Bushfire Management Plan Coversheet

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Bushfire Management Plan and Site Details

Site Address / Plan Reference: Lot 70 (66) Capel Street, Kirup		
Suburb: Kirup	**State:** WA	**P/code:** 6251
Local government area: Shire of Donnybrook - Balingup		
Description of the planning proposal: Proposal for Short Stay Accommodation in the Existing Dwelling		
BMP Plan / Reference Number: 240814	**Version:** 1.0	**Date of Issue:** 30/09/2024
Client / Business Name: Christine Oldmeadow		

Reason for referral to DFES	Yes	No
Has the BAL been calculated by a method other than method 1 as outlined in AS3959 (tick no if AS3959 method 1 has been used to calculate the BAL)?	☐	☒
Have any of the bushfire protection criteria elements been addressed through the use of a performance principle (tick no if only acceptable solutions have been used to address all of the BPC elements)?	☐	☒
Is the proposal any of the following special development types (see SPP 3.7 for definitions)?		
Unavoidable development (in BAL-40 or BAL-FZ)	☐	☒
Strategic planning proposal (including rezoning applications)	☐	☒
Minor development (in BAL-40 or BAL-FZ)	☐	☒
High risk land-use	☐	☒
Vulnerable land-use	☒	☐

If the development is a special development type as listed above, explain why the proposal is considered to be one of the above listed classifications (E.g. considered vulnerable land-use as the development is for accommodation of the elderly, etc.)?

Tourist Accommodation is considered a vulnerable land use.

Note: The decision maker (e.g. local government or the WAPC) should only refer the proposal to DFES for comment if one (or more) of the above answers are ticked "Yes".

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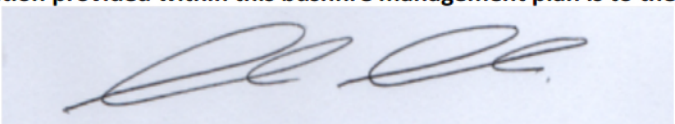
I declare that the information provided within this bushfire management plan is to the best of my knowledge true and correct

Signature of Practitioner  **Date** 30/09/2024

BUSHFIRE PRONE PLANNING

Bushfire Management Plan (BMP)

Produced to meet the relevant requirements of STATE PLANNING POLICY 3.7
Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas & Bushfire Guidelines Version 1.4

Lot 70 (66) Capel Street, Kirup

Shire of Donnybrook Balingup

Development Application:
Short Stay Accommodation

30 September 2024

Job Reference No: 240814

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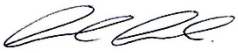
Author:	Mick Whitelaw (BPAD Level 3 No. 37265)	

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Limitations: *The protection measures that will be implemented based on information presented in this Bushfire Management Plan are minimum requirements and they do not guarantee that buildings or infrastructure 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 protection measures (including bushfire resistant construction) and any other required or recommended 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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The BMP sets out the required package of bushfire protection measures to lessen the risks associated with a bushfire event. It establishes the responsibilities to implement and maintain these measures.

The BMP also identifies the potential for any negative impact on any environmental, biodiversity and conservation values that may result from the application of bushfire protection measures or that may limit their implementation.

Risks Associated with Bushfire Events

The relevant risks are the potential for loss of life, injury, or destroyed or damaged assets which results in personal loss and economic loss. For a given site, the level of that risk to persons and assets (the exposed elements) is a function of the potential threat levels generated by the bushfire hazard, and the level of exposure and vulnerability of the at risk elements to the threats.

Bushfire Protection Measures

The required package of protection measures is established by *State Planning Policy 3.7 Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas (SPP 3.7),* its associated *Guidelines* and any other relevant guidelines or position statements published by the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage. These measures are limited to those considered by the WA planning authorities as necessary to be addressed for the purpose of land use planning. They do not encompass all available bushfire protection measures as many are not directly relevant to the planning approval stage. For example:

- Protection measures to reduce the vulnerability of buildings to bushfire threats is primarily dealt with at the building application stage. They are implemented through the process of applying the Building Code of Australia (Volumes 1 and 2 of the national Construction Code) in accordance with WA building legislation and the application of construction requirements based on a building's level of exposure - determined as a Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) rating); or
- Protection measures to reduce the threat levels of consequential fire (ignited by bushfire and involving combustible materials surrounding and within buildings) and measures to reduce the exposure and vulnerability of elements at risk exposed to consequential fire, are not specifically considered.

The package of required bushfire protection measures established by the Guidelines includes:

- The requirements of the bushfire protection criteria which consist of:
  - Element 1: Location (addresses threat levels).
  - Element 2: Siting and Design of Development (addresses exposure levels of buildings).
  - Element 3: Vehicular Access (addresses exposure and vulnerability levels of persons).
  - Element 4: Water (addresses vulnerability levels of buildings).
  - Element 5: Vulnerable Tourism Land Uses (addresses exposure and vulnerability as per Elements 1-4 but in use specific ways and with additional considerations of persons exposure and vulnerability).
- The requirement to develop Bushfire Emergency Plans / Information for 'vulnerable' land uses for persons to prepare, respond and recover from a bushfire event (this addresses vulnerability levels).
- The requirement to assess bushfire risk and incorporate relevant protection measures into the site emergency plans for 'high risk' land uses (this addresses threat, exposure and vulnerability levels).

Compliance of the Proposed Development or Use with SPP 3.7 Requirements

The BMP assesses the capacity of the proposed development or use to implement and maintain the required 'acceptable' solutions and any additionally recommended bushfire protection measures - or its capacity to satisfy the policy intent through the justified application of additional bushfire protection measures as supportable 'alternative' solutions.

THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT/USE – BUSHFIRE PLANNING COMPLIANCE SUMMARY		
Required Bushfire Protection Measures The Acceptable Solutions of the Bushfire Protection Criteria (Guidelines)		**Assessment Outcome**
Element	**The Acceptable Solutions**	
Element 5: Vulnerable Tourism Land Uses Holiday House – within Residential Built Out Area	A5.1a Siting and Design - APZ	Fully Compliant
	A5.2a Vehicular access – private driveways – technical requirements	Fully Compliant
	A5.2b Vehicular access – signage	Fully Compliant
	A5.3a Provision of water - reticulated	Fully Compliant
Other 'Bushfire Planning' Documents to Be Produced This necessity for additional documents is determined by the proposed development/use type and the requirements established by SPP 3.7 and the associated Guidelines (as amended). They may be produced concurrently or subsequent to the BMP. Relevant actions will be identified within Section 6 'Responsibilities for Implementation of Bushfire Protection Measures.		**Required**
Bushfire Emergency Information (Poster): As a concise response information poster for certain vulnerable land uses.		Yes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Bushfire Prone Planning (BPP Group Pty Ltd) has been commissioned to prepare a Bushfire Management Plan for Lot 70 (66) Capel Street, Kirup in the Shire of Donnybrook Balingup. The proposed development site of approximately 29,110 m^2 is within a designated bushfire prone area and the Proposal (*Addition to Land use – Short Stay Accommodation in the existing dwelling*) requires the application of State Planning Policy No. 3.7: Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas (SPP 3.7).

Lot 70 is considered to be within a "Residential Built Out Area" as per the Guidelines for Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas WAPC v1.4. The site is provided with an access route via the public road network which provides safe access and egress to a suitable destination. The development is provided with a reticulated water supply in accordance with the specifications of the water supply authority.

Emergency information for the site, with specific consideration to the management of a bushfire emergency has been prepared in support of this proposal and the content reflects the nature and scale of the development. The emergency plan has given due consideration to the vehicle access/egress options in the area and precautionary and contingency measures have been applied to minimise risk to future onsite occupants.

1 PROPOSAL DETAILS AND THE BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT PLAN

1.1 The Proposed Development/Use Details, Plans and Maps

The Proposal's Planning Stage For which certain bushfire planning documents are required to accompany the planning application.	Development Application - Addition to Land Use
The Subject Land/Site	Lot 70 (66) Capel Street, Kirup
Total Area of Subject Lot/Site	29,110 m^2
The 'Specific' Land Use Type for **Bushfire Planning** When applicable, this classification establishes a requirement to conduct assessments and develop documents that are additional to this Bushfire Management Plan.	Vulnerable Tourism Land Use
Factors Determining the 'Specific' Land Use Type	The proposed development is a land use that is categorised as a Bed and breakfast and holiday house within a residential built out area. The proposed tourism land use involves visitors who are unfamiliar with the surroundings and/or where they present evacuation challenges. The proposal would benefit from a Bushfire Emergency Plan to manage the safety of occupants in a bushfire event. Therefore, it should be treated as 'vulnerable'.
Description of the Proposed Development/Use:	Proposal for Short Stay accommodation in the Existing Dwelling

Lot 70 on Deposited Plan 82487, 66 Capel Street, Kirup 6251 (Certificate of Title 1170/527)

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Figure 1.1

Proposed Development

Lot 70 on Plan 082487, Area : 29,110 sq m
66 Capel Street,
KIRUP 6251
SHIRE OF DONNYBROOK - BALINGUP

------ LEGEND ------

- Subject Site
- Other Lots
- Hydrant
- Driveways

Existing Building

- Dwelling
- Shed
- Water Tank

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Metres

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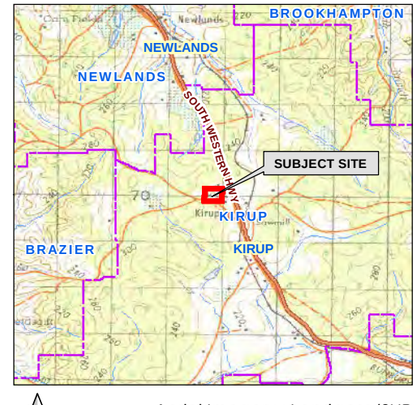

