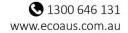
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1. Introduction

1.1 Proposal details

Eco Logical Australia (ELA) was commissioned by Capricorn Village Joint Venture (CVJV) to prepare a Bushfire Management Plan (BMP) to support a subdivision application being prepared for Stages 3A, 3B, 5 and 6 Atlantis Beach Estate, Two Rocks (hereafter referred to as the subject site, **Figure 1**).

The subject site is within a designated bushfire prone area as per the *Western Australia State Map of Bush Fire Prone Areas* (DFES 2018; **Figure 2**), which triggers bushfire planning requirements under *State Planning Policy 3.7 Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas* (SPP 3.7; WAPC 2015) and reporting to accompany submission of the subdivision application in accordance with the associated *Guidelines for Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas* v 1.3 (the Guidelines; WAPC 2017).

This assessment has been prepared by ELA Bushfire Consultant James Leonard with quality assurance undertaken by Senior Bushfire Consultant, Daniel Panickar (FPAA BPAD Level 2 Certified Practitioner No. BPAD37802-L2).

1.2 Purpose and application of the plan

The primary purpose of this BMP is to act as a technical supporting document to inform planning assessment. This BMP is also designed to provide guidance on how to plan for and manage the bushfire risk to the subject site through implementation of a range of bushfire management measures in accordance with the Guidelines.

1.3 Environmental considerations

Some 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.

The subject site will be cleared of native vegetation to facilitate development. ELA is not aware of any requirements for any environmental approvals for the development to proceed.

No revegetation is proposed within the subject site, however if this changes, it will be addressed in future BMPs. The proposed Public Open Space area will be landscaped with native low fuel species in accordance with bushfire planning requirements.





Legend Subject site

0 25 50 100 Metres Datum/Projection: GDA 1994 MGA Zone 50



Figure 2: Bushfire Prone Mapping (DFES 2018)



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2. Bushfire assessment results

2.1 Bushfire assessment inputs

The following section is a consideration of spatial bushfire risk and has been used to inform the bushfire assessment in this report.

2.1.1 General

The subject site is located in the City of Wanneroo. Stages 3A, 3B, 5 and 6 are bound by residential development to the south and native vegetation to the north, east and west (**Figure 1**). Breakwater Drive is situated to the south of the subject site and provides access to the east and west.

Visual assessment of the surrounding vegetation within the assessment area did not identify any recent fire scars and fire history was not able to be determined. Accumulation of vegetative matter over time, combined with the moderate to high risk of ignition associated with high levels of public access and proximity to urban areas would potentially facilitate a bushfire occurrence in this area.

2.1.2 Fire Danger Index

A blanket rating of FDI 80 is adopted for Western Australian environments, as outlined in AS 3959–2009 and endorsed by Australasian Fire and Emergency Service Authorities Council (AFAC).

2.1.3 Vegetation classification

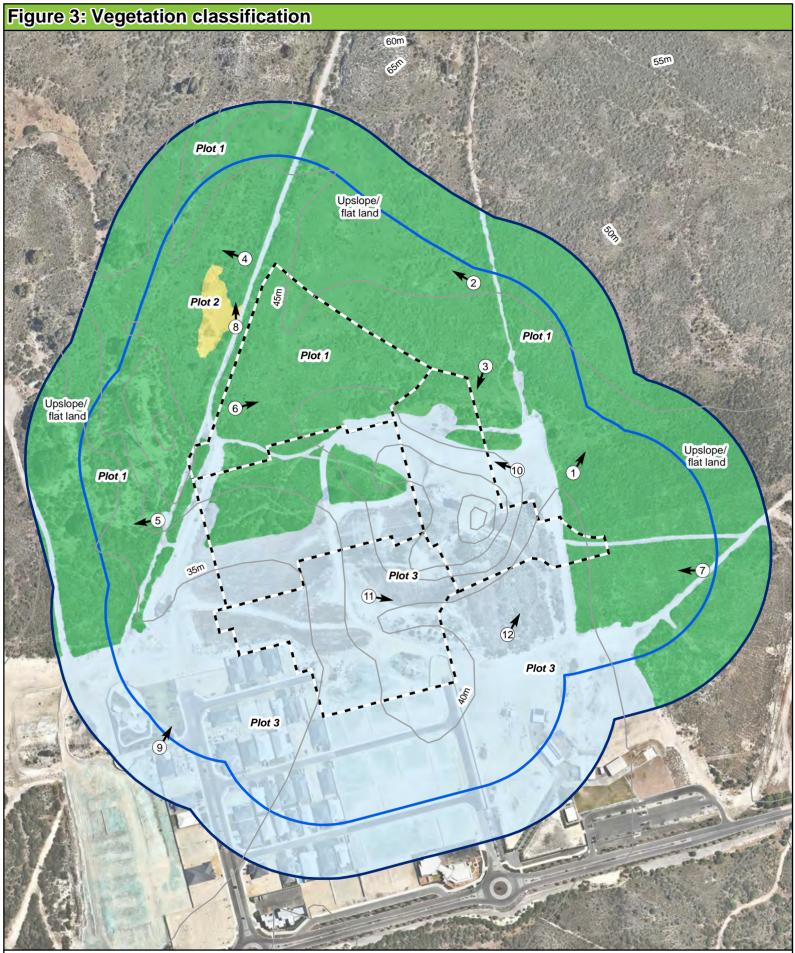
Vegetation within the subject site and surrounding 150 m (the assessment area) was assessed in accordance with the Guidelines and *AS 3959-2009 Construction of Buildings in Bushfire Prone Areas* (SA 2009) with regard given to the *Visual guide for bushfire risk assessment in Western Australia* (DoP 2016). The site inspection was undertaken on 18 January 2019.

