

Richard Noble Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) Compliance Report Parco Glade, Vivente Estate

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1. Introduction

1.1 Site/development summary

Table 1 provides a summary of the site and proposed development. The development layout and subject lots are shown in Figure 1 and Figure 2.

Table 1: Site/development summary

Site details					
Address details	Lots 4402, 4403, 4404 and 4405 Parco Glade (Vivente Residential Estate)				
	Hammond Park WA 6164				
Local government area	City of Cockburn				
Description of building works	Construction of a single residential dwelling (Class 1a building and associated				
	Class 10a building/s) within each lot				

1.2 Purpose of report

This Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) compliance report has been prepared for four residential lots on Parco Glade within Vivente Residential Estate, Hammond Park (hereafter referred to as the project area). Since preparation of the previous BAL compliance report for this stage of the development (Strategen-JBS&G 2020), the proposed lot layout has changed and the seven residential lots have since been amalgamated into four lots.

This report provides a post-subdivisional works update of the Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) within the project area. BAL certificates for each individual lot (contained in Appendix B) have been prepared based on the final site compliance check and are appended for use by prospective lot purchasers at the building permit stage. The BAL assessment outlined in this report is the most up to date assessment from Strategen-JBS&G relating to the project area and has been prepared in consideration of current on-ground conditions and the previous BAL assessments documented in the endorsed BAL Compliance Report (Strategen-JBS&G 2020) and Bushfire Management Plan (Strategen 2015; see Appendix C). The approach for preparation of this BAL compliance report is consistent with Section 4.2 and Appendix 3 of *Guidelines for Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas* (the Guidelines; WAPC 2021).

Other plans/reports that have been prepared for the project area include:

- previously endorsed Bushfire Management Plan (BMP) for Vivente Estate prepared by Strategen (2015)
- Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) Compliance Report for Parco Glade Vivente prepared by Strategen-JBS&G (2020).

The entire project area is designated as bushfire prone on the Map of Bush Fire Prone Areas (DFES 2021, see Plate 1). As such, bushfire risk considerations and BAL assessment, including BAL certification, are applicable to the building stage for all four lots.





Plate 1: Map of Bush Fire Prone Areas (DFES 2021)



2. Bushfire assessment results

2.1 Assessment inputs

2.1.1 Vegetation classification

Strategen-JBS&G assessed classified vegetation and exclusions within the 150 m assessment area through on-ground verification on 15 October 2020 and reassessment on 7 September 2022 in accordance with AS 3959—2018 *Construction of Buildings in Bushfire-Prone Areas* (AS 3959; SA 2018) and the *Visual Guide for Bushfire Risk Assessment in Western Australia* (DoP 2016). Georeferenced site photos and a description of the vegetation classifications and exclusions are contained in Appendix A and depicted in Figure 1.

Site observations indicate there is no longer any presence of classified vegetation within the 150 m assessment area due to the extent of development and construction on lands surrounding the project area. Instead, the following exclusions were confirmed within the project area and surrounding 150 m:

- existing non-vegetated areas (i.e. cleared vacant lots, cleared roads under construction, existing roads, mulched areas, paths, playgrounds, driveways) excluded under Clause 2.2.3.2 (e)
- low threat managed vegetation (i.e. turfed areas, street trees, verge treatments, irrigated/managed portions of POS, managed gardens, slashed road verges) excluded under Clause 2.2.3.2 (f)
- the project area itself has been completely cleared and maintained in preparation for individual lot development and is excluded under the abovementioned Clauses 2.2.3.2 (e) and (f).

2.1.2 Effective slope

Since there is no longer any classified vegetation within the project area or adjacent 150 m, effective slope is not applicable to the BAL contour assessment.

2.1.3 Summary of inputs

Figure 1 illustrates the current post-development vegetation classifications and exclusions observed during the latest site inspection on 7 September 2022. The vegetation classifications/exclusions and effective slope are summarised in Table 2.

Vegetation plot	Vegetation classification	Effective slope	Comments
1	Excluded – Non- vegetated and Low threat (Clause 2.2.3.2 [e] and [f])	N/A	Existing non-vegetated areas (i.e. cleared vacant lots, cleared roads under construction, existing roads, mulched areas, paths, playgrounds, driveways) and low threat managed vegetation (i.e. turfed areas, street trees, verge treatments, irrigated/managed portions of POS, managed gardens, slashed road verges).