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Figure 1.2

Proposed Development

Lot 70 on Plan 082487, Area : 29,110 sq m
66 Capel Street,
KIRUP 6251
SHIRE OF DONNYBROOK - BALINGUP

Lot 70
SOUTH WESTERN HWY
RYALL RD
UPPER CAPEL RD
CAPEL ST
CASTLE ST
STATION ST

------ LEGEND ------

- Subject Site
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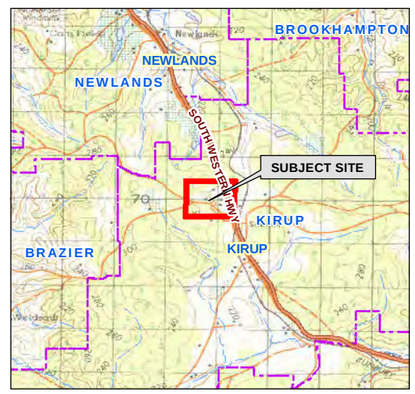

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Figure 1.3

Location Plan

Lot 70 on Plan 082487, Area : 29,110 sq m
66 Capel Street,
KIRUP 6251
SHIRE OF DONNYBROOK - BALINGUP

SUBJECT SITE
SOUTHWESTERN HWY
RYALL RD
UPPER CAPEL RD
CAPEL ST
KIRUP BFB
Kirup Primary School
STATION ST
KIRUP
LUKIS ST
BAXTER ST
CASTLE ST
YELVERTON ST
BROOKHAMPTON RD
WISHART RD
KIRUP GRIMWADE RD
KIRUP

------ LEGEND ------

- Subject Site
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Existing Building

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Metres

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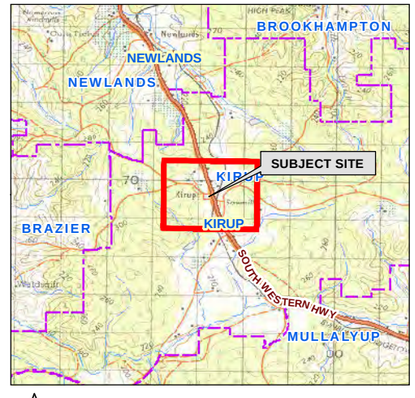

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1.2 The Bushfire Management Plan (BMP)

1.2.1 Commissioning and Purpose

Bushfire Prone Planning commissioned to produce the BMP by:	ABLE PLANNING & PROJECT MANAGEMENT (Aaron Bell) (on Behalf of Christine Oldmeadow - Landowner))
Purpose of the BMP:	To assess the proposal's ability to meet all relevant requirements established by State Planning Policy 3.7: Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas (SPP 3.7), the associated 'Guidelines and any relevant Position Statements;
BMP to be submitted to:	Shire of Donnybrook Balingup

1.2.2 Other Documents with Implications for Development of this BMP

This section identifies any known assessments, reports or plans that have been conducted and prepared previously, or are being prepared concurrently, and are relevant to the planned proposal for the subject. They potentially have implications for the assessment of bushfire threats and the identification and implementation of the protection measures that are established by this Bushfire Management Plan.

Table 1.2.2: Other Documents with Implications for Development of this BMP

EXISTING RELEVANT DOCUMENTS			
Existing Document	Relevant to the Proposal and the BMP	Copy Provided by Proponent / Developer	Title
Site Plan	Yes	Yes	1. Lot 70 Plan 82486 – 66 Capel Street, Kirup (Working Drawings) (2006) 2. WebMap_b444c3d3-4fb9-11ef-bb05-06fa17512283
Historical Bushfire Risk Assessments	No	N/A	-
Historical Planning Approvals	No	N/A	-

2 BUSHFIRE PRONE VEGETATION – ENVIRONMENTAL & ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATIONS

2.1 Environmental Considerations – 'Desktop' Assessment

This 'desktop' assessment must not be considered as a replacement for a full Environmental Impact Assessment. It is a summary of potential environmental values at the subject site, inferred from information contained in listed datasets and/or reports, which are only current to the date of last modification.

These data sources must be considered indicative where the subject site has not previously received a site-specific environmental assessment by an appropriate professional.

Many bushfire prone areas also have high biodiversity values. Consideration of environmental priorities within the boundaries of the land being developed can avoid excessive or unnecessary modification or clearing of vegetation. Approval processes (and exemptions) apply at both Commonwealth and State levels.

Any 'modification' or 'clearing' of vegetation to reduce bushfire risk is considered 'clearing' under the ***Environmental Protection Act 1986*** (EP Act) and requires a clearing permit under the ***Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004*** (Clearing Regulations) – unless for an exempt purpose.

Clearing native vegetation is an offence, unless done under a clearing permit or the clearing is for an exempt purpose. Exemptions are contained in the EP Act or are prescribed in the Clearing Regulations (note: these do not apply in environmentally sensitive areas).

The ***Department of Water and Environmental Regulation*** (DWER) is responsible for issuing 'clearing' permits and the framework for the regulation of clearing. Approvals under other legislation, from other agencies, may also be required, dependent on the type of flora or fauna present.

Local Planning Policy or Local Biodiversity Strategy: Natural areas that are not protected by the above Act and Regulation (or any other National or State Acts) may be protected by a local planning policy or local biodiversity strategy. Permission from the local government will be required for any modification or removal of native vegetation in these Local Natural Areas (LNA's). Refer to the relevant local government for detail.

For further Information refer to Guidelines v1.4, the Bushfire and Vegetation Factsheet - WAPC, Dec 2021 and https://www.der.wa.gov.au/our-work/clearing-permits

2.2 Identified Requirement for Onsite Vegetation Modification or Removal

IDENTIFICATION OF POTENTIAL NATIVE VEGETATION MODIFICATION OR REMOVAL	
Has a requirement to modify or remove native vegetation to establish the required bushfire protection measures on the subject site been identified?	Yes (Figure 3.2)
The majority of the plant life within the proposed Development Area (APZ) is already being managed as 'Low Threat' vegetation (Reticulated Orchard/ Gardens and Managed Grassland). For the purpose of this assessment, any retained vegetation or proposed revegetation/ landscaping works within the nominated 'Asset Protection Zone' (Refer to Figure 3.2) will be managed in accordance with the technical requirements established by the Schedule 1: 'Standards for Asset Protection Zones (Guidelines).	

3 BUSHFIRE ATTACK LEVEL (BAL) ASSESSMENT

BUSHFIRE ATTACK LEVELS (BAL) - UNDERSTANDING THE RESULTS

The potential transfer (flux/flow) of radiant heat from the bushfire to a receiving object is measured in kW/m^2. The AS 3959:2018 BAL determination methodology establishes the ranges of radiant heat flux that correspond to each bushfire attack level. These are identified as BAL-LOW, BAL-12.5, BAL-19, BAL-29, BAL-40 and BAL-FZ.

The bushfire performance requirements for certain classes of buildings are established by the Building Code of Australia (Vol. 1 & 2 of the NCC). The BAL will establish the bushfire resistant construction requirements that are to apply in accordance with AS 3959:2018 - *Construction of buildings in bushfire prone areas* and the NASH Standard – *Steel framed construction in bushfire areas (NS 300 2021),* whose solutions are deemed to satisfy the NCC bushfire performance requirements.

DETERMINED BAL RATINGS

A BAL Certificate can be issued for a determined BAL. A BAL can only be classed as 'determined' for an existing or future building/structure when:

1. It's final design and position on the lot are known and the stated separation distance from classified bushfire prone vegetation exists and can justifiably be expected to remain in perpetuity; or

2. It will always remain subject to the same BAL regardless of its design or position on the lot after accounting for any regulatory or enforceable building setbacks from lot boundaries as relevant and necessary (e.g., R-codes, restrictive covenants, defined building envelopes) or the retention of any existing classified vegetation either onsite or offsite.

If the BMP derives determined BAL(s), the BAL Certificate(s) required for submission with building applications can be provided, using the BMP as the assessment evidence.

INDICATIVE BAL RATINGS

A BAL Certificate cannot be issued for an indicative BAL. A BAL will be classed as 'indicative' for an existing or future building/structure when the required conditions to derive a determined BAL are not met.

This class of BAL rating indicates what BAL(s) could be achieved and the conditions that need to be met are stated.

Converting the indicative BAL into a determined BAL is conditional upon the currently unconfirmed variable(s) being confirmed by a subsequent assessment and evidential documentation. These variables will include the future building(s) location(s) being established (or changed) and/or classified vegetation being modified or removed to establish the necessary vegetation separation distance. This may also be dependent on receiving approval from the relevant authority for that modification/removal.

BAL RATING APPLICATION – PLANNING APPROVAL VERSUS BUILDING APPROVAL

1. **Planning Approval**: SPP.3.7 establishes that where BAL- LOW to BAL-29 will apply to relevant future construction (or existing structures for proposed uses), the proposed development may be considered for approval (dependent on the other requirements of the relevant policy measures being met). That is, BAL40 or BAL-FZ are not acceptable on planning grounds (except for certain limited exceptions).

