



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

Shoalhaven City Council
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Your reference: (REF-1115) PP-2021-3289
Our reference: SPI20220116000001

ATTENTION: Molly Porter

Date: Friday 25 March 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

Strategic Planning Instrument

LEP Amendment – Planning Proposal

Amend SLEP 2014 to add “function centre” as an additional use which is permissible with consent on the site (part Lot 21 in DP 1217069 and Lot 33 in DP 1259627 - Bawley Point). This will be achieved by:-

- amending Schedule 1 “Additional Permitted Uses” to identify function centres as a permissible use on the site; and
- amending the “Clauses Map” to identify the site as land to which Schedule 1 applies.

I refer to your correspondence dated 14/01/2022 inviting the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) to comment on the above Strategic Planning document.

The NSW RFS has considered the information submitted and provides the following comments.

The New South Wales Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) has reviewed the proposal with regard to Section 4.4 of the directions issued in accordance with Section 9.1 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

Based upon an assessment of the information provided, the NSW RFS generally raise no objection to progression of the proposal to exhibition stage, however concern is raised that where functions of up to 350 people are permitted without consent there may not be the appropriate measures in place to ensure procedures in the event of a bush fire emergency are followed. NSW RFS request an amendment to point (3) of the proposed Schedule 1 clause as follows:

(3) Notwithstanding (2) above, consent is not required for an event, function, conference or the like provided the number of attendees is less than 351 persons (excluding staff). **An on-site manager shall be present at any function permitted without consent to ensure the requirements of the Willinga Park Bushfire Emergency Management and Evacuation Plan are followed in the event of a bush fire emergency.**

It would be the preference of NSW RFS that this amendment be made prior to exhibition of the Planning Proposal.

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Yours sincerely,

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