The following vegetation classes and exclusions were identified within the assessment area as depicted in **Figure 3** and listed below. Photographs relating to each vegetation type are included in **Appendix A**.

- Class D scrub;
- Class G Grassland; and
- Exclusions as per clause 2.2.3.2 (e) and (f) (i.e. non-vegetated areas and low-threat vegetation).

2.1.4 Topography and slope under vegetation

Effective slope under vegetation was assessed for a distance of 150 m from the subject site in accordance with the Guidelines and AS 3959-2009 and is depicted in **Figure 3**. Slope under classified vegetation was assessed as upslope / flat within the subject site and surrounding vegetation areas.



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- Subject site
 - 100m assessment area
 - 150m assessment area
 - Contours (5m)

Vegetation classification

- Class D scrub
- Class G grassland
 - Excluded under clause 2.2.3.2 (e) and (f)

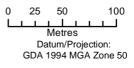




Photo location

2.2 Bushfire assessment outputs

A Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) assessment has been undertaken in accordance with SPP 3.7, the Guidelines, AS 3959-2009 and the bushfire assessment inputs in Section 2.1.

2.2.1 BAL assessment

All land located within 100 m of the classified vegetation depicted in **Figure 3** is considered bushfire prone and is subject to a BAL assessment in accordance with AS 3959 2009.

A Method 1 BAL assessment (as outlined in AS 3959 2009) has been completed for the proposed development and incorporates the following factors:

- State adopted Fire Danger Index (FDI) rating;
- Vegetation class;
- Slope under classified vegetation; and
- Distance between proposed development area and the classified vegetation.

Based on the identified BAL, construction requirements for proposed buildings can then be assigned. The BAL rating gives an indication of the expected level of bushfire attack (i.e. radiant heat flux, flame contact and ember penetration) that may be received by proposed buildings and subsequently informs the standard of construction required to increase building survivability.

2.2.2 Method 1 BAL assessment

Table 1 and **Figure 4** display the Method 1 BAL assessment (in the form of BAL contours) that has beencompleted for the proposed development in accordance with AS 3959-2009 methodology.

Plot and vegetation classification	Effective slope	Hazard separation distance	BAL rating	Comment
Plot 1	Upslope Flat	0-<10	BAL-FZ	Development proposed in this area
Class D scrub		10-<13	BAL-40	Development proposed in this area
		13-<19	BAL-29	Development proposed in this area
		19-<27	BAL-19	Development proposed in this area
		27-<100	BAL-12.5	Development proposed in this area
Plot 2	Upslope/flat	0-<6	BAL-FZ	Development proposed in this area
Class G Grassland		6-<8	BAL-40	Development proposed in this area
		8-<12	BAL-29	Development proposed in this area
		12-<17	BAL-19	Development proposed in this area
		17-<50	BAL-12.5	Development proposed in this area

Table 1: Method BAL Calculation (BAL contours)