   Because planning is looking forward at what can be achieved, as well as looking at what may currently exist, both determined and indicative BAL ratings are acceptable assessment outcomes on which planning decisions can be made (including conditional approvals).

2. **Building Approval:** The Building Code of Australia (Vol. 1 & 2 of the NCC) establishes that relevant buildings in bushfire prone areas must be constructed to the bushfire resistant requirements corresponding to the BAL rating that is to apply to that building. Consequently, a determined BAL rating and the BAL Certificate is required for a building permit to be issued - an indicative BAL rating is not acceptable.

3.1 BAL Assessment Summary (Table Format)

3.1.1 The BAL Determination Methodology and Location of Data and Results

LOCATION OF DATA & RESULTS					
BAL Determination Methodology		Location of the Site Assessment Data			Location of the Results
AS 3959:2018	Applied to Assessment	Classified Vegetation and Topography Map(s)	Calculation Input Variables		Assessed Bushfire Attack Levels and/or Radiant Heat Levels
			Summary Data	Detailed Data with Explanatory and Supporting Information	
Method 1 (Simplified)	Yes	Figure 3.1	Table 3.1	Appendix A1	Table 3.2 & Table 3.2.1

Table 3.1: Vegetation classification and effective slope.

ALL VEGETATION WITHIN 150 METRES OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT				
Vegetation Area	Identified Vegetation Types [1] or Description if 'Excluded'	Applied Vegetation Classification [1]	Effective Slope (degrees)[2] (AS 3959:2018 Method 1)	
			Assessed	Applied Range
1	Forest (A-04) *(Onsite)*	Class A Forest	0	0
2	Forest (Plantation) *(Onsite)*	Class A Forest	0-5	0-5
3	Forest (A-04)	Class A Forest	0	0
4	Grassland (G-26)	Class G Grassland	0	0
5	Excluded – Managed Vegetation	Excluded as per Section 2.2.3.2 (e)(f) Low Threat Vegetation	-	-

Table 3.2: Determined BAL Rating for the Existing Dwelling

BAL - Analysis and Determination				
Relevant Fire Danger Index (AS3959-2018 Table 2.1)				80
BAL Determination Method	Method 1 (as per AS 3959-2018 s2.2.6 and Table 2.4.3)			
Vegetation Area	Applied Vegetation Classification	Effective Slope Under the Classified Vegetation (degrees)	Separation Distance to the Classified Vegetation (metres)	Bushfire Attack Level
1	Class A Forest	0	11	BAL-FZ
2	Class A Forest	0-5	54	BAL-12.5
3	Class A Forest	0	67	BAL-12.5
4	Class G Grassland	0	47	BAL-12.5
5	Exclusion AS3959-2018 2.2.3.2 (f)	-	-	BAL-LOW
Determined Bushfire Attack Level				**BAL-FZ**

3.1.2 Bushfire Attack Level Information

The conditions required to achieve the Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) are presented below.

The BAL assessment in this Plan has determined that the proposed development will be subject to a Bushfire Attack Level Rating of BAL - Flame Zone (FZ). In conducting the assessment, Bushfire Prone Planning has determined that a lower BAL rating is achievable within the lot boundary and appropriate.

3.1.3 Conditions required to achieve the Indicative Bushfire Attack Level

For the Indicative BAL rating to be achieved the separation distance between the Existing Building and the identified classified vegetation needs to be increased. This may be able to be achieved by:

1. Onsite Vegetation management to a 'Low Threat State' in accordance with the Indicative Asset Protection Zone shown in Figure 3.1.1 and the table below.

Table 3.2.1: Indicative BAL Rating & APZ information for the Existing Dwelling

Minimum Vegetation Separation Distances Required to Achieve the BAL					
Relevant Fire Danger Index (AS3959-2018 Table 2.1)				80	
BAL Determination Method		Method 1 (as per AS 3959-2018 s2.2.6 and Table 2.4.3)			
Vegetation Area	Applied Vegetation Classification	Effective Slope (degrees)	Bushfire Attack Level	Minimum Distance Required (metres)	Current Separation Distance (metres)
1	Class A Forest	0	BAL-29	21	11
2	Class A Forest	0-5		27	54
3	Class A Forest	0		21	67
4	Class G Grassland	0		8	47
5	Excluded AS3959-2018 2.2.3.2 (f)	-		-	-

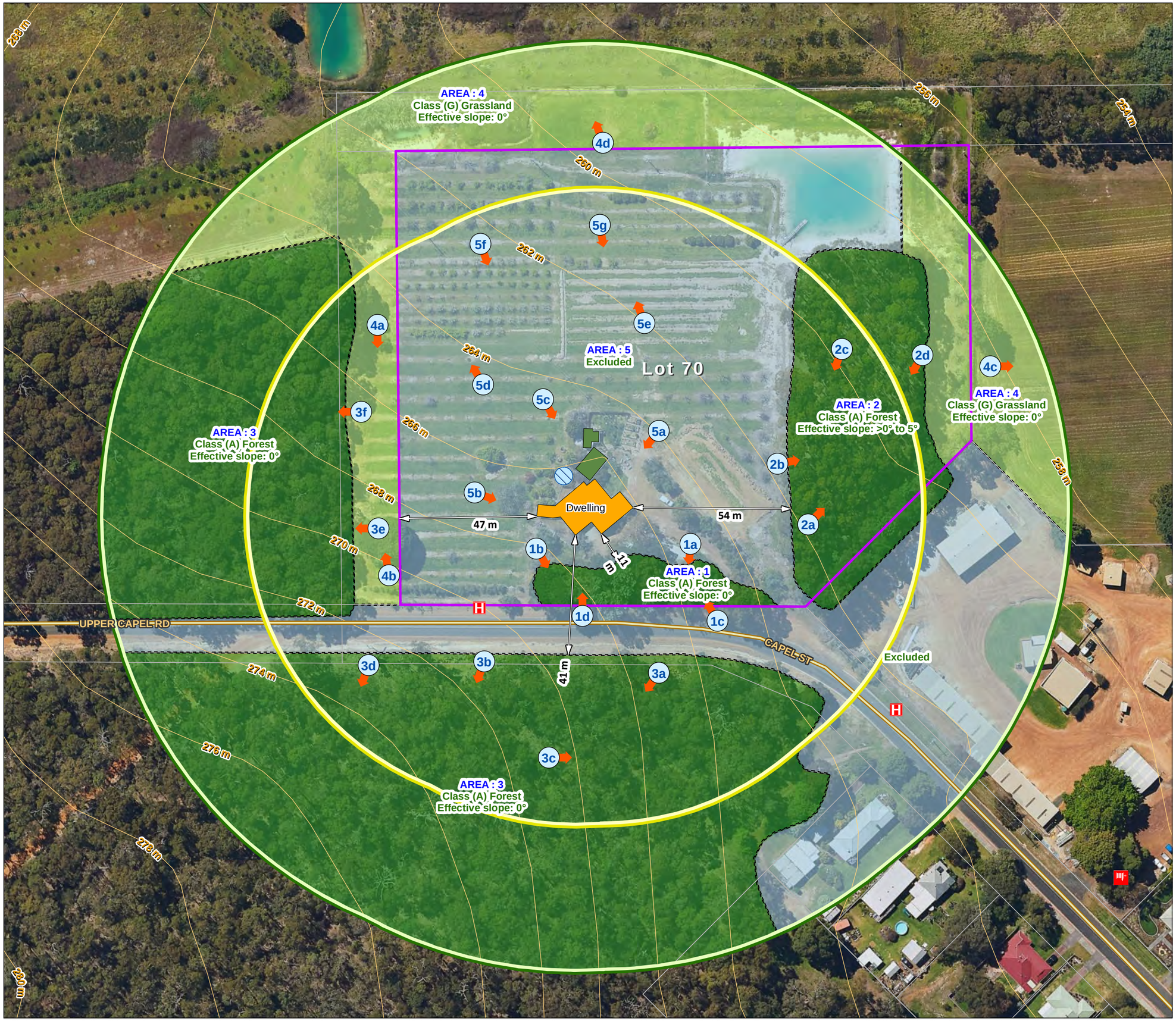

Figure 3.1

Classified Vegetation & Topography

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SHIRE OF DONNYBROOK - BALINGUP

------ LEGEND ------

- Subject Site
- Other Lots
- Photo & Direction
- Hydrant

Existing Building

- Dwelling
- Shed
- Water Tank

150m Vegetation Assessment Area

- 150m from Subject Site

100m Vegetation Assessment Area

- 100m from Subject Site

Classified Vegetation

- Class (A) Forest
- Class (G) Grassland
- Excluded 2.2.3.2
- Vegetation Distance

0 20 40 60 80
Metres

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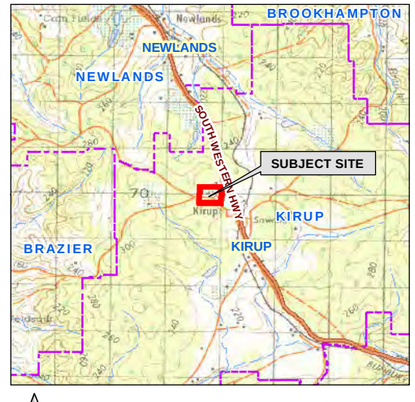

