## Attachment D - Bushfire Information



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#### 1. Introduction

This Bushfire Management Statement has been prepared in response to the requirements of Clause 44.06-1 – Bushfire Management Overlay, and in accordance with the application requirements of Clause 53.02 – Planning for Bushfire.

The statement contains six components:

- 1. A bushfire hazard landscape assessment in plan form that describes the bushfire hazard of the general locality more than 150 metres from the site (this is provided at Attachment A).
- 2. A **bushfire hazard site assessment** in plan form that describes the bushfire hazard within 150 metres of the proposed development. The description of the hazard has been prepared in accordance with Section 2.2.3 to 2.2.5 of AS3959:2009 Construction of buildings in bushfire prone areas (Standards Australia) this is provided as **Attachment B**.
- 3. A **bushfire management statement** which describes how the proposed development responds to the requirements of Clause 44.06 and 53.02 (this report).
- A bushfire management plan this is provided as Attachment C.
- Photos of the subject land Attachment D.



## 2. Site Description

Site Shape	Irregular		
Site Dimensions	The site shape and dimensions are shown in the figure below.		
ADVERTISED PLAN	2.81 122"44' 16.64 COMMON PROPE  13.08  13.08  13.08  13.08  13.08  13.08  13.08  13.08  13.08  13.08  13.08  13.08		
Site Area	233m <sup>2</sup>		



Existing use and siting of buildings and works on and near the land	The subject land is located at Lot 27 Hot Plate Drive, Hotham Heights. The land is formally known as Crown Allotment 8A, Section B, Parish of Hotham. The subject land does not have street frontage to Hotplate Drive, it is located to the north of Lot 26 and will be accessed by a proposed common staircase off Hotplate Drive which is located to be located between Lot 26 and Lot 28.
	Emergency vehicle access is possible via Playground Trail, a maintained 4wd track off Great Alpine Road.
	The subject land has a length along the northern boundary of approximately 14.11m. The depth of the subject land, measured along the western boundary, is 18.81m. The shape is irregular and the total land areas is 233m <sup>2</sup> .
	The subject land slopes from the south west down to the north east and has an approximate fall of 5m across the allotment which equates to a slope of approximately 20 degrees.
	The subject land does not contain scattered native vegetation and is vacant.
Existing vehicle arrangements	There is no vehicular access to the subject land.
Location of nearest fire hydrant	Fire hydrants are located within Hotplate Drive.
Any other features of the site relevant to bushfire considerations	The broader landscape is defined by steep hills consisting of native vegetation. The vegetation generally above 1400m (AHD) is Woodland vegetation with the vegetation below 1400m being Forest. The subject land is located within a saddle which sits between Mt Hotham to the north and Mt Higginbotham to the south.
his copied document to be made available	The Mt Hotham village is located to the north of the subject land and there are accommodation buildings to the north, east and west.  Interspersed between the buildings to the east and west are snow gums and some understorey; the land to the north is generally cleared comprising of accommodation buildings and a large car park.
for the sole purpose of enabling its consideration and review as part of a planning process under the Planning and Environment Act 1987.	The subject land is susceptible to extremely large bushfire runs and this is compounded by the fact that the subject land is located on to of a saddle and could be subject to fires travelling from the south west, north west and north east.
The document must not be used for any purpose which may breach any copyright	The broader landscape risk for the locality of Mount Hotham is a Type Four due to the extent of Woodland vegetation surrounding the locality, the substantial bushfire runs and only one road off the mountain; however, it is noted that the Great Alpine Road does provide access to both Bright and Omeo.

#### Refer to Attachment A for a scaled plan that shows the following:

- 150 metre assessment around the location of proposed buildings and around reasonable siting options for proposed buildings (if they are available)
- Property boundaries
- Orientation
- Contours
- Classifiable vegetation within the assessment area
- Excludable vegetation within the assessment area
- Distance between the classifiable vegetation and the proposed buildings
- Slope under the classifiable vegetation (slope is based on the slope under the classifiable vegetation and not the slope between the vegetation and the building)



### 3. Bushfire Hazard Assessment

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Classification of the vegetation within 150 metres of the proposed development in accordance with AS3959:2009 Construction of buildings in bushfire prone areas. It is noted that the 150m assessment area is entirely within the valley floor.

	Direction (Aspect)			
	North	South	East	West
Vegetation (within 150m of proposed building/works)	Woodland	Woodland	Woodland	Low threat
Effective Slope (under the classifiable vegetation within 150m)	Downslope 30 degrees	Upslope	Downslope 5-10 degrees	Upslope
Distance (m) to Classifiable Vegetation	9.18m (Woodland)	34.24m (Woodland)	24m (Woodland)	235m (Woodland)



## 4. 53.02-4.1 Landscape, siting and design objectives

#### Objective

Development is appropriate having regard to the nature of the bushfire risk arising from the surrounding landscape.