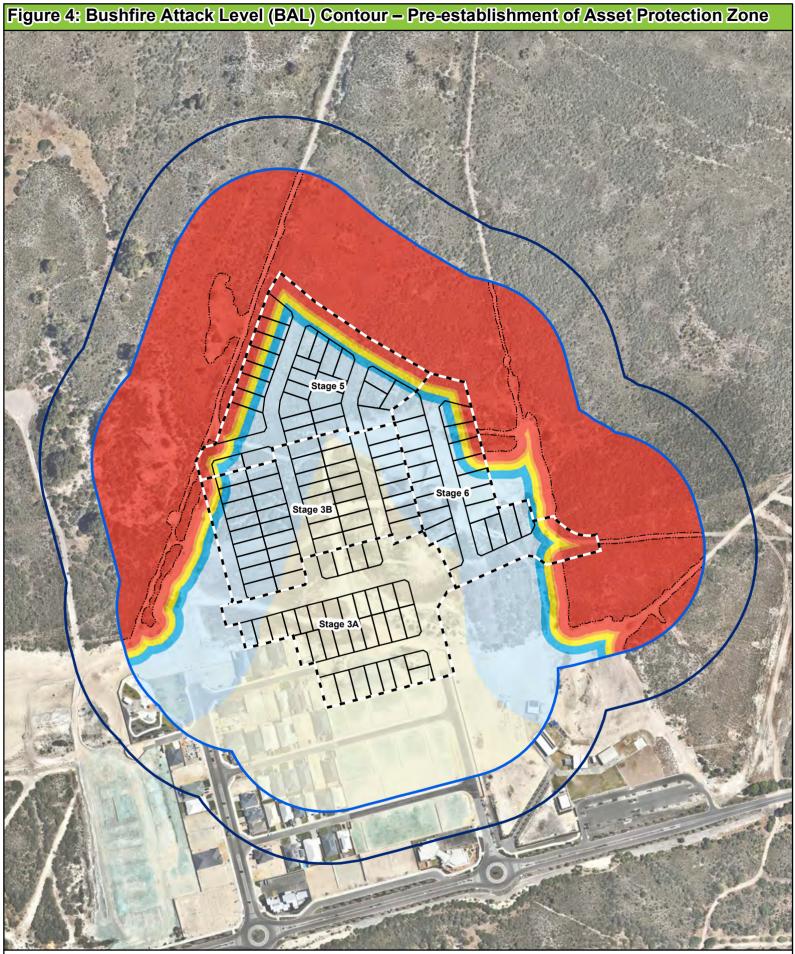
Plot 3

Excluded as per clause 2.2.3.2 (e) and (f) of N/A AS3959- 2009

2.3 Identification of issues arising from the BAL assessment

Table 1 and **Figure 4** display the Method 1 BAL assessment (in the form of BAL contours) that has been completed for the proposed development in accordance with AS 3959-2009 methodology. The current vegetation extent adjacent to the subject site has resulted in a number of lots being located in areas subject to BAL ratings of BAL-FZ and BAL-40.

Vegetation clearing and management works will be undertaken as part of the subdivision to reduce the BAL rating for all lots to BAL-LOW (**Figure 5**). Managing this vegetation to Asset Protection Zone standards as outlined in **Appendix B** will be undertaken by the developer until these areas are replaced by residential dwellings and associated infrastructure.



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Subject site Lots 100m assessment area 150m assessment area Bushfire hazard interface

