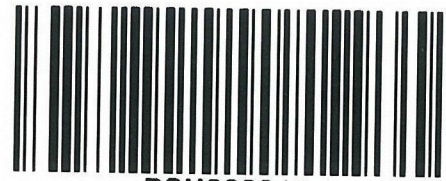


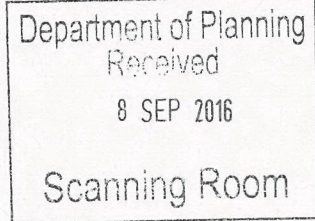


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Dear Mr Colman

I refer to your letter of 4 August 2016 regarding the Greater Macarthur Priority Growth Area. I note that the planning for the Wilton Junction area has been separated from this and will be subject to its own separate process.

The purpose of Fire & Rescue NSW (FRNSW) is to enhance community safety, quality of life and confidence by minimising the impact of hazards and emergency incidents on the people, environment and economy of New South Wales.

As one of the world's largest urban fire and rescue services, we manage fire emergencies in NSW's major cities and towns and respond to rescues, hazardous materials incidents and possible terrorism activities across the State. We work with other government agencies to minimise the impact of bushfires, storms, floods, landslides, building collapses, motor vehicle accidents and other emergencies. We also conduct prevention and preparedness programs to prevent these emergencies thereby reducing their impact on the community.

FRNSW currently operates five (5) fire stations within the proposed Greater Macarthur growth precinct, being:

- Macquarie Fields (full-time permanent staff);
- Ingleburn (Retained 'on-call' staff);
- St Andrews (full-time permanent staff);
- Campbelltown (mix of full-time permanent and retained staff) and;
- Rosemeadow (full-time permanent staff).

It is anticipated that any growth within the existing urban areas (such as along the Glenfield – Macarthur rail corridor) serviced by these fire stations can be adequately dealt with. However, given the spatial extent and proposed level of population and dwellings in the Menangle Park / Mt Gilead / West Appin areas, there is a clear need for additional FRNSW resources to service these areas as they develop in the future.



Based on the Resource Allocation Methodology used by FRNSW, along with an assessment of potential response coverage of the new urban areas within 8 to 10 minutes, it is clear there will be a need for at least **two** new permanently staffed fire stations in the Greater Macarthur Priority Growth Area. These two new stations would be required in the **Mt Gilead** and **West Appin** precincts, as shown by the map at Appendix 1.

Pending the separate analysis of the Wilton Junction area it is anticipated that a further new station would also be required as part of the Wilton Junction precinct.

This assessment is highly dependent on the ultimate development levels and road network connections between precincts and is therefore subject to continual review as planning for the area is advanced. As such, FRNSW would appreciate an ongoing role in this process.

It would be expected that, depending on the final scope of any Special Infrastructure Contributions (SIC) to be made by the developers, this infrastructure be included in that framework and that land for those stations be provided in locations which are agreed to by FRNSW.

To assist with estimating and demonstrating likely servicing costs for these areas, the table below shows both the capital and recurrent costs (2016 dollars) involved in establishing one new full-time fire station.

Item	Capital	Recurrent
Building (excl. land)	\$2.8m	-
Fleet (Urban pumper & equipment)	\$0.71m	-
Employee Costs	-	~\$2.75m pa

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Should you have any further enquiries, please contact Mr Shane Kempnich, FRNSW Senior Planning Officer on 0427 881 488 or shane.kempnich@fire.nsw.gov.au .

Yours sincerely



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Commissioner