Table 2: Summary of vegetation classifications, exclusions and effective slope



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2.2 Assessment outputs

2.2.1 Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) contour assessment

Strategen-JBS&G has undertaken a BAL contour assessment in accordance with Method 1 of AS 3959 for the project area (Figure 2). The Method 1 procedure incorporates the following factors:

- state adopted FDI 80 rating
- vegetation classification
- effective slope
- distance maintained between proposed development areas and the classified vegetation.

The BAL contours are based on the current on-ground site conditions. Results of the BAL contour assessment are detailed in Table 3 and illustrated in Figure 2.

	Method 1 BAL determination						
Lot	Designated bushfire prone	Vegetation plot	Vegetation classification	Effective slope	Separation distance	Highest BAL	
4402	Yes	1	Excluded – Non- vegetated and Low threat (Clause 2.2.3.2 [e] and [f])	N/A	N/A	BAL-12.5 (precautionary application as per approved BMP)	
4403	Yes	1	Excluded – Non- vegetated and Low threat (Clause 2.2.3.2 [e] and [f])	N/A	N/A	BAL-Low	
4404	Yes	1	Excluded – Non- vegetated and Low threat (Clause 2.2.3.2 [e] and [f])	N/A	N/A	BAL-Low	
4405	Yes	1	Excluded – Non- vegetated and Low threat (Clause 2.2.3.2 [e] and [f])	N/A	N/A	BAL-Low	

Table 3: BAL contour assessment results

2.2.2 BAL certificates

BAL certificates for the subject lots are provided in Appendix B in accordance with the BAL contour assessment results detailed in Table 3. A precautionary BAL-12.5 rating has been applied to any building construction within Lot 4402 as per the endorsed BMP (refer to Appendix C) to mitigate the potential risk of ember attack from the broader vegetation extent to the west.



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3. Conclusion and recommendations

This BAL compliance report has been prepared to reflect the updated lot layout since seven residential lots were amalgamated to four residential lots on Parco Glade, Hammond Park, within Vivente Residential Estate. The BAL assessment outlined in this report is the most up to date assessment from Strategen-JBS&G relating to the project area and is accurate to inform BAL certification for use at the building permit stage. Assessment results are consistent with current on-ground conditions, as well as provisions of the endorsed BMP.



4. References

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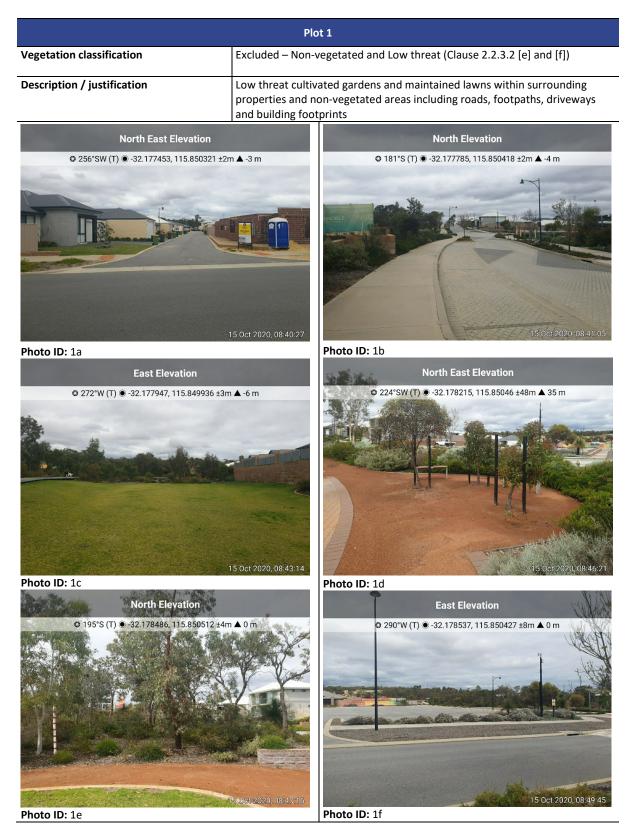
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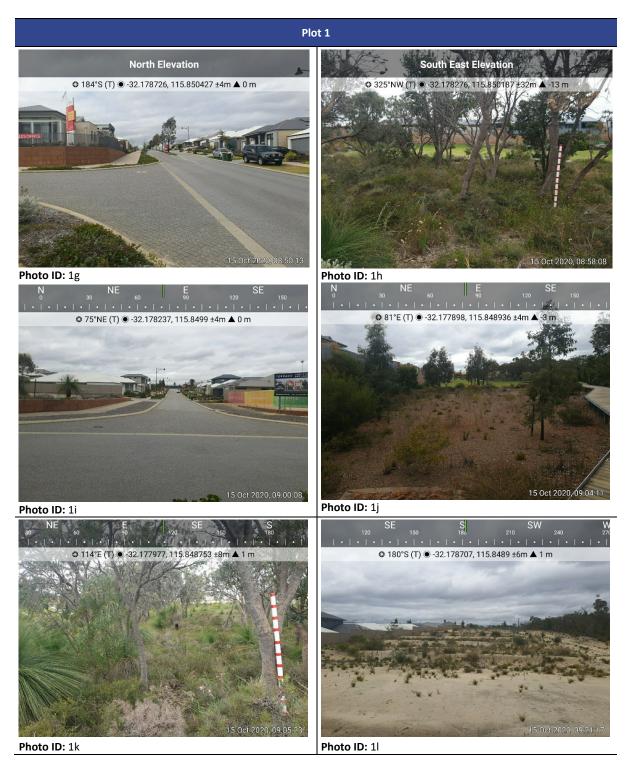