Development is sited to minimise the risk from bushfire.

Development is sited to provide safe access for vehicles, including emergency vehicles.

Building design minimises vulnerability to bushfire attack.

### 4.1 Approved Measures AM 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3

#### Approved measures

The bushfire risk to the development from the landscape beyond the site can be mitigated to an acceptable level.

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The village is covered by Schedule 1 to the Bushfire Management Overlay (BMO) which provides alternative measures for bushfire mitigation to those specified within Clause 53.02. These alternative measures seek to ensure that bushfire is mitigated to prevent the loss of life and property.

Bushfire mitigation is also assisted through the implementation of the Mount Hotham Alpine Resort Community Bushfire Emergency Management Plan (BEMP).

The implementation of the Schedule 1 requirements to the BMO and the BEMP are required given the substantial landscape risk of the subject land.

Given the significant landscape risk the Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) of the proposed dwelling will be a BAL 40 with defendable space maintained to the property boundary. In addition, the implementation of the BEMP by the Resort Management Board will ensure that life is protected through the evacuation of the village in the event of a bushfire.

A building is sited to ensure the site best achieves the following: The subject is located approximately 16m from a bushfire approaching from the north and 140m from the south west. The south west direction is relatively protected by the hard surface • The maximum separation distance between the building and the bushfire hazard. of Hotplate Drive, however, the close proximity to the north abutting Woodland vegetation The building is in close proximity to a public road. means that the threat from the north would be substantial. Access can be provided to the building for emergency service vehicles. We submit that these distances will minimise the risk of direct flame attack, however, significant ember attack is likely. The subject land is extremely small and therefore siting This copied document to be made available options for bushfire mitigation is difficult to achieve. That said, the implementation of the resort for the sole purpose of enabling BEMP and the ability for the resort to be evacuated and closed during a bushfire event means its consideration and review as that people should not be within the subject buildings in the event of a bushfire. part of a planning process under the Planning and Environment Act 1987. The subject dwelling is located as close to Hotplate Drive as possible. The document must not be used for any purpose which may breach any The subject land does have access to Hotplate Drive which has access to the Great Alpine copyright Road which will provide egress to Bright or Omeo depending on the direction of the bushfire front. These roads also provide excellent access for emergency services vehicles. A building is designed to be responsive to the landscape risk and reduce the impact of The proposed building will be required to be constructed to a BAL 40. The built form is bushfire on the building. relatively regular in shape with a simple skillion roof. The surrounding vegetation is Woodland and the broader bushfire risk can be mitigated Any other comments through maintaining vegetation on the land, constructing the building to BAL 40, by providing access to the subject land for emergency services vehicles and the implementation of the BEMP. Has Approved Measures AM 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 been fully met? YES



## 5 53.02-4.2 Defendable space and construction objective



#### Objective

Defendable space and building construction mitigate the effect of flame contact, radiant heat and embers on buildings.

### 5.1 Approved Measures AM 3.1 and 3.2

#### Approved measures

A building used for a dwelling (including an extension or alterat person's unit, industry, office or retail premises is provided with accordance with:  • Table 2 Columns A, B or C and Table 6 to Clause 52.03 boundaries of the land; or • If there are significant siting constraints, Table 2 Colu 52.03-5.  The building is constructed to the bushfire attack level that corr space provided in accordance with Table 2 to Clause 52.03-5.	This conied document to be for the sole purpose its consideration and part of a planning production and espende do the defendable not purpose which may	BMO provides an alternative approved measure which requires the building to be constructed to a BAL 40.  be used for any With the implementation of a BAL 40 construction standard and defendable space to the property boundary it is submitted that the proposal complies with AM 3.1.
A building used for accommodation (other than a dwelling or dependent person's unit), a child care centre, an education centre, a hospital, leisure and recreation or a place of assembly is:  Provided with defendable space in accordance with Table 3 and Table 6 to Clause 52.03-5 wholly within the title boundaries of the land.  Constructed to a bushfire attack level of BAL12.5.  Has Approved Measure AM 3.1 and 3.2 been fully met?		The Bushfire Management Plan show the areas of defendable space proposed.  N/A  Yes

## 6 53.02-43 Water supply and access objectives

#### Objective

A static water supply is provided to assist in protecting property.

