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**From:** Anthony Witherdin  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 November 2019 2:17 PM  
**To:** Brendon Roberts  
**Subject:** FW: Mundamia - Neighbourhood Safer Place

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**Subject:** RE: Mundamia - Neighbourhood Safer Place

Hi Anthony

As per our discussion today, the RFS would support additional bush fire protection measures such as an NSP for Mundamia, provided they comply with the relevant Guidelines.

In this regard we would suggest the DPIE condition for any NSP to be prepared by a suitably qualified bush fire consultant. Our NSP and CPP Team Leader references the following guidelines as being relevant for a future NSP:

- Bush Fire Coordinating Committee Policy no 1/2012 Community Safety and Coordinated Evacuations (this is for LEMC and BFMC but covers the things that need to be on it so the developer/consultant could get the correct info together for the LEMC and BFMC).
- State Emergency Management Plan Evacuation Management Guidelines March 2014 ( again gov focused but shows the info required).
- NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFER PLACES GUIDELINES FOR THE IDENTIFICATION AND INSPECTION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFER PLACES IN NSW APRIL 2017.

Should you have any specific inquiries about NSPs or Community Protection Plans please contact Paul Cook 44720600 [paul.cook@rfs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:paul.cook@rfs.nsw.gov.au)

Regards



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**Subject:** FW: Mundamia - Neighbourhood Safer Place

Hi Martha,

I've tried calling a couple of times.

I am just chasing up a response to the email below.

Are you able to give me an update when we are likely to receive a response?

Thanks Anthony

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**From:** Anthony Witherdin

**Sent:** Thursday, 20 June 2019 1:02 PM

**To:** Martha Dotter <[Martha.Dotter@rfs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Martha.Dotter@rfs.nsw.gov.au)>; Jeff Lucas <[Jeff.Lucas@rfs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Jeff.Lucas@rfs.nsw.gov.au)>

**Subject:** Mundamia - Neighbourhood Safer Place

Jeff/Martha,

As previously discussed, the Department is finalising its assessment of the proposed subdivision at Mundamia.

As you are aware, the Department and its independent bushfire expert raised concerns about the subdivision relying on a single access road which could be cut in the event of a bushfire. In response to this issue, the Applicant proposes to construct a Neighbourhood Safer Place (NSP) to act as a shelter for people who do not evacuate early from the site during a bushfire (see attached proposal).

Can you please confirm if the NSW RFS supports the establishment of a NSP, as an alternate solution to the provision of an alternate safe egress from the Mundamia URA and the use of George Evans Drive during bushfire emergencies.

Should the RFS support the establishment of the NSP, any subsequent recommendation would include a deferred commencement conditions requiring the final design, size, location, operation and capacity of the NSP to be approved by the RFS before the consent would become operative.

Can you please provide a response to the Department, by COB Thursday 27 June 2019.

If you have any questions regarding this matter or would like to discuss, please call me on 9228 6173.

Regards,

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