Bushfire Management Plan – 19-23 Horswood Road, Narre Warren North



Construction standard

The new building will be designed and constructed to a minimum Bushfire Attack Level of BAL 12.5. **Defendable Space**

Defendable space to the property boundary must be provided where vegetation (and other flammable materials) will be modified and managed in accordance with the following requirements:

- Grass must be short cropped and maintained during the declared fire danger period.
- All leaves and vegetation debris must be removed at regular intervals during the declared fire danger period.
- Within 10 metres of a building, flammable objects must not be located close to the vulnerable parts of the building.
- Plants greater than 10 centimetres in height must not be placed within 3m of a window or glass feature of the building.
- Shrubs must not be located under the canopy of trees.
- Individual and clumps of shrubs must not exceed 5 sq. metres in area and must be separated by at least 5 metres.
- Trees must not overhang or touch any elements of the building.
- The canopy of trees must be separated by at least 5 metres.
- There must be a clearance of at least 2 metres between the lowest tree branches and ground level. Water Supply

Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the relevant fire authority, the water supply must:

- Be stored in an above ground water tank constructed of concrete or metal.
- Have all fixed above-ground water pipes and fittings required for firefighting purposes made of corrosive resistant metal.

Include a separate outlet for occupant use.

Where a water supply is required, fire authority fittings and access must be provided as follows:

- Be readily identifiable from the building or appropriate identification signs to the satisfaction of the relevant fire authority.
- Be located within 60 metres of the outer edge of the approved building.
- The outlet/s of the water tank must be within 4 metres of the accessway and unobstructed.
- Incorporate a separate ball or gate valve (British Standard Pipe (BSP 65 millimetre) and coupling
- (64 millimetre CFA 3 thread per inch male fitting).
- Any pipework and fittings must be a minimum of 65 millimetres (excluding the CFA coupling). Access

The following design and construction requirements apply:

All weather construction

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- A load limit of at least 15 tonnes
- Provide a minimum trafficable width of 3.5 metres
- Be clear of encroachments for at least 0.5 metres on each side and at least 4 metres vertically
- Curves must have a minimum inner radius of 10 metres
- The average grade must be no more than 1 in 7 (14.4%) (8.1°) with a maximum grade of no more than 1 in 5 (20%) (11.3°) for no more than 50 metres
- Dips must have no more than a 1 in 8 (12.5 per cent) (7.1 degrees) entry and exit angle

A turning area for fire fighting vehicles must be provided close to the building by one of the following:

- A turning circle with a minimum radius of eight metres
- A driveway encircling the dwelling
- The provision of other vehicle turning heads such as a T head or Y Head which meet the specification of Austroad Design for an 8.8 metre service vehicle.

Passing bays must be provided at least every 200 metres.

Passing bays must be a minimum of 20 metres long with a minimum trafficable width of 6 metres. **Emergency Plan**

An emergency plan incorporating a risk assessment and response to bushfire be in place prior to occupancy and reviewed annually.