Vehicle access is designed and constructed to enhance safety in the event of a bushfire.

#### 6.1 Approved Measures AM 4.1 and 4.2

#### Approved measures

A building used for a dwelling (including an extension or alteration to a dwelling), a dependant person's unit, industry, office or retail premises is provided with:

- A static water supply for fire fighting and property protection purposes specified in Table 4 to Clause 52.03-5.
- Vehicle access that is designed and constructed as specified in Table 5 to Clause 52.03-5.

The water supply may be in the same tank as other water supplies provided that a separate outlet is reserved for fire fighting water supplies.

A building used for accommodation (other than a dwelling or dependent person's unit), child care centre, education centre, hospital, leisure and recreation or place of assembly is provided with:

- A static water supply for fire fighting and property protection purposes of 10,000 litres per 1,500 square metres of floor space up to 40,000 litres.
- Vehicle access that is designed and constructed as specified in Table 5 to Clause 52.03-5.
- An integrated approach to risk management that ensures the water supply and access arrangements will be effective based on the characteristics of the likely future occupants including their age, mobility and capacity to evacuate during a bushfire emergency.

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Schedule 1 to the BMO requires that new buildings meet the access and egress requirements of AM 4.1 only, there are no water supply requirements.

It is submitted that pursuant to Table 5 of Clause 53.02 there are no access and egress requirements as the proposed access is less than 30m in length.

N/A

The water supply may be in the same tank as other water supplies provided that a separate outlet is reserved for fire fighting water supplies.	
Has Approved Measure AM 4.1 and 4.2 been fully met?	YES

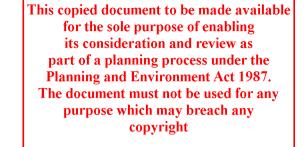
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## **Attachment A – Bushfire Hazard**

## **Landscape Assessment**

## ADVERTISED PLAN

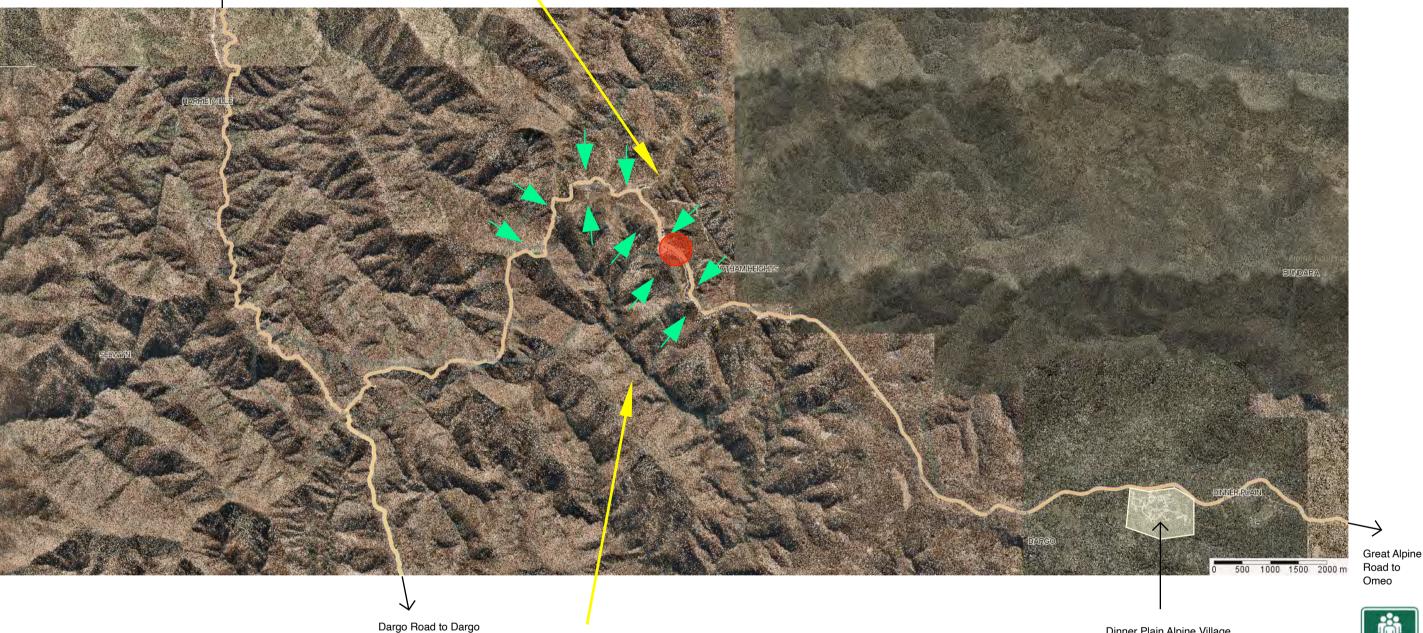
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Potential Bushfire Run - ~ 11.5kms Great Alpine Road to Harrietville

The landscape is defined as a Broader Landscape Type Four.