Appendix A Vegetation plot photos and descriptions















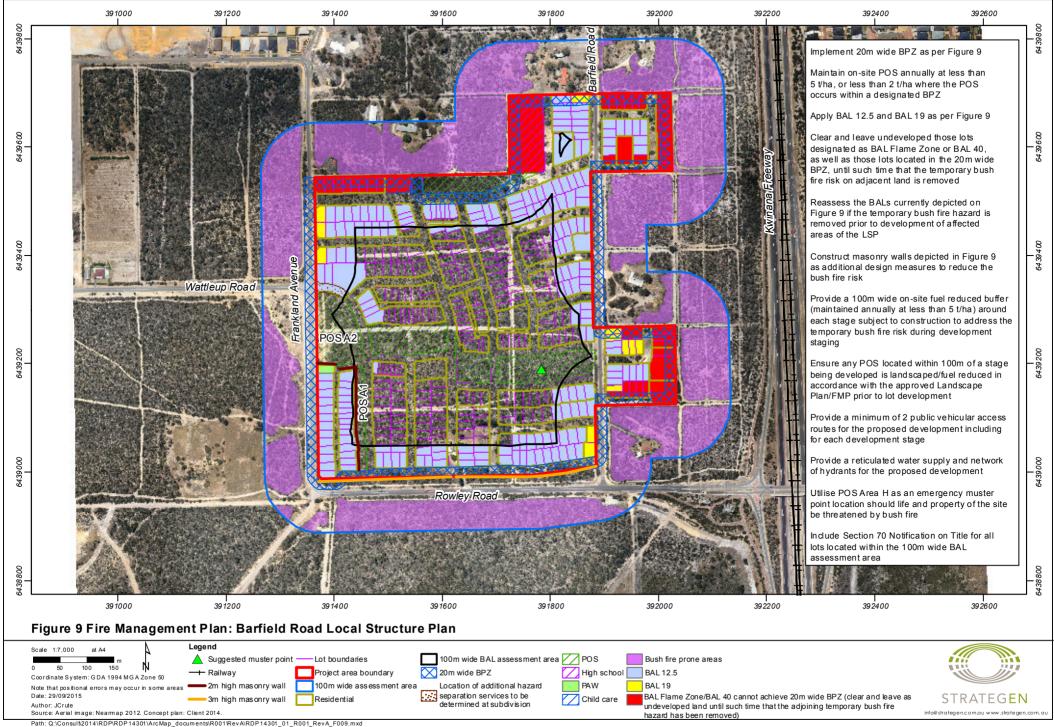




Appendix B BAL certificates



Appendix C BAL assessment from endorsed Fire Management Plan





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