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Attention: Eleanor Robertson  
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Dear Ms Robertson

I refer to the Department's letter to the Commissioner of Fire & Rescue NSW (FRNSW) concerning the exhibition of the draft Telopea Precinct Proposal, and the discussions between myself and Ms Robertson in relation to FRNSW's needs in this area. I apologise for the delayed response.

FRNSW is responsible for providing emergency response services for fire, rescue, hazardous material and other emergency incidents which impact on the community, as well as providing advice and resources to help people prepare for emergencies and prevent them where possible.

At present, FRNSW services in the Telopea area are provided primarily through fire stations at Rydalmere (Cnr Park Rd & Wattle St) and Eastwood (Cnr Rowe St & Shaftsbury Rd).

There is a concentration of public and other non-private housing in and around the Telopea area, and historically residents in these forms of housing are at higher risk of fire than other groups.

Rydalmere fire station has been identified as requiring replacement due to its age and functional condition, as well as its location, which is not ideal to provide effective service to the areas of Telopea, Oatlands, Carlingford and North Rocks. The current station site is very small, and severely limits any redevelopment potential.

Strategically, Telopea is a far better service delivery location for a fire station, and will be subject to significant redevelopment and increase in densities around this precinct under the proposed plan. Given the highly developed nature of the area, there are significant difficulties in FRNSW being able to acquire for its sole use, an appropriate parcel of land for a new fire station.

The opportunities brought about not only by the redevelopment of this precinct, but through the significant public land holdings which exist (NSW Land & Housing



Corporation), and the desire to encourage new services and facilities, make this an avenue FRNSW would like to pursue further in terms of integrating a new fire station into the area.

FRNSW intends on making direct contact with LAHC to discuss the above intentions, but would appreciate the Department's support in pursuing the provision of this important infrastructure in a relatively new and innovative manner.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at [shane.kempnich@fire.nsw.gov.au](mailto:shane.kempnich@fire.nsw.gov.au) or by phone 9269 6305.

Yours sincerely

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