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3.6.1.1 Representative Comment(s)

Evacuation and Emergency Management

1. *An Emergency Evacuation Plan is to be prepared consistent with the NSW Rural Fire Service document 'Guidelines for the Preparation of Emergency/Evacuation plan'.*
2. *A Bushfire Management Plan that details measures to prevent fire igniting and spreading during construction and operation of the development is to be prepared prior to the commencement of construction. The plan is to be implemented over the life of the development and shall include, but not be limited to, the following:*
 - *contact person / details for emergency management;*
 - *schedule and description of works for the establishment and maintenance of a 20 metre asset protection zone around infrastructure buildings;*
 - *strategy for hazard reduction for undeveloped or rehabilitated areas where vegetation may regenerate across the site;*
 - *location and access provisions of all fire fighting water supplies;*
 - *communication strategy for coordinated response to bushfires with the RFS;*
 - *work involving risk of ignition should not be carried out during total fire bans;*
 - *availability of fire suppression equipment; and*
 - *storage of fuels and other flammable materials.*

Response

GRL would accept this recommended condition.

3.6.1.2 Representative Comment(s)

Access

The intent of measures for property access is to provide safe access to/from the public road system for fire fighters providing property protection during a bush fire and for occupants faced with evacuation. To achieve this, the following conditions shall apply:

3. *Vehicular access to the mine infrastructure buildings and facilities shall be provided for fire fighting appliances in accordance with the requirements of section 4.1.3(2) of 'Planning for Bushfire Protection 2006'.*

Response

GRL would accept this recommended condition.

3.6.1.3 Representative Comment(s)

Water and Utilities

The intent of measures is to provide adequate services of water for the protection of buildings during and after the passage of a bush fire, and to locate gas and electricity so as not to contribute to the risk of fire to a building. To achieve this, the following conditions shall apply:

- 4. Water, electricity and gas services are to comply with section 4.1.3 of 'Planning for Bushfire Protection 2006'.*

Response

GRL would accept this recommended condition.

3.6.1.4 Representative Comment(s)

Landscaping

5. A Rehabilitation and Landscape Management Plan (incorporating a Biodiversity Management Plan) is to be prepared in relation to revegetation of the site. The plan is to include:

- an asset protection zone for any dwellings within the revegetation areas or within 100 metres of the boundary of the revegetation areas. Asset protection zone dimensions are to be determined having regard to the assessment methodology outlined in 'Planning for Bushfire Protection Addendum – Appendix 3 (2010)', with the required asset protection zone corresponding to the level of building construction for the respective dwelling as per Australian Standard AS3959-2009 – Construction of Buildings in Bushfire prone Areas (e.g. a dwelling constructed without any bushfire protection measures should have a separation distance (maintained as an asset protection zone) equivalent to BAL LOW);*
- provision for fire fighting access to the biodiversity offset area and any asset protection zones established within the area.*

Response

Reliance should be placed upon the standard condition imposed by DPE with respect to a Bush Fire Management Plan. Numerous references in the suggested condition are impractical and unnecessary, e.g. 100m of the boundary of the revegetation areas.