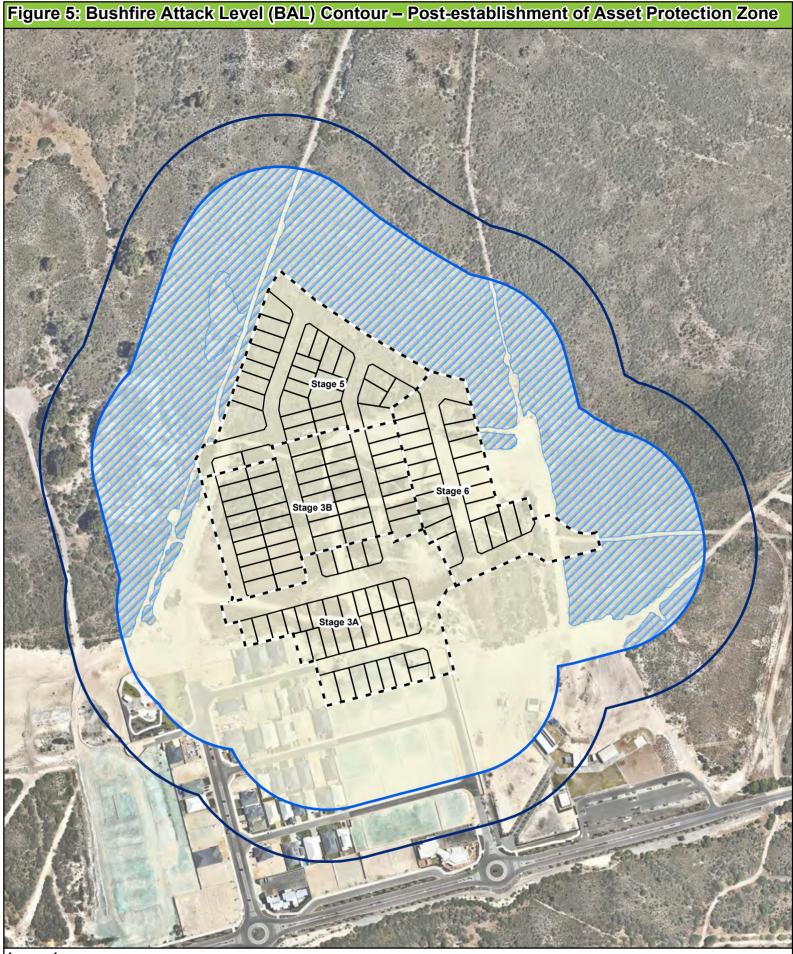
Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) contour BAL-FZ BAL-40 BAL-29

BAL-19 BAL-12.5

BAL-LOW

0 30 60 120 Metres Datum/Projection: GDA 1994 MGA Zone 50





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0 30 60 120 Metres Datum/Projection: GDA 1994 MGA Zone 50



3. Assessment against the Bushfire Protection Criteria

3.1 Compliance

The proposed subdivision is required to comply with policy measures 6.2 and 6.4 of SPP 3.7 and the Guidelines. Implementation of this BMP is expected to meet objectives 5.1 5.4 of SPP 3.7.

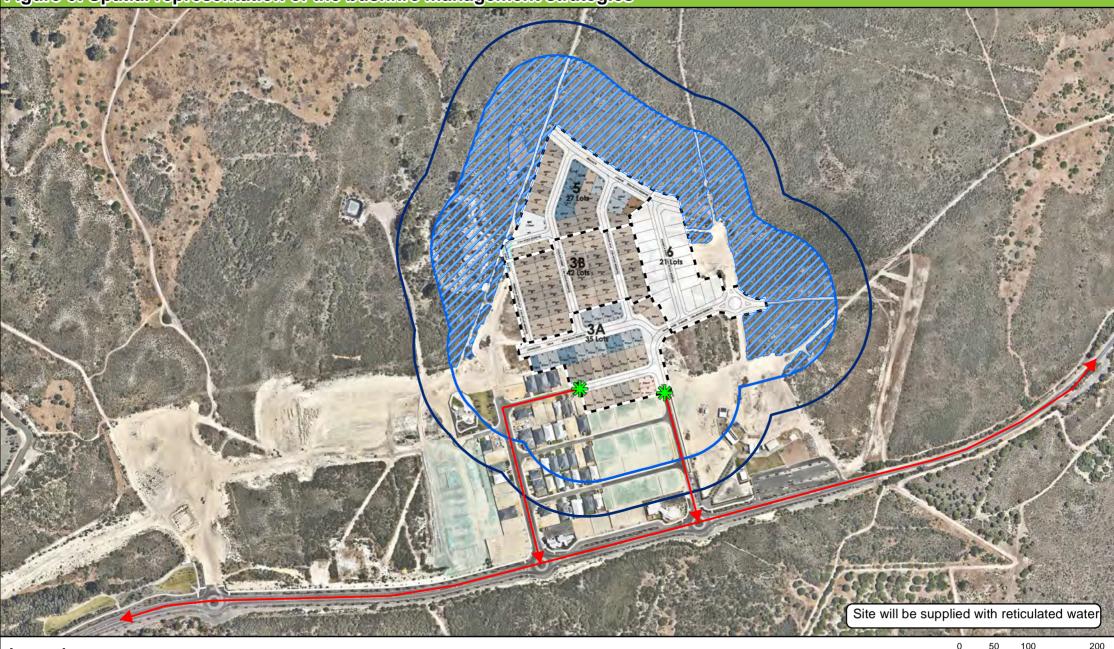
In response to the above requirements of SPP 3.7 and the Guidelines, bushfire management measures, as outlined, have been devised for the proposed development in accordance with Guideline acceptable solutions to meet compliance with bushfire protection criteria.

