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Thank you for enquiry in regards to the Development Application for blocks 1/54 & 1/56, Federal Golf Course. In response I would like to address the matters that you have raised individually.

The first point you raised was in regards to:

*Whether it would be possible to undertake all required fire protection measures within the area of proposed development, or whether fuel reduction activities (additional to that already planned with no development) would need to be undertaken in surrounding areas.*

The ACT Fire Brigade has commented on a preliminary development application where a number of issues were addressed. These include the building fire protection measures that would be required for this development. Given that the buildings that are proposed for this development are private residences, there is no requirement for any fire protection measures to be added to the residences beyond what is normally required in such classes of buildings (Class one and Class two) under the Building Code of Australia. Given this point, the ACT Fire Brigade Fire Safety Section would not normally be consulted at this stage of the proposed development.

In relation to specific fuel management associated with the development, this is addressed in more detail by the "Bushfire Report for part blocks 1/54 and 1/56, Federal Golf Course- October 2008" by Geoff Butler and Associates. This report indicates that asset protection zones should be catered for within the lease area.

Fuel reduction activities in the surrounding areas are managed by the relevant landholders, in this instance Red Hill Golf club and or the Department of Territory and Municipal Services.

Your second point was:

*Whether you consider the current access arrangements sufficient and if not what would be required to make it safe.*

ACT Fire Brigade has commented on the access arrangements for this site and believes that the current roadway would appear to require upgrading to more current standards.

The ACT Fire Brigade has also recommended that if the proposed development were to go ahead, that an alternative exit route should be incorporated into the design.

Your third and fourth points were:

*If it is possible to confine the fire prevention/risk reduction measures to the development site how may this be done (eg what cleared buffer may be required).*

*If bushfire concerns can not be adequately addressed on site what fire management activities would be likely be required in adjacent areas."*

The following is an extract from the Bushfire Report for part blocks 1/54 & 1/56, Federal Golf Course - October 2008, as provided by Geoff Butler and Associates:

*asset protection zones should all be catered for within the Lease area, so as not to have reliance on asset protection from within Canberra Nature Park.*

There may be an outer asset protection zone required within the reserve, however the detail of this is not yet apparent and will need to be worked through if the proposal progresses further.

The specific measures to be implemented within the lease area will be a matter for the developer and or leaseholders.

Should you require any further information in regards to your enquiry, please contact this office in the first instance,

Yours sincerely



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