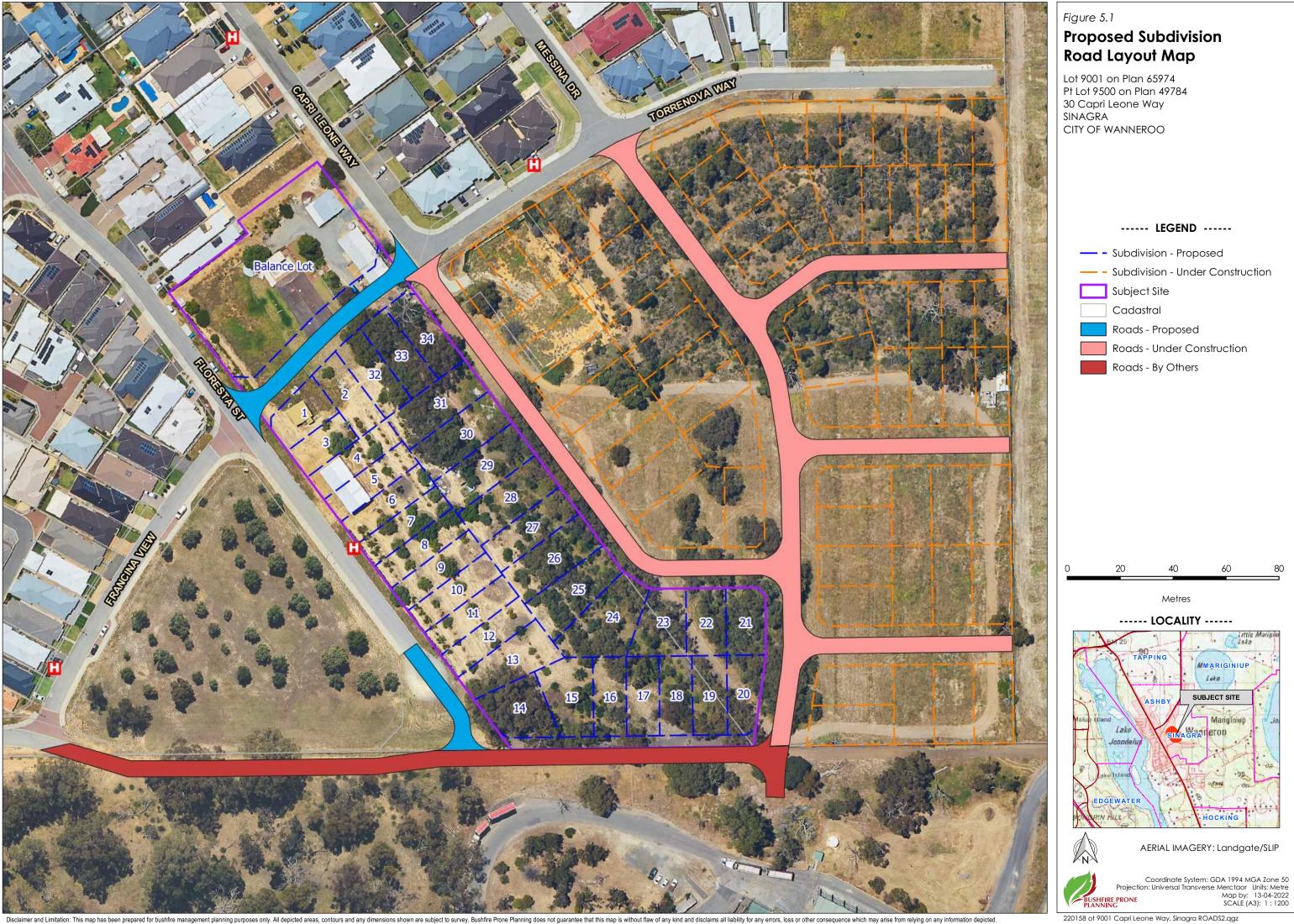
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#### Acceptable Solution: A3.5: Battle-axe Legs

N/A

## Acceptable Solution: A3.6: Private Driveways

N/A





# 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 v1.4 WAPC 2021)

#### **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 2021 v1.4).

Acceptable Solution: A4.1: Identification of Future Water Supply

N/A

Acceptable Solution: A4.2: Provision of Water for Firefighting Purposes

A reticulated water supply is available to the proposed subdivision. The closest existing fire hydrant is located on Floresta Street at the front of proposed Lot 7. Further hydrants will be installed as required by the relevant authorities.