Bushfire Performance Criteria	AS	PS	N/A	Comment
Element 1: Location A1.1 Development location	\boxtimes			Vegetation clearing and management will be undertaken to ensure all proposed lots will be located in areas subject to BAL ratings of BAL-LOW The proposed development is considered to be compliant with A1.1.
Element 2: Siting and design of development A2.1 Asset Protection Zone (APZ)				APZs will be maintained between all proposed dwellings and classified vegetation in the form of roads and other non-vegetated and landscaped areas (refer to Figure 6) All APZs will be managed in accordance with the requirements of ' <i>Standards for Asset Protection</i> <i>Zones</i> ' (WAPC 2017; Appendix B) The proposed development is considered to be compliant with A2.1.
Element 3: Vehicular access A3.1 Two access routes				Two access routes to/from the subject site are available (Figure 6). Each stage of development has two or more access points that lead to Breakwater Drive, allowing access in two directions. All internal roads will comply with requirements outlined in the Guidelines (Appendix C). The proposed development is considered to be compliant with A3.1.
Element 3: Vehicular access A3.2 Public road	\boxtimes			All public roads will comply with vehicular access requirements (Appendix C).
Element 3: Vehicular access A3.3 Cul-de-sac				No cul-de-sacs are proposed.
Element 3: Vehicular access A3.4 Battle-axe			\boxtimes	No battle axe lots are proposed.
Element 3: Vehicular access A3.5 Private Driveway longer than 50 m			\boxtimes	No private driveways longer than 50 m are proposed.
Element 3: Vehicular access A3.6 Emergency Access way			\boxtimes	No emergency access way is required.

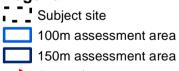
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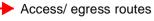
Bushfire Performance Criteria	AS	PS	N/A	Comment
Element 3: Vehicular access			\boxtimes	No fire service access routes are required or proposed.
A3.7 Fire-service access routes Element 3: Vehicular access A3.8 Firebreak width		□ □ ⊠ None of the proposed lots are g		None of the proposed lots are greater than 0.4 hectares and therefore firebreaks are not
Element 4: Water A4.1 Reticulated areas				The subject site has a reticulated water supply that will be extended to all proposed lots. The proposed development is considered to be compliant with A4.1. A4.2 and A4.3 are not applicable to this proposed development

Figure 6: Spatial representation of the bushfire management strategies



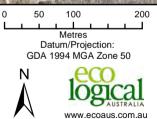
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Access/ egress points

Low threat vegetation management to Asset Protection Zone (APZ) Standard



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4. Implementation and enforcement

Implementation of the BMP applies to CVJV and the City of Wanneroo to ensure bushfire management measures are adopted and implemented on an ongoing basis. A summary of the bushfire management measures described in **Section 3**, as well as a works program, is provided in **Table 3**. These measures will be implemented to ensure the ongoing protection of life and property assets is achieved. Timing and responsibilities are also defined to assist with implementation of each measure.

No	Bushfire management measure	Responsibility					
Prior to	Prior to issue of Titles						
1	Clear and maintain APZs depicted in Figure 6.	Capricorn Village Joint Venture					
2	Place Section 70A on title of all lots within Bushfire Prone Areas	Capricorn Village Joint Venture					
Prior to	sale or occupancy						
3	Maintenance of vegetation to APZ standard	Capricorn Village Joint Venture. until development completion					
4	Implementation of increased building construction standards	Builders					
5	Provision of reticulated water supply	Capricorn Village Joint Venture. construction contractor					
6	Compliance with current fire control order	Capricorn Village Joint Venture. until development completion					
Ongoin	g management						
7	Maintenance of vegetation to APZ standard	Individual landowners (within property)					
/		City of Wanneroo (within public reserves)					
8	Compliance with fire break order	Individual landowners (within property)					
8	complance with the break order	City of Wanneroo (within public reserves)					

Table 3: Proposed work program

Conclusion

In the author's professional opinion, the bushfire protection requirements listed in this assessment provide an adequate standard of bushfire protection for the proposed development. As such, the proposed development is consistent with the aim and objectives of SPP 3.7 and associated guidelines and is recommended for approval.