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Figure 3.1.1

Indicative BAL-29 APZ Map

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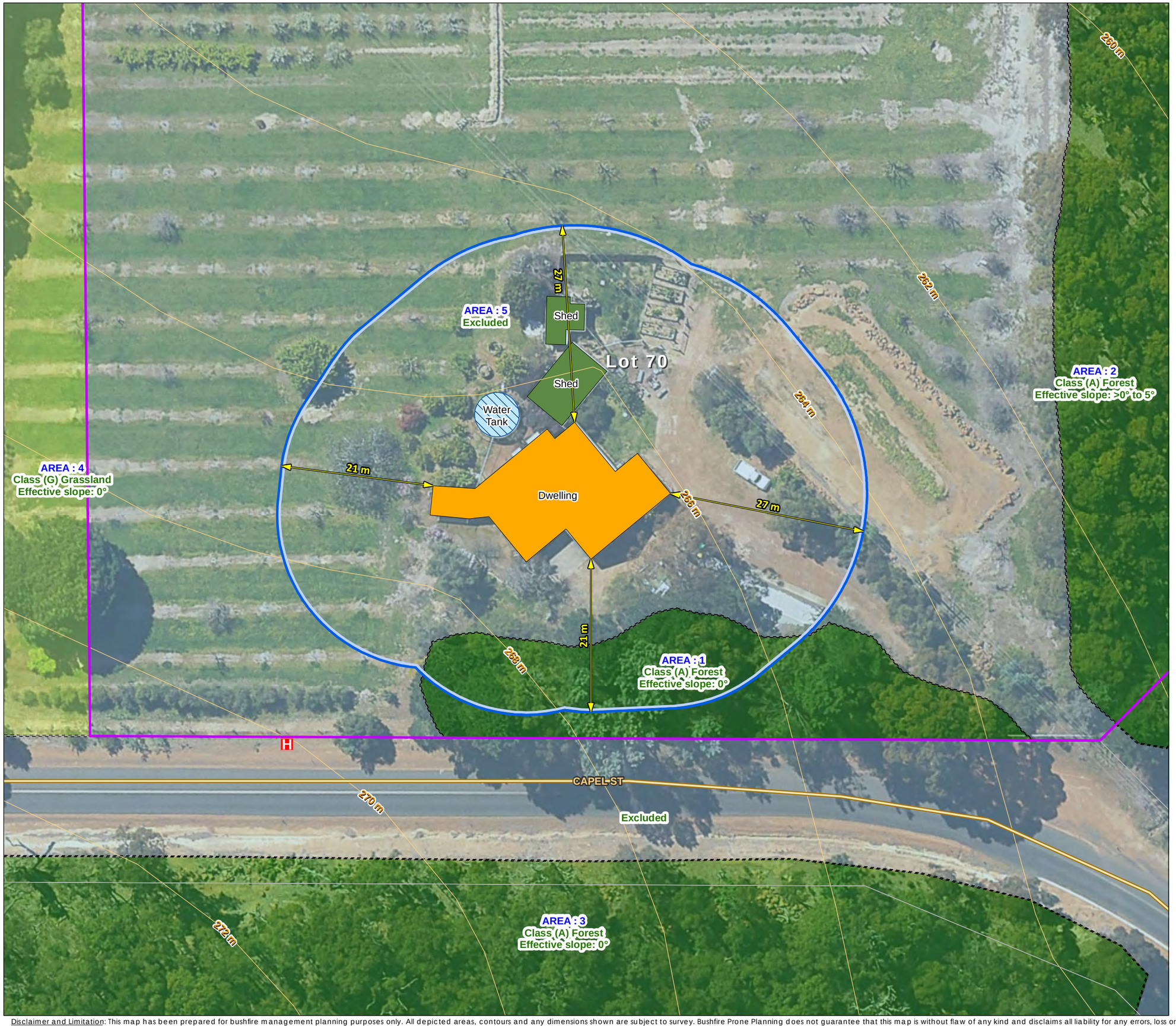
SHIRE OF DONNYBROOK - BALINGUP



------ LEGEND ------

- Subject Site
- Other Lots
- Hydrant

Asset Protection

- APZ - Proposed (BAL 29)

Existing Building

- Dwelling
- Shed
- Water Tank

Classified Vegetation

- Class (A) Forest
- Class (G) Grassland
- Excluded 2.2.3.2
- APZ Distance

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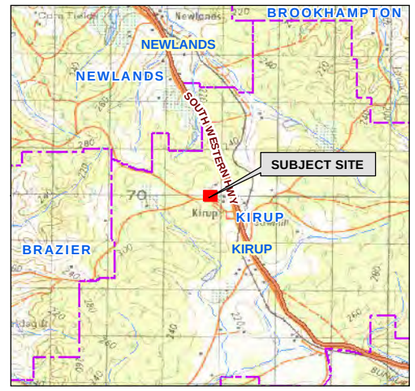

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BUSHFIRE PRONE PLANNING

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4 IDENTIFICATION OF BUSHFIRE HAZARD ISSUES

The Guidelines for Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas (WAPC 2021 v1.4), Appendix 5, establish that the application of this section of the BMP is intended to support ***strategic planning*** proposals. At the strategic planning stage there will typically be insufficient proposed development detail to enable all required assessments, including the assessment against the bushfire protection criteria.

Strategic Planning Proposals

For strategic planning proposals this section of the BMP will identify:

- Issues associated with the level of the threats presented by any identified bushfire hazard;
- Issues associated with the ability to implement sufficient and effective bushfire protection measures to reduce the exposure and vulnerability levels (of elements exposed to the hazard threats), to a tolerable or acceptable level; and
- Issues that will need to be considered at subsequent planning stages.

All Other Planning Proposals

For all other planning stages, this BMP will address what are effectively the same relevant issues but do it within the following sections:

- Section 2 – Bushfire Prone Vegetation - Environmental and Assessment Considerations: Assess environmental, biodiversity and conservation values;
- Section 3 – Potential Bushfire Impact: Assess the bushfire threats with the focus on flame contact and radiant heat; and
- Section 5 – Assessment Against the Bushfire Protection Criteria (including the guidance provided by the *Position Statement: 'Planning in bushfire prone areas – Demonstrating Element 1: Location and Element 2'):* Assess the ability of the proposed development to apply the required bushfire protection measures thereby enabling it to be considered for planning approval for these factors.

Is the proposed development a strategic planning proposal?	No

5 ASSESSMENT AGAINST THE BUSHFIRE PROTECTION CRITERIA (GUIDELINES V1.4)

5.1 Bushfire Protection Criteria Elements Applicable to the Proposed Development/Use

APPLICATION OF THE CRITERIA, ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS AND PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

The criteria are divided into five elements – location, siting and design, vehicular access, water and vulnerable tourism land uses. Each element has an intent outlining the desired outcome for the element and reflects identified planning and policy requirements in respect of each issue.

The example acceptable solutions (bushfire protection measures) provide one way of meeting the element's intent. Compliance with these automatically achieves the element's intent and provides a straightforward pathway for assessment and approval.

Where the acceptable solutions cannot be met, the ability to develop design responses (as alternative solutions that meet bushfire performance requirements) is an alternative pathway that is provided by addressing the applicable performance principles (as general statements of how best to achieve the intent of the element).

A merit based assessment is established by the SPP 3.7 and the Guidelines as an additional alternative pathway along with the ability of using discretion in making approval decisions (sections 2.5, 2.6 and 2.7). This is formally applied to certain development (minor and unavoidable – sections 5.4.1 and 5.7). Relevant decisions by the State Administrative Tribunal have also supported this approach more generally.

Elements 1 – 4 should be applied for all strategic planning proposals, subdivision or development applications, except for vulnerable tourism land uses which should refer to Element 5. Element 5 incorporates the bushfire protection criteria in Elements 1 – 4 but caters them specifically to tourism land uses. (Guidelines DPLH 2021v1.4)

The Bushfire Protection Criteria	Applicable to the Proposed Development/Use
Element 5: Vulnerable Tourism Land Uses	Yes

5.2 Local Government Variations to Apply

Local governments may add to or modify the acceptable solutions to recognise special local or regional circumstances (e.g., topography / vegetation / climate). These are to be endorsed by both the WAPC and DFES before they can be considered in planning assessments. (Guidelines DPLH 2021v1.4).

Do endorsed regional or local variations to the acceptable solutions apply to the assessments against the Bushfire Protection Criteria for the proposed development /use?	No

5.3 Assessment Statements for Element 5: Vulnerable Tourism Land Uses

5.3.1 B&B / Holiday House Within Built-Out Area

VULNERABLE TOURISM	
Element Intent	To provide bushfire protection for tourism land uses relevant to the characteristics of the occupants and/or the location, to preserve life and reduce the impact of bushfire on property and infrastructure.
Proposed Development/Use – Relevant Type	**Bed and breakfast and holiday house within a residential built out area.**
Element Compliance Statement	The proposed development/use achieves the intent of this element by being fully compliant with all applicable acceptable solutions.

Acceptable Solutions - Assessment Statements

All details of acceptable solution requirements are established in the Guidelines for Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas, DPLH v1.4 (Guidelines) and apply the guidance established by the 'Bushfire Management Plan Guidance for the Dampier Peninsula' (WA Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage, 2021 Rev B) as relevant. These documents are available at https://www.wa.gov.au/government/document-collections/state-planning-policy-37-planning-bushfire-prone-areas.

The technical construction requirements for access types and components, and for each firefighting water supply component, are also presented in Appendices 2 and 3. The local government will advise the proponent where different requirements are to apply and when any additional specifications such as those for signage and gates are to apply (these are included in the relevant appendix if requested by the local government).