# Staged Development and Management of Potential Bushfire Hazard Issues

Where the proposed development is staged each stage must comply with the requirements of the Guidelines for Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas and this Bushfire Management Plan. This may require the creation of roads, temporary emergency access ways, management of land or installation of water supply lines outside that particular stage to achieve compliance.

Vegetation on balance lot(s) may adversely affect the indicative BAL ratings of lots being developed. This should be assessed prior to the sale of the lots and the required vegetation on the balance lot managed and maintained until developed, or the indicative BAL ratings for the affected lots amended.



# 5.4 Recommended Additional Bushfire Protection Measures

The following bushfire protection measures are recommended 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 Recommended Additional Measures to Improve Bushfire Performance

Some future buildings on lots within the proposed subdivision will be subject to a BAL rating of BAL-LOW, and these buildings will not be required to be constructed to bushfire standards. However, as these buildings may still be subject to ember attack during a bushfire event, Bushfire Prone Planning recommends that some form protection be considered such as construction to BAL-12.5 standards (i.e. ember protection).

SUMMARY OF REC	OMMENDED ADDITIONAL BUSHFIRE PROTECTION MEASU	RES (TREATMENTS) TO BE APPLIED
Treatment Category	Brief Description	The Relevant Element and its Intent the Treatment Has Been Developed to Help Achieve
Siting and Design	Recommended minimum bushfire construction standard for buildings within the proposed subdivision to be BAL-12.5.	Element 2



# 6 RESPONSIBILITIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE BUSHFIRE PROTECTION MEASURES

Table 6.1: BMP Implementation responsibilities prior to the issue of titles.

	Developer (Landowner) - Prior to Issue of Titles				
No.	Implementation Actions	Subdivision Clearance			
Note	lote: Planning approval may be conditioned with the requirements:				
	1. To place certain notifications on the certificates of title and the deposited plan, regarding the existence of this bushfire management plan and the obligations it creates; and				
	<ol><li>To provide certification of the implementation of certain bushfire protection measures esta bushfire management plan.</li></ol>	blished by this			
1	A notification, pursuant to Section 165 of the <i>Planning and Development Act 2005</i> , is to be placed on the certificate(s) of title of the proposed lot(s) advising that the land is bushfire prone and subject to a Bushfire Management Plan.				
	Notice of this notification is to be included on the diagram or plan of survey (deposited plan). See Code F2 of the Model Subdivision Schedule, WAPC June 2021.				
	A restrictive covenant may be required for proposed Lot 20 where the proposed road adjoining the southern extent of the subject lot is not constructed.				
	Condition (as per Code F3 of Model Subdivision Schedule, WAPC April 2020):				
	A plan is to be provided to identify areas of the proposed lot(s) that have been assessed as BAL-40 or BAL-FZ.				
2	A restrictive covenant to the benefit if the local government pursuant to section 129BA of the Transfer of Land Act 1893, is to be placed on the certificate(s) of title of the proposed lot(s) advising of the existence of a restriction on the use of land within areas that have been assessed a BAL-40 or BAL-FZ.				
	Notice of this restriction is to be included on the diagram or plan of survey (deposited plan). The restrictive covenant is to state as follows:				
	"No habitable buildings are to be built within areas identified as BAL-40 or BAL-FZ". (Local Government).				
3	Construct the public roads and cul-de-sacs to the standards stated in the BMP.				
4	Install the reticulated water supply (hydrants) to the standards stated in the BMP.				



Table 6.2: BMP Implementation responsibilities prior to lot sale, occupancy or building.

	Landowner (Developer) - Prior to Sale of Lot(s), Occupancy or Building
No.	Implementation Actions
1	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).
	Prior to sale of the subject lots, each individual lot is to be compliant with the City of Wanneroo Fire Mitigation Notice issued under s33 of the Bushfires Act 1954.
2	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	Prior to building, the lot is to be managed to the Asset Protection Zone requirements stated in this Bushfire Management Plan. That is, the whole of the lot is to be managed to a low bushfire threat state.
4	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.
5	To consider implementing the recommended additional bushfire protection measure contained in Section 5.4 of this Bushfire Management Plan, in addition to the measures that are established by the acceptable solutions.



Table 6.3: Ongoing management responsibilities for the Landowner/Occupier.