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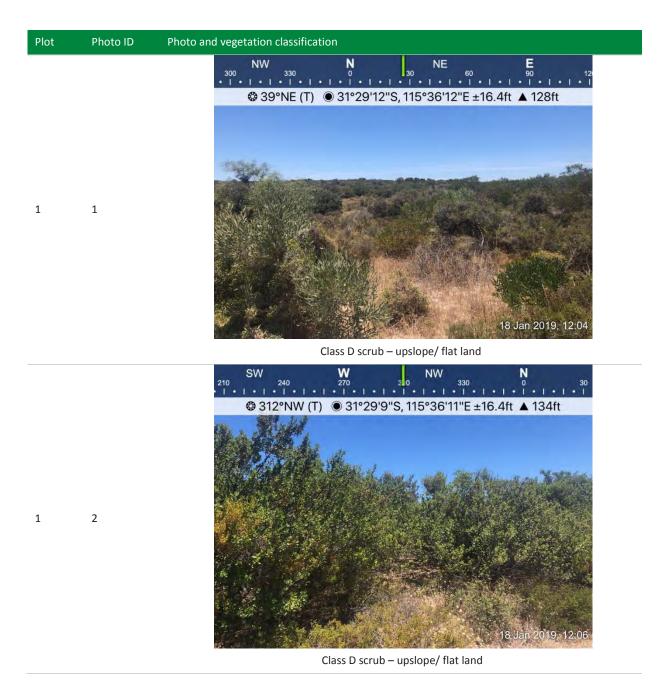
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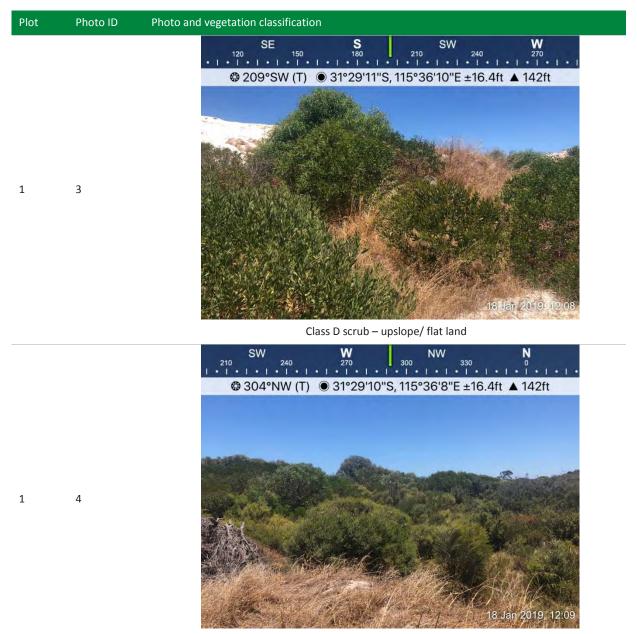
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Appendix A - Plates





Class D scrub – upslope/ flat land

Plot	Photo ID	Photo and vegetation classification
		S SW W NW 180 210 240 330 330 276°W (T) 31°29'11"S, 115°36'0"E ±16.4ft ▲ 131ft
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		Class D scrub – upslope/ flat land
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Class D scrub – upslope/ flat land

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Plot	Photo ID	Photo and vegetation classification
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		Class D scrub – upslope/ flat land
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2	8	18 Jan 2019, 12:25

Class G grassland – upslope/ flat land

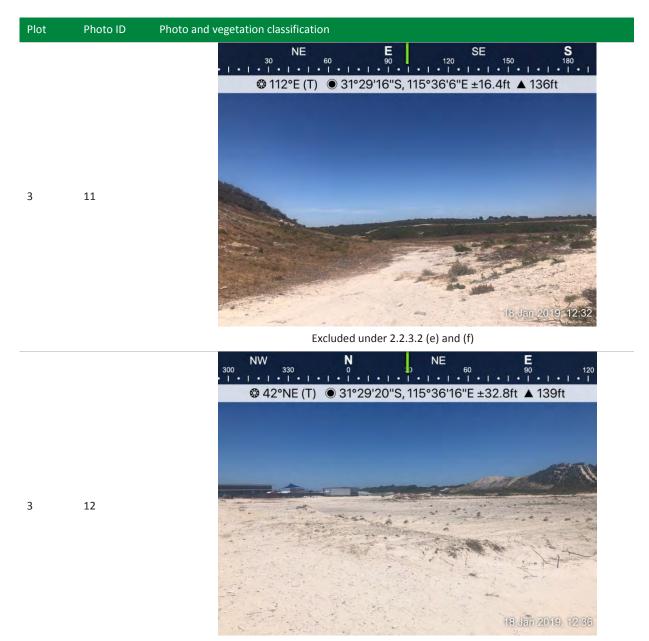


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Appendix B – Standards for Asset Protection Zones

The following standards have been extracted from the *Guidelines for Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas* v 1.2 (WAPC 2017).