Solution Component Check Box Legend	☑ Relevant & met	☒ Relevant & not met	⃠ Not relevant

A5.1 Siting and Design				
A5.1a Asset protection zone (APZ)	**Applicable**:	Yes	**Compliant**:	Yes

APZ DIMENSIONS – DIFFERENCES IN REQUIREMENTS FOR PLANNING ASSESSMENTS COMPARED TO IMPLEMENTATION

A key required bushfire protection measure is to reduce the exposure of buildings/infrastructure (as exposed vulnerable elements at risk), to the direct bushfire threats of flame contact, radiant heat and embers and the indirect threat of consequential fires that result from the subsequent ignition of other combustible materials that may be constructed, stored or accumulate in the area surrounding these structures. This reduces the associated risks of damage or loss.

This is achieved by separating buildings (and consequential fire fuels as necessary) from areas of classified bushfire prone vegetation. This area of separation surrounding buildings is identified as the Asset Protection Zone (APZ) and consists of no vegetation and/or low threat vegetation or vegetation continually managed to a minimal fuel condition. The required separation distances will vary according to the site specific conditions and local government requirements.

The APZ dimensions stated and/or illustrated in this Report can vary dependent on the purpose for which they are being identified.

Note: Appendix B 'Onsite Vegetation Management' provides further information regarding the different APZ dimensions that can be referenced, their purpose and the specifications of the APZ that are to be established and maintained on the subject lot.

THE 'PLANNING BAL-29' APZ DIMENSIONS

Purpose: To provide evidence of the development or use proposal's ability to achieve minimum vegetation separation distances. To achieve 'acceptable solution' planning approval for this factor, it must be demonstrated that the minimum separation distances corresponding to a maximum level of radiant transfer to a building of 29 kW/m^2, either exist or can be implemented (with certain exceptions). These separation distances are the 'Planning BAL-29' APZ dimensions.

The 'Planning BAL-29' APZ is not necessarily the size of the APZ that must be physically implemented and maintained by a landowner. Rather, its sole purpose is to identify if an acceptable solution for planning approval can be met.

THE 'REQUIRED' APZ DIMENSIONS

Purpose: Establishes the dimensions of the APZ to be physically implemented by the landowner on their lot: These will be the minimum required separation distances from the subject building(s) to surrounding bushfire prone vegetation (identified by type and associated ground slope). These are established by:

A. The 'BAL Rating APZ' of the subject building(s) when distances are greater than 'B' below (except when 'B' establishes a maximum distance); or

B. The 'Local Government' APZ' derived from the Firebreak/Hazard Reduction Notice when distances are greater than 'A' above, other than when a maximum distance is established, in which case this will apply; or

C. A combination of 'A' and 'B'.

*Within this Report/Plan it is the **'Planning BAL-29' APZ** that will be identified on maps, diagrams and in tables as necessary – unless otherwise stated.*

*The **'Required' APZ** dimension information will be presented in Appendix B1.1 and on the Property Bushfire Management Statement, when required to be included for a development application.*

☑ ☐ ☐ **APZ Width:** The proposed (or a future) habitable building(s) on the lot(s) of the proposed development - or an existing building for a proposed change of use – can be (or is) located within the developable portion of the lot and be surrounded by a 'Planning BAL-29' APZ of the required dimensions (measured from any external wall or supporting post or column to the edge of the classified vegetation), that will ensure their exposure to the potential radiant heat impact of a bushfire does not exceed 29 kW/m^2.

☐ ☐ ⃠ **Restriction on Building Location:** It has been identified that the current developable portion of a lot(s) provides for a future building location that will result in that building being subject to a BA-40 or BAL-FZ rating. Consequently, it may be considered necessary to impose the condition that a restrictive covenant to the benefit of 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 that portion of land (refer to Code F3 of Model Subdivision Conditions Schedule, WAPC June 2021 and Guidelines s5.3.2).

☑ ☐ ☐ **APZ Location:** The required dimensions for a 'Planning BAL-29' APZ can be contained solely within the boundaries of the lot(s) on which the proposed (or a future) habitable building(s) - or an existing building(s) for a proposed change of use – is situated.

☐ ☐ ⃠ **APZ Location:** The required dimensions for a 'Planning BAL-29' APZ can be partly established within the boundaries of the lot(s) on which the proposed (or a future) habitable building(s) - or an existing building(s) for a proposed change of use – is situated. The balance of the APZ would exist on adjoining land that satisfies the exclusion requirements of AS 3959:2018 cl 2.2.3.2 for non-vegetated areas and/or low threat vegetation and/or vegetation managed in a minimal fuel condition.

☐ ☐ ⊘	**APZ Location:** It can be justified that any adjoining (offsite) land forming part of a 'Planning BAL-29' APZ will: • If non-vegetated, remain in this condition in perpetuity; and/or • If vegetated, be low threat vegetation or vegetation managed in a minimal fuel condition.
☑ ☐ ☐	**APZ Management:** The area of land (within each lot boundary), that is to make up the required 'Landowner' APZ dimensions (refer to Appendix B, Part B1), can and will be managed in accordance with the requirements of the Guidelines Schedule 1 'Standards for Asset Protection Zones'
Supporting Assessment Details: The proposed development achieves compliance by ensuring the building on the lot can have established around it an APZ (Figure 3.1.1) of the required dimensions - to ensure that the potential radiant heat from a bushfire does not exceed 29 kW/m2.	
A5.2 Vehicular Access	
A5.2a Private driveway - technical requirements	**Applicable**: Yes **Compliant**: Yes
☑ ☐ ☐	The private driveway length is no greater than 70m. No technical requirements need to be met.
☐ ☐ ⊘	The technical construction requirements for widths, clearances, capacity, gradients and curves (Guidelines, Table 6. Refer also to Appendix C in this BMP), can and will be complied with.
☐ ☐ ⊘	Passing bays can and will be installed every 200m with a minimum length of 20m and a minimum additional trafficable width of 2m.
☐ ☐ ⊘	The turnaround area requirements (Guidelines, Figure 28, and within 30m of the habitable building) can and will be complied with.
A5.2b Signage	**Applicable**: Yes **Compliant**: Yes
☑ ☐ ☐	The required information to inform the actions of those persons onsite in the event of a bushfire will be prominently displayed within the site.
☑ ☐ ☐	This information will include evacuation routes and distance and the site-specific procedural detail that will be established by the Bushfire Emergency Plan (or Information) that is required to be developed for the proposed use.
Supporting Assessment Details: Signage will be provided within the site, advising of where each access route travels to and the distance and general information signs on what to do in the event of a bushfire (Bushfire Emergency Plan)	
A5.3 Provision of Water for Firefighting Purposes	
A5.3a Reticulated supply	**Applicable**: Yes **Compliant**: Yes
☑ ☐ ☐	A reticulated water supply is available to the proposed development. The existing hydrant connection(s) are provided in accordance with the specifications of the relevant water supply authority.
Supporting Assessment Details: A hydrant was located on Capel Street approx. 50m from site.	

6 BUSHFIRE PROTECTION MEASURES - RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION CHECKLIST

6.1 Developer / Landowner Responsibilities – Prior to Operation

DEVELOPER/LANDOWNER RESPONSIBILITIES – PRIOR TO OPERATION	
No.	Implementation Actions
1	The local government may condition a development application approval with a requirement for the landowner/proponent to register a notification onto the certificate of title and deposited plan (with the required wording stated by the local government). This will be done pursuant to *Section 70A Transfer of Land Act 1893 (as amended) as per 'Factors affecting use and enjoyment of land, notification on title'*. This is to notify owners and prospective purchasers of the land that: 1. The land is in a designated bushfire prone area as designated by an Order made by the Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner; 2. The land is subject to a Bushfire Management Plan that establishes certain protection measures to manage bushfire risk that are to be implemented and continue to be applied at the owners cost; and 3. That additional planning and building requirements may apply to development on this land.
2	Prior to operation, establish/ maintain the 'Required' Asset Protection Zone (APZ) around dwelling to satisfy: • The minimum required dimensions established in Figure 3.1.1; and • The standards established by the Guidelines DPLH, 2021 v1.4, Schedule 1, or as varied by the local government through their annually issued firebreak / hazard reduction notice when the variations have been endorsed by the WAPC and DFES as per s4.5.3 of the Guidelines. If native vegetation is required to be modified or removed, ensure that approval has been received from the relevant authority (refer to the applicable local government for advice).
3	Prior to operation, for the 'vulnerable' land use, there is an outstanding obligation, created by this Bushfire Management Plan, for a Bushfire Emergency Plan for proposed occupants to be developed and approved.
4	Prior to operation, signage must be prominently displayed within the site that informs the actions of those persons onsite in the event of a bushfire. This will include evacuation route information, site procedures – as per the instructions within the Bushfire Emergency Plan or Bushfire Information Poster developed for the site and use.
5	Prior to operation, all actions established by the Bushfire Emergency Plan, must be completed.

6.2 Landowner / Occupier Responsibilities – Ongoing Management

LANDOWNER/OCCUPIER – ONGOING MANAGEMENT	
No.	Management Actions
1	Maintain the 'Required' Asset Protection Zone (APZ) around dwelling to satisfy: • The minimum required dimensions established in Figure 3.1.1; and • The standards established by the Guidelines DPLH, 2021 v1.4, Schedule 1, or as varied by the local government through their annually issued firebreak / hazard reduction notice when the variations have been endorsed by the WAPC and DFES as per s4.5.3 of the Guidelines.
2	Annually review the Bushfire Emergency Plan and complete all actions established by the Bushfire Emergency Plan at the appropriate times of the year.