	Landowner/Occupier - Ongoing
No.	Ongoing Management Actions
	Maintain the Asset Protection Zone (APZ) on the lot to the requirements of this Bushfire Management Plan. That is, the whole of the lot is to be maintained to a low bushfire threat state.
1	Maintain the APZ 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 occupier.
	Comply with the City of Wanneroo Fire Mitigation Notice issued under s33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954.
2	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	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.
	Ensure all future buildings the landowner has responsibility for, are designed and constructed in full compliance with:
4	<ol> <li>the requirements of the WA Building Act 2011 and the bushfire provisions of the Building Code of Australia (BCA); and</li> <li>with any identified additional requirements established by this BMP or the local government.</li> </ol>

Table 6.4: 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 Fire Mitigation Notice.
2	Where control of an area of vegetated land is vested in the control of the local government and that area of land has influenced the assessed BAL(s) of the subject site(s), there is an obligation to consider the impact of any changes to future vegetation management and/or revegetation plans with respect to that area.



# 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 2021 v1.4 Appendix 4, Element 2, Schedule 1 and Explanatory Note E2.1)



#### **ELEMENT 2: SITING AND DESIGN OF DEVELOPMENT**

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

#### E2 Managing an Asset Protection Zone (APZ) to a low threat state

An APZ is a low fuel area maintained around a habitable building to increase the likelihood that it will survive a bushfire, by providing a defendable space and reducing the potential for direct flame contact, radiant heat exposure and ember attack.

Vegetation management within an APZ should provide defendable space and be maintained to a low threat state, in perpetuity, in accordance with the requirements outlined in Schedule 1.

The width of an APZ varies with slope and vegetation type, however it should only be as wide as needed to ensure the potential radiant heat impact of a bushfire does not exceed 29kW/m² (BAL-29), or 10kW/m² where a building is identified for use as an on-site shelter. An APZ is generally not required where a building or development site achieves 29kW/m² (BAL-29) or lower in its pre-development state (prior to any vegetation clearing or modification).

An APZ should include an area of defendable space immediately adjoining a building, that is kept free from combustible items and obstructions, within which firefighting operations can be undertaken to defend the structure. Where a lot contains a building envelope, it may not be necessary for the entire building envelope to achieve  $29kW/m^2$  (BAL-29) as this may result in significant unnecessary clearing. It is recommended that the BMP identifies that a sufficient APZ can be accommodated within the building envelope, with the development site and associated APZ to be determined at the development approval stage.

An APZ should be contained within the boundaries of the lot on which the building is situated, except in instances where it is demonstrated that the vegetation on the adjoining land is managed in a low threat state, as per cl. 2.2.3.2 of AS 3959, such as a road, managed park, rocky outcrop or a water body.

The siting of a habitable building and associated APZ should aim to minimise the clearing of vegetation. The BMP should demonstrate that the proposed APZ has minimised the unnecessary loss of vegetation or potential for conflict with landscape or environmental objectives; and complies with environmental approvals/exemptions (where necessary). A re-design or reduction in lot yield may be necessary to minimise the removal and modification of remnant vegetation.

It is recommended that development be located on flat areas or slopes less than 20 degrees (especially where classified vegetation is located downslope to a building) and away from ridge tops, crests or narrow gullies, as bushfire can spread rapidly in these areas. Circumstances where these locations may be suitable for development to occur include where the land is already cleared, and 29kW/m² (BAL-29) or lower can be achieved for the whole development site without the use of an APZ. To ensure soil stability within an APZ, vegetation removal on slopes exceeding 18 degrees is discouraged.







### **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

Fine fuel load should be maintained to less than two tonnes per hectare, however this is often a subjective assessment. Reducing fuel load levels does not necessarily require the removal of existing vegetation. A combination of methods can be utilised to reduce fuel load such as raking, weed removal, pruning, mulching and/or the removal of plant material.

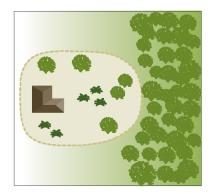
A simple method to estimate fuel load is to roughly equate one tonne of fuel load per hectare as 100 grams per square metre. For example, two tonnes per hectare of leaf litter is roughly 200 grams of leaf litter per square metre and eight tonnes per hectare is roughly 800 grams. Eucalyptus leaf litter is approximately 100 grams per handful, so two handfuls of litter per square metre will roughly equate to two tonnes per hectare. Different types of fine fuel, like mulch or pine needles may be more or less than a handful, however the 100 grams per square metre rule of thumb can still be used.

The landowner or proponent is responsible for maintaining an APZ in accordance with Schedule 1 - Standards for Asset Protection Zones. Ongoing maintenance of an APZ is usually enforced through the local government firebreak notice issued under section 33 of the *Bushfires Act 1954*, and/or through a condition of a development approval, which requires the implementation of measures identified within a BMP.