Every habitable building is to be surrounded by, and every proposed lot can achieve, an APZ depicted on submitted plans, which meets the following requirements:

a. Width: Measured from any external wall or supporting post or column of the proposed building, and of sufficient size to ensure the potential radiant heat impact of a fire does not exceed 29kW/m² (BAL 29) in all circumstances.

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

c. Management: the APZ is managed in accordance with the requirements of '*Standards for Asset Protection Zones*' (below):

- Fences: within the APZ are constructed from non-combustible materials (e.g. iron, brick, limestone, metal post and wire). It is recommended that solid or slatted non-combustible perimeter fences are used
- Objects: within 10 metres of a building, combustible objects must not be located close to the vulnerable parts of the building i.e. windows and doors
- Fine Fuel load: combustible dead vegetation matter less than 6 millimetres in thickness reduced to and maintained at an average of two tonnes per hectare
- Trees (> 5 metres in height): trunks at maturity should be a minimum distance of 6 metres from all elevations of the building, branches at maturity should not touch or overhang the building, lower branches should be removed to a height of 2 metres above the ground and or surface vegetation, canopy cover should be less than 15% with tree canopies at maturity well spread to at least 5 metres apart as to not form a continuous canopy (Figure 7).

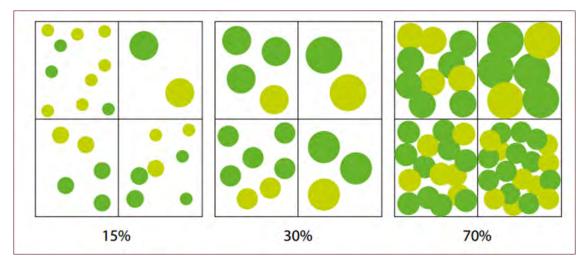


Figure 7: Illustrated tree canopy cover projection (WAPC 2017)

- Shrubs (0.5 metres to 5 metres in height): should not be located under trees or within 3 metres of buildings, should not be planted in clumps greater than 5m2 in area, clumps of shrubs should be separated from each other and any exposed window or door by at least 10 metres. Shrubs greater than 5 metres in height are to be treated as trees
- Ground covers (<0.5 metres in height): can be planted under trees but must be properly maintained to remove dead plant material and any parts within 2 metres of a structure, but 3 metres from windows or doors if greater than 100 millimetres in height. Ground covers greater than 0.5 metres in height are to be treated as shrubs
- **Grass:** should be managed to maintain a height of 100 millimetres or less.

Additional notes

The Asset Protection Zone (APZ) is an area surrounding a building that is managed to reduce the bushfire hazard to an acceptable level. Hazard separation in the form of using subdivision design elements or excluded and low threat vegetation adjacent to the lot may be used to reduce the dimensions of the APZ within the lot.

The APZ should be contained solely within the boundaries of the lot on which the building is situated, except in instances where the neighbouring lot or lots will be managed in a low-fuel state on an ongoing basis, in perpetuity. The APZ may include public roads, waterways, footpaths, buildings, rocky outcrops, golf courses, maintained parkland as well as cultivated gardens in an urban context, but does not include grassland or vegetation on a neighbouring rural lot, farmland, wetland reserves and unmanaged public reserves.

Appendix C - Vehicular access technical requirements (WAPC 2017)

Technical requirements	Public road	Cul-de-sac	Private driveway	Emergency access way	Fire service access route
Minimum trafficable surface (m)	6*	6	4	6*	6*
Horizontal distance (m)	6	6	6	6	6
Vertical clearance (m)	4.5	N/A	4.5	4.5	4.5
Maximum grade <50 m	1 in 10	1 in 10	1 in 10	1 in 10	1 in 10
Minimum weight capacity (t)	15	15	15	15	15
Maximum crossfall	1 in 33	1 in 33	1 in 33	1 in 33	1 in 33
Curves minimum inner radius	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5
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* Refer to E3.2 Public roads: Trafficable surface





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