6.3 Local Government Responsibilities – Ongoing Management

LOCAL GOVERNMENT – ONGOING MANAGEMENT	
No.	Management Actions
1	Monitor landowner compliance with any bushfire protection measures that are Established by this BMP.

APPENDIX A: DETAILED BAL ASSESSMENT DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

A1: BAL Assessment Inputs Common to the Method 1 and Method 2 Procedures

A1.1: FIRE DANGER INDICES (FDI/FDI/GFDI)

When using Method 1 the relevant FDI value required to be applied for each state and region is established by AS 3959:2018, Table 2.1. Each FDI value applied in Tables 2.4 – 2.7 represents both the Forest Fire Danger Index (FFDI) and a deemed equivalent for the Grassland Fire Danger Index (GFDI), as per Table B2 in Appendix B. When using Method 2, the relevant FFDI and GFDI are applied.

The values may be able to be refined within a jurisdiction, where sufficient climatological data is available and in consultation with the relevant authority.

Relevant Jurisdiction:	WA	Region:	Whole State	Method 1	Applied FDI:	80

A1.2: VEGETATION ASSESSMENT AND CLASSIFICATION

Vegetation Types and Classification

In accordance with AS 3959:2018 clauses 2.2.3 and C2.2.3.1, all vegetation types within 100 metres of the 'site' (defined as "the part of the allotment of land on which a building stands or is to be erected"), are identified and classified. Any vegetation more than 100 metres from the site that has influenced the classification of vegetation within 100 metres of the site, is identified and noted. The maximum excess distance is established by AS 3959: 2018 cl 2.2.3.2 and is an additional 100 metres.

Classification is also guided by the Visual Guide for Bushfire Risk Assessment in WA (WA Department of Planning February 2016) and any relevant FPA Australia practice notes.

Modified Vegetation

The vegetation types have been assessed as they will be in their natural mature states, rather than what might be observed on the day. Vegetation destroyed or damaged by a bushfire or other natural disaster has been assessed on its expected re-generated mature state. Modified areas of vegetation can be excluded from classification if they consist of low threat vegetation or vegetation managed in a minimal fuel condition, satisfying AS 3959:2018 s2.2.3.2(f), and there is sufficient justification to reasonable expect that this modified state will exist in perpetuity.

The Influence of Ground Slope

Where significant variation in effective slope exists under a consistent vegetation type, these will be delineated as separate vegetation areas to account for the difference in potential bushfire behaviour, in accordance with AS 3959:2018 clauses 2.2.5 and C2.2.5.

THE INFLUENCE OF VEGETATION GREATER THAN 100 METRES FROM THE SUBJECT SITE	
Assessment Statement:	Vegetation has been classified within the 150-metre radius from the subject site.

VEGETATION AREA 1	
AS 3959:2018 Vegetation Classification Applied:	Class A Forest
Vegetation Type Present:	Forest (A-04)
Description/Justification:	Mixed Eucalypt & Pine Forest – ranging between 15-25 metres tall (Mature eucalypt trees with a limited scrub/grassland understory). The precautionary principle has been applied.

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VEGETATION AREA 2	
AS 3959:2018 Vegetation Classification Applied:	Class A Forest
Vegetation Type Present:	Forest (Plantation)
Description/Justification:	Eucalypt Forest (Plantation) – ranging between 20-25 metres tall (Mature eucalypt trees with a limited understory). The precautionary principle has been applied.

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VEGETATION AREA 3	
AS 3959:2018 Vegetation Classification Applied:	Class A Forest
Vegetation Type Present:	Forest (A-04)
Description/Justification:	Mixed Eucalypt (Jarrah/ Marri) – ranging between 15-25 metres tall (Mature eucalypt trees with a scrub understory). The precautionary principle has been applied.

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VEGETATION AREA 4	
AS 3959:2018 Vegetation Classification Applied:	Class G Grassland
Vegetation Type Present:	Sown pasture G-26
Description/Justification:	Predominantly Managed Low-Cut Grassland (pasture/paddock). The precautionary principle has been applied.

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VEGETATION AREA 5	
AS 3959:2018 Vegetation Classification Applied:	Excluded as per Section 2.2.3.2 (e)(f) Low Threat Vegetation
Vegetation Type Present:	Excluded Vegetation (Orchard/ Reticulated Gardens)
Description/Justification:	Orchards/ Fruit trees/ Reticulated Area. Managed Low-Cut Grassland and Gardens. The precautionary principle has been applied.

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VEGETATION AREA 5	
AS 3959:2018 Vegetation Classification Applied:	Excluded as per Section 2.2.3.2 (e)(f) Low Threat Vegetation
Vegetation Type Present:	Excluded Vegetation (Orchard/ Reticulated Gardens)
Description/Justification:	Orchards/ Fruit trees/ Reticulated Area. Managed Low-Cut Grassland and Gardens. The precautionary principle has been applied.

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A1.3: EFFECTIVE SLOPE

Measuring

Effective slope refers to the slope "under the classified vegetation which most significantly influences bushfire behaviour (AS 3959:2018, clause B4, CB4). It is not the average slope.

It is described as upslope, flat or downslope when viewed from the exposed element (e.g., building) looking towards the vegetation – and measured in degrees. Ground slope has a direct and significant influence on a bushfire's rate of spread and intensity, which increases when travelling up a slope.

The slope under the vegetation in closest proximity to the exposed element(s), over the distance that will most likely carry the entire depth of the flaming front, will be a significant consideration in the determination of the effective slope. This distance is determined as a function of the potential quasi-steady rate of spread and expected residence time (i.e., the flaming combustion period at a single point on the ground), of a bushfire in the specific vegetation type/landscape scenario.

Slope Variation Within Areas of Vegetation

Where a significant variation in effective slope exists under a consistent vegetation type, these will be delineated as separate vegetation areas to account for the difference in potential bushfire behaviour, in accordance with AS 3959:2018 clauses 2.2.5 and C2.2.5.

Slope Variation Due to Multiple Development Sites

When the effective slope, under a given area of bushfire prone vegetation, will vary significantly relative to multiple proposed development sites (exposed elements), then the effective slopes corresponding to each of the different locations, are separately identified.

The relevant (worst case) effective slope is determined in the direction corresponding to the potential directions of fire spread towards the subject building(s).

Differences in Application of Effective Slope - AS 3959:2018 Method 1 versus Method 2 Procedures

The Method 1 procedure provides five different slope ranges from flat (including all upslopes) to 20 degrees downslope to define the effective slope and bushfire behaviour model calculations apply the highest value in each range (i.e., 0^0, 5^0, 10^0, 15^0 or 20^0).

The Method 2 procedure requires an actual slope (up or down in degrees) to be determined. AS 3959:2018, clause B1 limits the effective slope that can be applied to 30 degrees downslope and 15 degrees upslope. Where any upslope is greater than 15 degrees, then 15 degrees is to be used.

SITE ASSESSMENT DETAILS - EXPLANATION & JUSTIFICATION

The effective slopes determined from the site assessment are recorded in Table 3.1 of this Bushfire Management Plan.

A1.4: SEPARATION DISTANCE

Measuring

The separation distance is the distance in the horizontal plane between the receiver (building/structure or area of land being considered) and the edge of the classified vegetation (AS 3959:2018, clause 2.2.4)

The relevant parts of a building/structure from which the measurement is taken is the nearest part of an external wall or where a wall does not exist, the supporting posts or columns. Certain parts of buildings are excluded including eaves and roof overhangs.

The edge of the vegetation, for forests and woodlands, will be determined by the unmanaged understorey rather than either the canopy (drip line) or the trunk (AS 3959:2018, clause C2.2.5).

Measured Separation Distance as a Calculation Input

If a separation distance can be measured because the location of the building/structure relative to the edge of the relevant classified vegetation is known, this figure can be entered into the BAL calculation. The result is a determined BAL rating.

Assumed Separation Distance as a Calculation Input

When the building/structure location within the lot is not known, an assumed building location may be applied that would establish the closest positioning of the building/structure relative to the relevant area of vegetation.

The assumed location would be based on a factor that puts a restriction on a building location such as:

- An established setback from the boundary of a lot, such as a residential design code setback or a restrictive covenant; or
- Within an established building envelope.

The resultant BAL rating would be indicative and require later confirmation (via a Compliance Report) of the building/structure actual location relative to the vegetation to establish the determined BAL rating.

Separation Distance as a Calculation Output

With the necessary site specific assessment inputs and using the AS 3959:2018 bushfire modelling equations, the range of separation distances that will correspond to each BAL rating (each of which represents a range of radiant heat flux), can be calculated. This has application for bushfire planning scenarios such as:

- When the separation distance cannot be measured because the exact location of the exposed element (i.e., the building, structure or area), relative to classified vegetation, is yet to be determined.

  In this scenario, the required information is the identification of building locations onsite that will correspond to each BAL rating. That is, indicative BAL ratings can be derived for a variety of potential building/structure locations; or

- The separation distance is known for a given building, structure or area (and a determined BAL rating can be derived), but additional information is required regarding the exposure levels (to the transfer of radiant heat from a bushfire), of buildings or persons, that will exist at different points within the subject site.

The calculated range of separation distances corresponding to each BAL rating can be presented in a table and/or illustrated as a BAL Contour Map – whichever is determined to best fit the purpose of the assessment.