A copy of the firebreak notice and Schedule 1 should be included in a BMP specifically as a how-to guide for the landowner, and to demonstrate to decision-makers that the measures outlined in the BMP to achieve the appropriate BAL rating through provision and ongoing management of an APZ, can be implemented.

Regardless of whether an Asset Protection Zone exists in accordance with the acceptable solutions and is appropriately maintained, it should be noted that fire fighters are not obliged to protect an asset if they think the separation distance between the dwelling and vegetation is unsafe.

Hazard on one side



Hazard on three sides

Legend

APZ

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Figure 18: Design of Asset Protection Zone

Refer to Schedule 1: Standards for Asset Protection Zones





#### **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### E2 Landscaping and design of an asset protection zone

Landscaping, design, and maintenance of an APZ in a bushfire prone area can significantly improve the bushfire resilience of a building. An APZ should not be seen as an area entirely cleared of vegetation, but as a strategically designed space that gives holistic consideration to how existing or proposed vegetation or non-combustible features interact with, or affect the building's bushfire resilience.

A well designed APZ provides a greater level of vegetation management within the first few metres of a building with, for example, less vegetation or inclusion of non-combustible materials. The vegetation within the remainder of an APZ can increase further away from the building with carefully considered plant selection and landscaping techniques.

Strategic landscaping measures can be applied, such as replacing weeds with low flammability vegetation (refer to E2 Plant Flammability) to create horizontal and vertical separations between the retained vegetation. The accumulation of fine fuel load from different plants is an important consideration for ongoing maintenance in accordance with Schedule 1. For example, when planting ground covers under deciduous trees within an APZ, the total fine fuel load prescribed in Schedule 1 will include any dead plant material from ground covers and leaf litter from the trees.

Plant density and final structure and form of mature vegetation should be considered in the initial landscaping stages. For example, clumps of sapling shrubs planted at a density without consideration of future growth, may increase the bushfire risk as a clump will quickly grow to exceed  $5m^2$ . It should be noted that in some cases, a single shrub in a mature state may be so dense as to fill a  $5m^2$  clump alone.

The location of plants within an APZ is a key design technique. Separation of garden beds with areas of low fuel or non-combustible material, will break up fuel continuity and reduce the likelihood of a bushfire running through an APZ and subjecting a dwelling to radiant heat or direct flame contact. It is important to note, where mature trees are separated from a building by six metres, but the canopy has grown to extend or overhang a building, maintenance and pruning to remove the overhanging branches should be undertaken without the entirety of the tree being removed.

Mulches used within the APZ should be non-combustible. The use of stone, gravel, rock and crushed mineral earth is encouraged. Wood mulch >6mm in thickness may be used, however it is recommended that it is used in garden beds or areas where the moisture level is higher by regular irrigation. These materials could be sourced from non-toxic construction and demolition waste giving the added benefit of reducing the environmental impact of any 'hard landscaping' actions.

Combustible objects, plants, garden supplies such as mulches, fences made from combustible material, should be avoided within 10 metres of a building. Vines or climbing plants on pergolas, posts or beams, should be located away from vulnerable parts of the building, such as windows and doors. Non-flammable features can be used to provide hazard separation from classified vegetation, such as tennis courts, pools, lawns and driveways or paths that use inorganic mulches (gravel or crushed rock). Consider locating firewood stacks away from trees and habitable buildings.

Incorporation of landscaping features, such as masonry feature walls can provide habitable buildings with barriers to wind, radiant heat and embers. These features can include noise walls or wind breaks. Use of Appendix F of AS 3959 for bushfire resistant timber selection within areas of 29kW/m² (BAL-29) or below, or the use of non-combustible fencing materials such as iron, brick, limestone, metal post and wire is encouraged.

In addition to regular maintenance of an APZ, further bushfire protection can be provided at any time by:

- · ensuring gutters are free from vegetation;
- installing gutter guards or plugs;
- · regular cleaning of underfloor spaces, or enclosing them to prevent gaps;
- trimming and removing dead plants or leaf litter;
- pruning climbing vegetation (such as vines) on a trellis, to ensure it does not connect to a building, particularly near windows and doors;
- removing vegetation in close proximity to a water tank to ensure it is not touching the sides of a tank; and/or
- following the requirements of the relevant local government section 33 fire break notice, which may include additional provisions such as locating wood piles more than 10 metres from a building.





