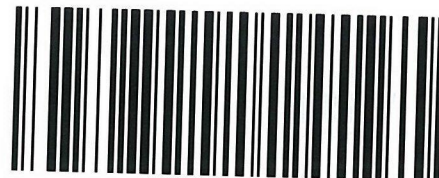




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Dear Brendan,

Greater Macarthur Preliminary Strategy and proposed changes to State Environmental Planning Policy (Sydney Region Growth Centres) 2006 (Growth Centres SEPP)

Thank you for your letter dated 22 September 2015 requesting comments on the Greater Macarthur Preliminary Strategy and associated amendments to the Growth Centres SEPP.

The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) has reviewed the Preliminary Strategy and raises no objections in regard to the proposed land release at Menangle Park/Mount Gilead and Wilton Junction subject to the following comments.

The majority of the land identified for the land release is mapped as being bush fire prone.

Future development within the proposed land release areas will need to comply with the requirements of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection* (PBP). The Preliminary Strategy should include a requirement for bush fire to be considered as a key issue in the Delivery Pathway to rezoning. The Preliminary Strategy should include a requirement for a Bush Fire Assessment Report to be prepared to assess future rezoning proposals against the requirements of PBP.

In addition to this, the amendments to the Growth Centres SEPP should include a requirement for any future precinct plan or rezoning proposal to be referred to the NSW RFS for comment.

If you have any questions or require any further information please contact me.

Yours faithfully

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