For additional information refer to the information boxes in Section 3 'Bushfire Attack Levels (BAL) - Understanding the Results and Section 3.2. 'Interpretation of the BAL Contour Map'.

SITE ASSESSMENT DETAILS - EXPLANATION & JUSTIFICATION

Measured and assumed separation distances determined from the site assessment are recorded in Section 3, Table 3.2.

APPENDIX B: ADVICE - ONSITE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT - THE APZ

THE ASSET PROTECTION ZONE (APZ) - DESCRIPTION

This is an area surrounding a habitable building containing low threat fire fuel fuels (including vegetation), or vegetation managed in a minimal fuel condition, no fire fuels or any combination. The primary objectives include:

- To ensure the building is sufficiently separated from the bushfire hazard to limit the impact of its direct attack mechanisms. That is, the dimensions of the APZ will, for most site scenarios, remove the potential for direct flame contact on the building, reduce the level of radiant heat to which the building is exposed and ensure some reduction in the level of ember attack (with the level of reduction being dependent on the vegetation types of present);
- To ensure any vegetation retained within the APZ is low threat and/or is managed in a minimum fuel condition and prevents surface fire spreading to the building;
- To ensure other combustible materials that can result in consequential fire (typically ignited by embers) within both the APZ and parts of the building, are eliminated, minimised and/or appropriately located or protected. (Note: The explanatory notes in the Guidelines provide some guidance for achieving this objective and other sources are available. Research shows that consequential fire, ignited by embers, is the primary cause of building loss in past bushfire events); and
- To provide a defendable space for firefighting activities.

B1: Asset Protection Zone (APZ) Dimensions

APZ DIMENSIONS – DIFFERENCES IN REQUIREMENTS FOR PLANNING ASSESSMENTS COMPARED TO IMPLEMENTATION

THE 'PLANNING BAL-29' APZ DIMENSIONS

The 'Planning BAL-29' APZ is not necessarily the size of the APZ that must be physically implemented and maintained by a landowner. Rather, its purpose is to identify if an acceptable solution for planning approval can be met i.e., can a specified minimum separation distance from bushfire prone vegetation exist.

An assessment against the Bushfire Protection Criteria is conducted for planning approval purposes. To satisfy 'A2.1: Asset Protection Zone', it must be demonstrated that certain minimum separation distances between the relevant building/structure and different classes of bushfire prone vegetation, either exist or can be created and will remain in perpetuity. These minimum separation distances determine the 'Planning BAL-29' APZ dimensions.

Dimensions: The minimum dimensions are those that will ensure the potential radiant heat impact on subject buildings does not exceed 29 kW/m^2. These dimensions will vary dependent on the vegetation classification, the slope of the land they are growing on and certain other factors specific to the subject site.

> *Note: For certain purposes associated with vulnerable land uses, the 'Planning BAL-29' APZ may be replaced with dimensions corresponding to radiant heat impact levels of 10 kW/m^2 and 2 kW/m^2 and calculated using 1200K flame temperature.*

Location: The identified 'Planning BAL-29' APZ must not extend past lot boundaries onto land the landowner has no control over either now or potentially at some point in the future. Limited exceptions include:

- When adjoining land is not vegetated (e.g., built out, roads, carparks, drainage, rock, water body etc.);
- When adjoining land currently or, will in the short term, contain low threat vegetation and or vegetation managed in a minimal fuel condition as per AS 3959:2018 cl. 2.2.3.2. It must be reasonable (justifiable) to expect this low threat vegetation and/or level of management will continue to exist or be conducted in perpetuity and require no action from the owner of the subject lot.

  Such areas of land include formally managed areas of vegetation (e.g., public open space / recreation areas / services installed in a common section of land). For specific scenarios, evidence of the formal

commitment to manage these areas to a certain standard may be required and would be included in the BMP.

These areas of land can also be part of the required APZ on a neighbouring lot for which the owner of that lot has a recognised responsibility to establish and maintain; and

- When there is a formalised and enforceable capability and responsibility created for the subject lot owner, or any other third party, to manage vegetation on land they do not own in perpetuity. This would be rare, and evidence of the formal authority would be included in the BMP.

The bushfire consultant's 'Supporting Assessment Detail', that is presented in the assessment against the acceptable solution A2.1, will identify and justify how any adjoining land within the 'Planning BAL-29 APZ will meet the APZ standards. Or otherwise, explain how this condition cannot be met.

THE 'BAL RATING' APZ DIMENSIONS

The applicable BAL rating will have been stated in the BAL Assessment Data section of the BAL Assessment Report or BMP (as relevant). The BAL rating can be assessed as 'determined' or 'indicative' or be 'conditional', dependent of the specific conditions associated with the site and the stage of assessment or planning. It is the eventual assessment of the 'Determined' BAL that will establish both the BAL rating that is to apply and its corresponding 'BAL Rating' APZ dimensions.

Dimensions: The minimum dimensions of the 'BAL Rating' APZ to be established and maintained will be those that correspond to the determined BAL rating for the subject building/structure that has accounted for surrounding vegetation types, the slope of the land they are growing on and certain other factors specific to the subject site and surrounding land.

Establishing the 'BAL Rating' APZ will ensure that the potential radiant heat exposure of the building/structure will be limited to the level that the applied construction requirements are designed to resist when that building/structure is required to be constructed to the standard corresponding to the Determined BAL.

> *Note: For certain purposes associated with vulnerable land uses, the 'BAL Rating' APZ dimensions may be replaced with dimensions corresponding to the specific radiant heat impact levels of 10 kW/m² and 2 kW/m² and calculated using 1200K flame temperature.*

Location: The same conditions will apply as for the 'Planning BAL-29' APZ.

THE 'LOCAL GOVERNMENT' APZ DIMENSIONS

Some Local Government's establish the dimensions of the APZ that must be established surrounding buildings in their annual Firebreak/Hazard Reduction Notice. Or for a specific site they may establish a maximum allowable dimension (typically that corresponding to BAL-29). When established, the landowner will need to be comply with these.

THE 'REQUIRED' APZ DIMENSIONS

This is the APZ that is to be established and maintained by the landowner within the subject lot and surrounding the subject building(s). It will be identified on the Property Bushfire Management Statement when it is required to be included in this Report/Plan.

Dimensions: The 'Required APZ' dimensions are the minimum (or maximum when relevant) distances away from the subject building(s) that the APZ must extend. These distances will not necessarily be the same all around the building(s). They can vary and are dependent on the different vegetation types (and their associated ground slope) that can exist around the building(s), and specific local government requirements. The dimensions to implement are determined by:

A. The 'BAL Rating APZ' of the subject building(s) when distances are greater than 'B' below (except when 'B' establishes a maximum distance); or

B. The 'Local Government' APZ' derived from the Firebreak/Hazard Reduction Notice when distances are greater than 'A' above, other than when a maximum distance is established, in which case this will apply; or

C. A combination of 'A' and 'B'.

Location: The same conditions will apply as for the 'Planning BAL-29' APZ.

Table B1.1: The applicable 'Landowner' APZ Dimensions when indicative BAL ratings have been established by the BMP.

THE 'LANDOWNER' APZ DIMENSIONS TO BE ESTABLISHED AND MAINTAINED				
Building	Classified Vegetation Refer to Figure 3.1/3.2	Minimum Required Separation Distances (m) - Building to Vegetation The 'BAL Rating' APZ Corresponding to the Stated 'Indicative' BAL BAL-29	As Directed by the Applicable Year Local Government Firebreak / Hazard Reduction Notice	The 'Landowner' APZ (limited to the subject lot boundary unless otherwise justified)
Existing Dwelling	Area 1	21m	20	Will be dependent on the subsequent 'Determined' BAL rating. It is then to be calculated as the greater of the 'BAL Rating' distance or the 'Firebreak Notice' distance, and no greater than the distance to the lot boundary.
	Area 2	27m		
	Area 3	21m		
	Area 4	8m		
	Area 5	-		
Comments: The Nominated Asset Protection Zone (limited to the subject lot boundary) can meet s2.2.3.2 exclusion requirements of AS 3959-2018 (Figure 3.1.1).				

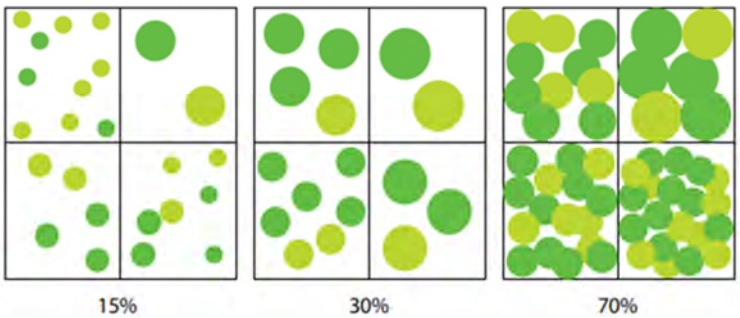
B2: The Standards for the APZ as Established by the Guidelines (DPLH, v1.4)

Within the Guidelines (source: https://www.wa.gov.au/government/document-collections/state-planning-policy-37-planning-bushfire-prone-areas), the management Standards are established by:

- Schedule 1: Standards for Asset Protection Zones (see extract below) established by the Guidelines; and
- The associated explanatory notes (Guidelines E2) that address (a) managing an asset protection zone (APZ) to a low threat state (b) landscaping and design of an asset protection zone and (c) plant flammability.