### **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

Preparation of a property prior to the bushfire season and/or in anticipation of a bushfire is beneficial even if your plan is to evacuate. As embers can travel up to several kilometres from a bushfire and fall into small spaces and crevices or land against the external walls of a building, best practice recommends that objects within the APZ are moved away from the building prior to any bushfire event. Objects may include, but are not limited to:

- · door mats;
- outdoor furniture;
- · potted plants;
- · shade sails or umbrellas;
- · plastic garbage bins;
- · firewood stacks;
- flammable sculptures; and/or
- · playground equipment and children's toys.

#### **E2 Plant flammability**

There are certain plant characteristics that are known to influence flammability, such as moisture or oil content and the presence and type of bark. Plants with lower flammability properties may still burn during a bushfire event, but may be more resistant to burning and some may regenerate faster post-bushfire.

There are many terms for plant flammability that should not be confused, including:

- Fire resistant plant species that survive being burnt and will regrow after a bushfire and therefore may be highly flammable and inappropriate for a garden in areas of high bushfire risk.
- Fire retardant plants that may not burn readily or may slow the passage of a bushfire.
- Fire wise plants that have been identified and selected based on their flammability properties and linked to maintenance advice and planting location within a garden.

Although not a requirement of these Guidelines, local governments may develop their own list of fire wise or fire-retardant plant species that suit the environmental characteristics of an area. When developing a recommended plant species list, local governments should consult with ecologists, land care officers or environmental authorities to ensure the plants do not present a risk to endangered ecological communities, threatened, or endangered species or their habitat.

When selecting plants, private landholders and developers should aim for plants within the APZ that have the following characteristics:

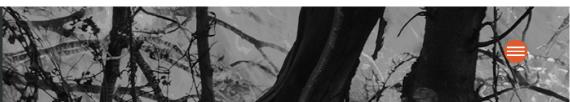
- · grow in a predicted structure, shape and height;
- · are open and loose branching with leaves that are thinly spread;
- · have a coarse texture and low surface-area-to-volume ratio;
- will not drop large amounts of leaves or limbs, that require regular maintenance;
- have wide, flat, and thick or succulent leaves;
- · trees that have bark attached tightly to their trunk or have smooth bark;
- · have low amounts of oils, waxes, and resins (which will often have a strong scent when crushed);
- do not produce or hold large amounts of fine dead material in their crowns; and/or
- · will not become a weed in the area.

Refer to the WAPC Bushfire and Vegetation Fact Sheet for further information on clearing and vegetation management and APZ landscaping, design and plant selection reference material.



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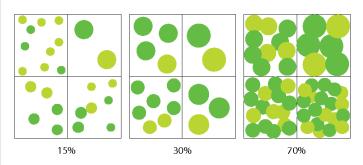
## **ELEMENT 2: SITING AND DESIGN OF DEVELOPMENT**

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OBJECT						
Fences within the APZ	<ul> <li>Should be constructed from non-combustible materials (for example, iron, brick, limestone, metal post and wire, or bushfire-resisting timber referenced in Appendit of AS 3959).</li> </ul>					
Fine fuel load (Combustible, dead vegetation matter <6 millimetres in thickness)	<ul> <li>Should be managed and removed on a regular basis to maintain a low threat state.</li> <li>Should be maintained at &lt;2 tonnes per hectare (on average).</li> <li>Mulches should be non-combustible such as stone, gravel or crushed mineral earth or wood mulch &gt;6 millimetres in thickness.</li> </ul>					
Trees* (> metres in height)	Trunks at maturity should be a minimum distance of six metres from all elevations of the building.					
	Branches at maturity should not touch or overhang a building or powerline.					
	<ul> <li>Lower branches and loose bark should be removed to a height of two metres above the ground and/or surface vegetation.</li> </ul>					
	<ul> <li>Canopy cover within the APZ should be &lt;15 per cent of the total APZ area.</li> </ul>					
	Tree canopies at maturity should be at least five metres apart to avoid forming a					

Figure 19: Tree canopy cover - ranging from 15 to 70 per cent at maturity



continuous canopy. Stands of existing mature trees with interlocking canopies may be treated as an individual canopy provided that the total canopy cover within the APZ will not exceed 15 per cent and are not connected to the tree canopy outside

Shrub\* and scrub\* (0.5 metres to six metres in height). Shrub and scrub >6 metres in height are to be treated as trees.

- Should not be located under trees or within three metres of buildings.
- Should not be planted in clumps >5 square metres in area.
- Clumps should be separated from each other and any exposed window or door by at least 10 metres.

