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The General Manager
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Re: Supporting Information relating to Bushfire Protection - Planning Proposal Draft Amendment to Lake Macquarie Local Environmental Plan 2014

Following a request for information from New South Wales Rural Fire Service this letter and supporting three bushfire assessments addresses bushfire planning review of Planning Proposal Draft Amendment to Lake Macquarie Local Environmental Plan 2014.

The redacted request from New South Wales Rural Fire Service and subject land descriptors is detailed below:

“The NSW RFS holds no objection to the Planning Proposal, subject to a bush fire consultant's report detailing compliance with the strategic planning provisions detailed in Chapter 4 of Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019.

In particular, the bush fire consultant's report should consider Items 2, 3 and 7 to determine if proposed rezonings or future revegetation of areas identified in these Items would lead to a worse bush fire protection outcome for the surrounding existing residential development”.

Items 2, 3 and 7 relate to the land listed below:

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| Item 2: Road Reserve and Part 40 Croudace Bay Road, Belmont (Part Lot 22 DP 1143785) | Bushfire Assessment Report provided |
| Item 3: Part 22 Hill Street (Part Lot 2 DP 519945) and Part 35 Macquarie Drive, Belmont (Part Lot 22 DP 879368) | Bushfire Assessment Report provided |
| Item 7: 350A Old Pacific Highway, Swansea | Comment provided below |

Item 7: 350A Old Pacific Highway, Swansea – Comment:

The subject land is vegetated forest zoned C2 Environmental Conservation with no change to zoning proposed. The intent of the planning proposal addresses removal of this property from council's Land Reservation Acquisition map. The land is presently owned by Transport for NSW with the removal of the property from the acquisition map not resulting in increased bush fire risk or zoning change.



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Lake Macquarie City Council have proactively requested a bushfire assessment be prepared reviewing Item 4 - 801A Pacific Highway, Belmont South Part Lot 4 DP 211142 which was not referenced in the New South Wales Rural Fire Service request for information.

It is noted this review of the Planning Proposal Draft Amendment to Lake Macquarie Local Environmental Plan 2014 is limited to the 3 nominated items detailed in the table above.

If you have any questions regarding the above, I am available for comment on 0423 923284 or 02 40230149.

Yours Sincerely

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