ELEMENT 2: SITING AND DESIGN OF DEVELOPMENT

SCHEDULE 1: STANDARDS FOR ASSET PROTECTION ZONES

OBJECT	REQUIREMENT
Fences within the APZ	• Should be constructed from non-combustible materials (for example, iron, brick, limestone, metal post and wire, or bushfire-resisting timber referenced in Appendix F of AS 3959).
Fine fuel load (Combustible, dead vegetation matter <6 millimetres in thickness)	• Should be managed and removed on a regular basis to maintain a low threat state. • Should be maintained at <2 tonnes per hectare (on average). • Mulches should be non-combustible such as stone, gravel or crushed mineral earth or wood mulch >6 millimetres in thickness.
Trees* (>6 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. • Lower branches and loose bark should be removed to a height of two metres above the ground and/or surface vegetation. • Canopy cover within the APZ should be <15 per cent of the total APZ area. • Tree canopies at maturity should be at least five metres apart to avoid forming a 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 the APZ. **Figure 19:** Tree canopy cover – ranging from 15 to 70 per cent at maturity  15% 30% 70%

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.
Grass	• Grass should be maintained at a height of 100 millimetres or less, at all times. • Wherever possible, perennial grasses should be used and well-hydrated with regular application of wetting agents and efficient irrigation.
Defendable space	• 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.
LP Gas Cylinders	• 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. • The pressure relief valve should point away from the house. • No flammable material within six metres from the front of the valve. • Must sit on a firm, level and non-combustible base and be secured to a solid structure.

** Plant flammability, landscaping design and maintenance should be considered – refer to explanatory notes*

B3: The Standards for the APZ as Established by the Local Government

Refer to the firebreak / hazard reduction notice issued annually (under s33 of the Bushfires Act 1954) by the relevant local government. It may state Standards that vary from those established by the Guidelines and that have been endorsed by the WAPC and DFES as per Section 4.5.3 of the Guidelines.

A copy of the applicable notice is not included here as they are subject to being reviewed and modified prior to issuing each year. Refer to ratepayers notices and/or the local government's website for the current version.

B4: Vegetation and Areas Excluded from Classification - Ensure Continued Exclusion

AS 3959:2018 establishes the methodology for determining a bushfire attack level (BAL). The methodology includes the classification of the subject site's surrounding vegetation according to their 'type' and the application of the corresponding relevant bushfire behaviour models to determine the BAL.

Certain vegetation can be considered as low threat or managed in a minimal fuel condition and can be excluded from classification. Where this has occurred in assessing the site, the extract from AS3959:2018 below states the requirements that must continue to exist for the vegetation on those areas of land to be excluded from classification (including the size of the vegetation area if relevant to the assessment).

2.2.3.2 *Exclusions—Low threat vegetation and non-vegetated areas*

The following vegetation shall be excluded from a BAL assessment:

(a) Vegetation of any type that is more than 100 m from the site.

(b) Single areas of vegetation less than 1 ha in area and not within 100 m of other areas of vegetation being classified vegetation.

(c) Multiple areas of vegetation less than 0.25 ha in area and not within 20 m of the site, or each other or of other areas of vegetation being classified vegetation.

(d) Strips of vegetation less than 20 m in width (measured perpendicular to the elevation exposed to the strip of vegetation) regardless of length and not within 20 m 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, 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.

NOTES:

1 Minimal fuel condition means there is insufficient fuel available to significantly increase the severity of the bushfire attack (recognizable as short-cropped grass for example, to a nominal height of 100 mm).

2 A windbreak is considered a single row of trees used as a screen or to reduce the effect of wind on the leeward side of the trees.

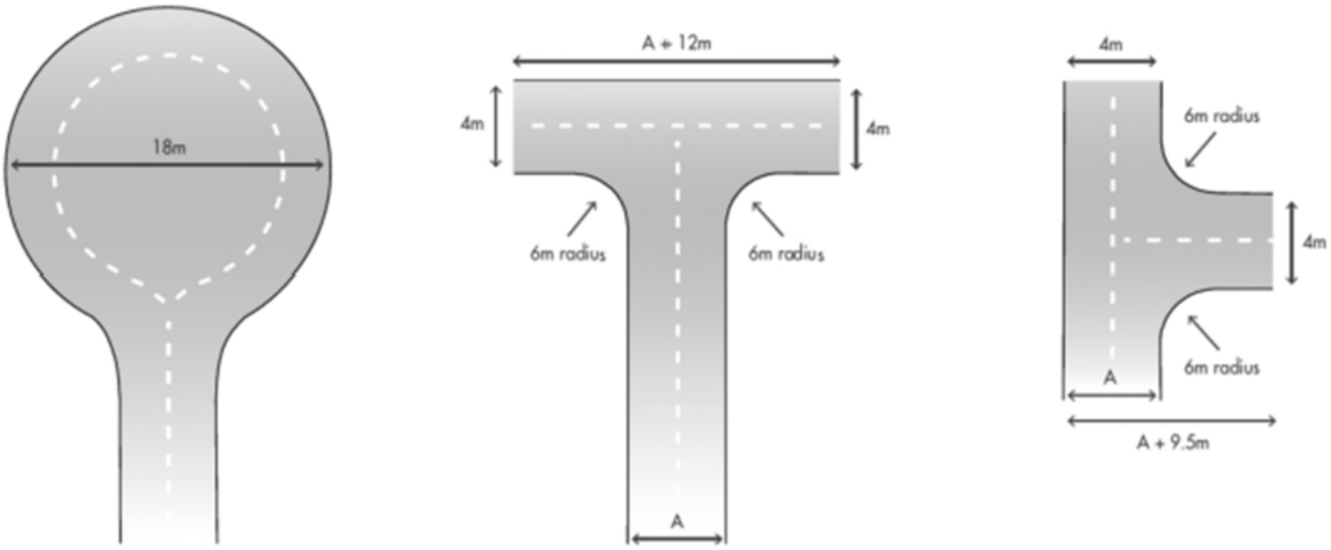
APPENDIX C: TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR VEHICULAR ACCESS

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

Technical Component	Vehicular Access Types / Components			
	Public Roads	Emergency Access Way [1]	Fire Service Access Route [1]	Battle-axe and Private Driveways [2]
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 [3]	As outlined in the IPWEA Subdivision Guidelines	1:10 (10%)		
Maximum Grade Sealed Road [3]		1:7 (14.3%)		
Maximum Average Grade Sealed Road		1:10 (10%)		
Minimum Inner Radius of Road Curves (m)		8.5		

Turnaround Area Dimensions for No-through Road, Battle-axe Legs and Private Driveways [4]



Passing Bay Requirements for Battle-axe leg and Private Driveway

When the access component length is greater than the stated maximum, passing bays are required every 200m with a minimum length of 20m and a minimum additional trafficable width of 2m (i.e. the combined trafficable width of the passing bay and constructed private driveway to be a minimum 6m).

APPENDIX D: TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FIREFIGHTING WATER SUPPLY

D1: Reticulated Areas – Hydrant Supply

The Guidelines state "where a reticulated water supply is existing or proposed, hydrant connection(s) should be provided in accordance with the specifications of the relevant water supply authority."

The main scheme water suppliers / authorities in WA are The Water Corporation, AqWest – Bunbury Water Corporation and Busselton Water Corporation. Various local authority exists in other non-scheme and regional areas. However, most existing fire hydrants are connected to Water Corporation water mains.

Consequently, the hydrant location specifications from The Water Corporation's 'No 63 Water Reticulation Standard' (Ver 3 Rev 15) are provided in the extract below with the key distances relevant to bushfire planning assessments being highlighted. This Standard is deemed to be the baseline criteria for developments and should be applied unless different local water supply authority conditions apply. Other applicable specification will be found in the Standard.

Note: The maximum distance from a hydrant to the rear of a lot/building is generally interpreted as not applicable to large lot sizes where the maximum distance becomes an impractical limitation i.e., typically rural residential areas.

2.2.1.5 Appurtenances

c. Hydrants

Hydrants shall be screw-down hydrant with built-in isolation valve and installed only on DN100 or larger pipes. Hydrants shall be located:

- so that the maximum distance between a hydrant and the rear of a building envelope, (or in the absence of a building envelope the rear of the lot) shall be 120m;
- so that spacing (as measured by hose-run) between hydrants in non-residential or mixed use areas shall be maximized and no greater than 100m;
- so that spacing (as measured by hose-run) between hydrants in residential areas with lots per dwelling <10,000m² shall be maximized and no greater than 200m;
- so that spacing between hydrants (as measured by hose-run) in rural residential areas where minimum lots per dwelling is >10,000 m² (1ha) shall be maximized and no greater than 400m;
- centrally along the frontage of a lot to avoid being under driveways, unless the lot features a frontage 6m or less, in which case it shall be placed to the side opposite the driveway;
- at lots that have the widest frontage in the local area;
- where appropriate at the truncation of road junctions or intersections so that they can serve more than one street and can be readily located;
- on both sides of the major roads at staggered intervals where there are mains on both sides of the road;
- at major intersections on dual multi-lane roads, where two hydrants are to be sited on diagonally opposite corners;
- hydrants should be located at least 20m from traffic calming devices i.e., median slow points or chokers, chicanes, mini traffic circles, and intersection 'pop-outs' to ensure traffic is not impeded;
- in a position not less than 10m from any high voltage main electrical distribution equipment such as transformers and distribution boards, liquefied petroleum gas or other combustible storage;
- directly on top of the main using a tee unless proved to be impractical.