Ground covers\* (<0.5 metres in height. Ground covers >0.5 metres in height are to be treated as shrubs)

- Can be planted under trees but must be maintained to remove dead plant material, as prescribed in 'Fine fuel load' above.
- Can be located within two metres of a structure, but three metres from windows or doors if > 100 millimetres in height.





# SCHEDULE 1: STANDARDS FOR ASSET PROTECTION ZONES

OBJECT	REQUIREMENT		
Grass	<ul> <li>Grass should be maintained at a height of 100 millimetres or less, at all times.</li> <li>Wherever possible, perennial grasses should be used and well-hydrated with regular application of wetting agents and efficient irrigation.</li> </ul>		
Defendable space	<ul> <li>Within three metres of each wall or supporting post of a habitable building, the area is kept free from vegetation, but can include ground covers, grass and non- combustible mulches as prescribed above.</li> </ul>		
LP Gas Cylinders	<ul> <li>Should be located on the side of a building furthest from the likely direction of a bushfire or on the side of a building where surrounding classified vegetation is upslope, at least one metre from vulnerable parts of a building.</li> <li>The pressure relief valve should point away from the house.</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>No flammable material within six metres from the front of the valve.</li> <li>Must sit on a firm, level and non-combustible base and be secured to a solid structure.</li> </ul>		

<sup>\*</sup> Plant flammability, landscaping design and maintenance should be considered – refer to explanatory notes



## 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)."



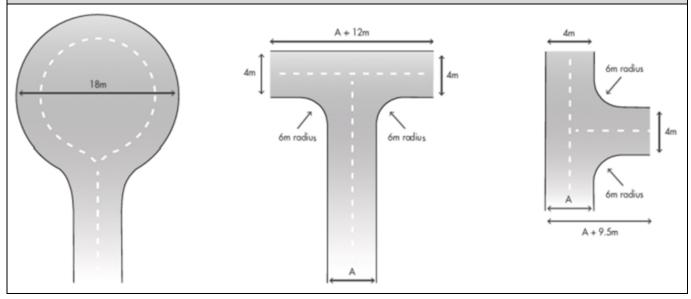
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# APPENDIX 2: TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR VEHICULAR ACCESS

The design/layout requirements for access are established by the acceptable solutions of the Guidelines (DPLH, 2021 v1.4) Element 3 and vary dependent on the access component, the land use and the presence of 'vulnerable' persons. Consequently, the best reference source are the Guidelines. The technical requirements that are fixed for all components and uses are presented in this appendix.

GUIDELINES TABLE 6, EXPLANATORY NOTES E3.3 & E3.6 AND RELEVANT ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS							
	Vehicular Access Types / Components						
Technical Component	Public Roads	Emergency Access Way 1	Fire Service Access Route <sup>1</sup>	Battle-axe and Private Driveways <sup>2</sup>			
Minimum trafficable surface (m)	In accordance with A3.1	6	6	4			
Minimum Horizontal clearance (m)	N/A	6	6	6			
Minimum Vertical clearance (m)	4.5						
Minimum weight capacity (t)	15						
Maximum Grade Unsealed Road <sup>3</sup>		1:10 (10%)					
Maximum Grade Sealed Road <sup>3</sup>	As outlined in the IPWEA Subdivision Guidelines	1:7 (14.3%)					
Maximum Average Grade Sealed Road		1:10 (10%)					

# Turnaround Area Dimensions for No-through road



Minimum Inner Radius of Road Curves (m)



### APPENDIX 3: TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FIREFIGHTING WATER

#### Reticulated Areas

[Source: Guidelines for Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas WAPC 2021 v1.4, 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 m<sup>2</sup> (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.

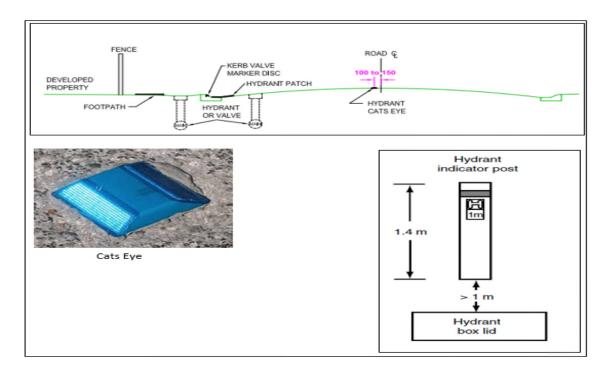


Figure A4.1: Hydrant Location and Identification Specifications