Entire area has been subject to the 1939, 2003 and 2013 bushfires.





Direction of slope



Potential Bushfire Run - > 50kms





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Bushfire Hazard Landscape Assessment Lot 27 Hotplate Drive, Mt Hotham

North

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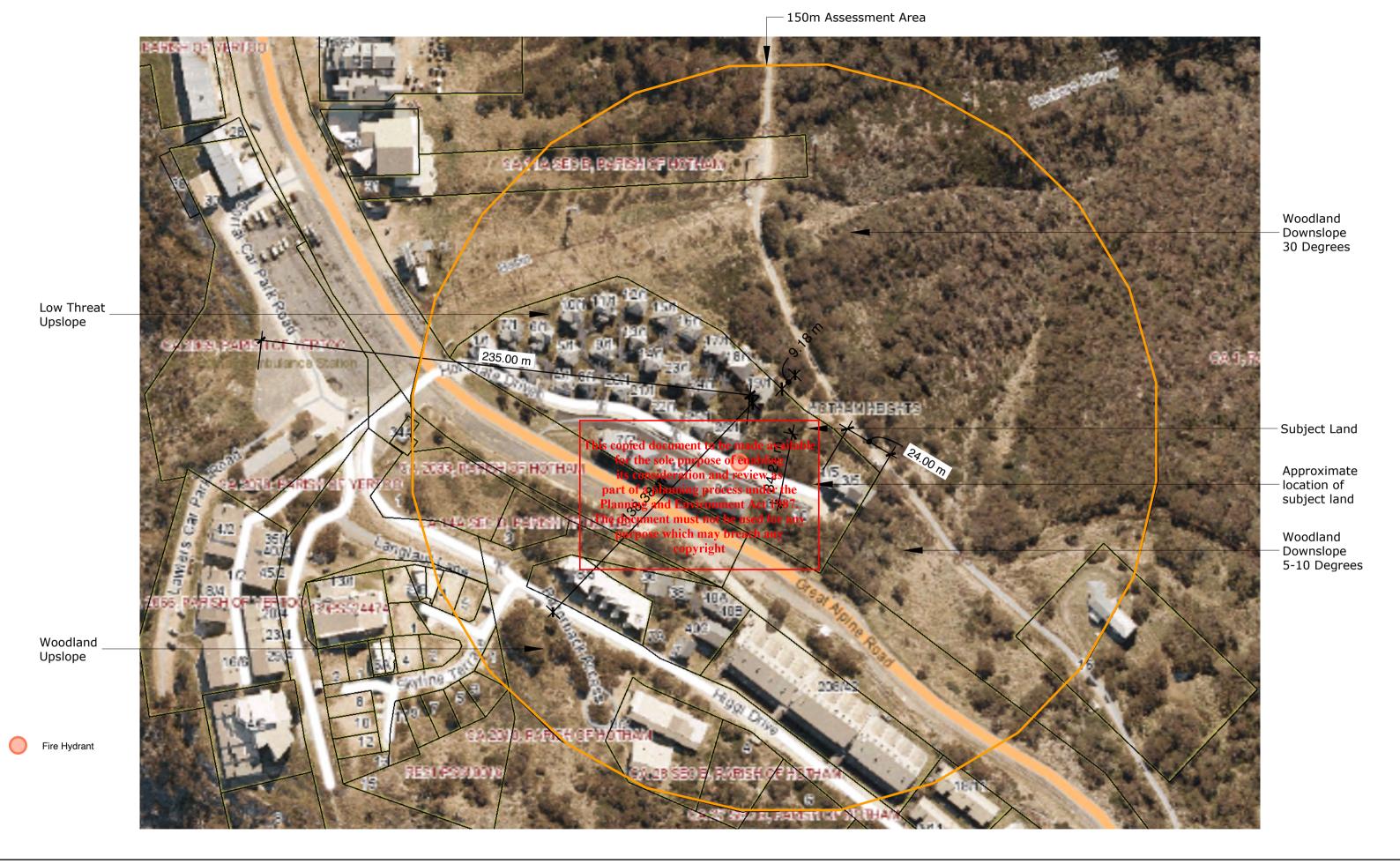
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# Attachment B – Bushfire Hazard Site Assessment

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