

Date: 4 December 2020

Our ref: 20PER-16887

Parcel Property Level 3, 14 Walters Dr, Osborne Park, WA, 6017

Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) Assessment Report for Brightwood Estate, Baldivis

Site Details

Address: Brightwood Estate, Baldivis

Stage 6 - Lots 512, 513, 514, 515, 533, 534, 535

Suburb: Baldivis **State** Western Australia

Local Government Area: City of Rockingham

Description of building works: Residential Development

Report details			
Report/Job number:	16887	Report version:	v1
Assessment date:	5 August 2020	Report date:	4 December 2020
Author:	James Leonard and Daniel Panickar	Review:	Daniel Panickar (BPAD Level 3 – 37802)



SITE ASSESSMENT AND SITE PLAN

The assessment of the seven subject lots was undertaken on 5 August 2020 for the purpose of determining the Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) in accordance with *Australian Standard AS 3959-2018 Construction of Buildings in Bushfire Prone Areas* (SA 2018) Detailed Method (Method 2). An overview of the site is presented in Figure 1.

The software tool 'NBC Bushfire Attack Assessor v4.1' (Couch n.d.) was used to undertake the Method 2 assessment and calculate the appropriate BAL rating for each of the subject lots. The process undertaken for this Method 2 assessment is detailed below.

RELEVANT FIRE DANGER INDEX

Step 1 of the Method 2 assessment process requires a determination of the Fire Danger Index (FDI) for the site.

A blanket rating of FDI 80 is adopted for Western Australia, as outlined in Australian Standard (AS) 3959–2018 and endorsed by Australasian Fire and Emergency Service Authorities Council (AFAC).

VEGETATION CLASSIFICATION AND EFFECTIVE SLOPE UNDER CLASSIFIED VEGETATION

Steps 2 and 3 of the Method 2 assessment (classification of vegetation and assessment of slope under classified vegetation) have been combined for ease of display below.

All vegetation within 100 m of the seven subject lots was classified in accordance with Clause 2.2.3 of AS 3959-2018. Each distinguishable vegetation class with the potential to determine the BAL is identified below and presented in Table 1 and Figure 1.

Slope under classified vegetation within the 100 m assessment area was assessed in accordance with Clause 2.2.5 of AS 3959-2018. The effective slope under vegetation associated with each vegetation plot is presented in Table 1 and Figure 1.

Note: It is currently assumed that areas of landscaped vegetation within the site and assessment area will be managed and maintained by Parcel Property (the developer) until replaced by residential dwellings and associated infrastructure or handed over to the City of Rockingham in the future.

Table 1: Vegetation class and effective slope

Plot 1 Classification or Exclusion Clause

Photo Point 1

Classified vegetation within this plot is comprised of trees between 10 to 30 m tall with approximately 20 to 30% foliage cover. There is limited surface litter. Some grass and shrubs are present at the base of the trees.

Slope under the vegetation has been assessed as upslope/ flat land.

Class B woodland



Plot 2 Classification or Exclusion Clause

Photo Point 2

Classified vegetation within this plot is comprised of trees between 10 to 30 m tall with approximately 20 to 30% foliage cover. There is limited surface litter. Some grass and shrubs are present at the base of the trees.

Slope under the vegetation has been assessed as 6° downslope.

Class B woodland



Plot 3 Classification or Exclusion Clause

Photo Point 3

Classified vegetation within this plot is predominantly grassland with foliage cover from the over storey less than 10%.

Slope under the vegetation has been assessed as 3° downslope.

Class G grassland



Plot 4 Classification or Exclusion Clause

Photo Point 4

This plot has been excluded under Clause 2.2.3.2 (e) & (f) of AS 3959-2018. This area has been cleared for construction within Brightwood Estate.

Excluded under clause 2.2.3.2 (e) and (f)



SLOPE BETWEEN SITE AND CLASSIFIED VEGETATION

Step 4 of the Method 2 assessment process requires the slope between the site and classified vegetation to be determined.

The slope between the site and all vegetation plots as assessed as flat.

DISTANCE BETWEEN SITE AND CLASSIFIED VEGETATION

Step 5 of the Method 2 assessment process requires the distance between the site and classified vegetation to be determined. In the case of this assessment, BAL contours have been generated and overlain on site plans to determine separation distances as displayed in Table 2 and Table 3 respectively.

FLAME LENGTH

Step 6 of the Method 2 assessment process requires the flame length associated with each vegetation plot to be determined. These results are provided in Appendix B.

FLAME WIDTH

Step 7 of the Method 2 assessment process allows modification of the standard 100 m flame width used in the determination of BAL ratings based on relative orientation of vegetation.

Flame width was not modified for this assessment.

ELEVATION OF RECEIVER

Step 8 of the Method 2 assessment process allows modification of the elevation of receiver value used in the determination of BAL ratings. The elevation of receiver is the height (level) of the site that will receive the radiant heat flux exposure from the adjoining hazard. The default value selects the elevation where the maximum radiant heat exposure is received.

Default elevation of receiver values were used for this assessment. Note: due to a script error in 'NBC Bushfire Attack Assessor v4.1', the elevation of receiver was set at 3 m for Grassland vegetation in order for the 'BAL thresholds' script to run. This override has been recommended by the software developer and does not affect the accuracy of the results.

RADIANT HEAT FLUX AND DETERMINED BUSHFIRE ATTACK LEVEL

Steps 9 and 10 of the Method 2 assessment (determination of radiant heat flux and resultant BAL rating) have been combined for ease of display below.

The inputs detailed in preceding sections of this report were input into the software tool 'NBC Bushfire Attack Assessor v4.1' to calculate BAL contour distances associated with each vegetation plot. Results from the assessment are provided in Table 2 and Figure 2.

Table 2: BAL Analysis AS 3959-2018 (BAL contours)

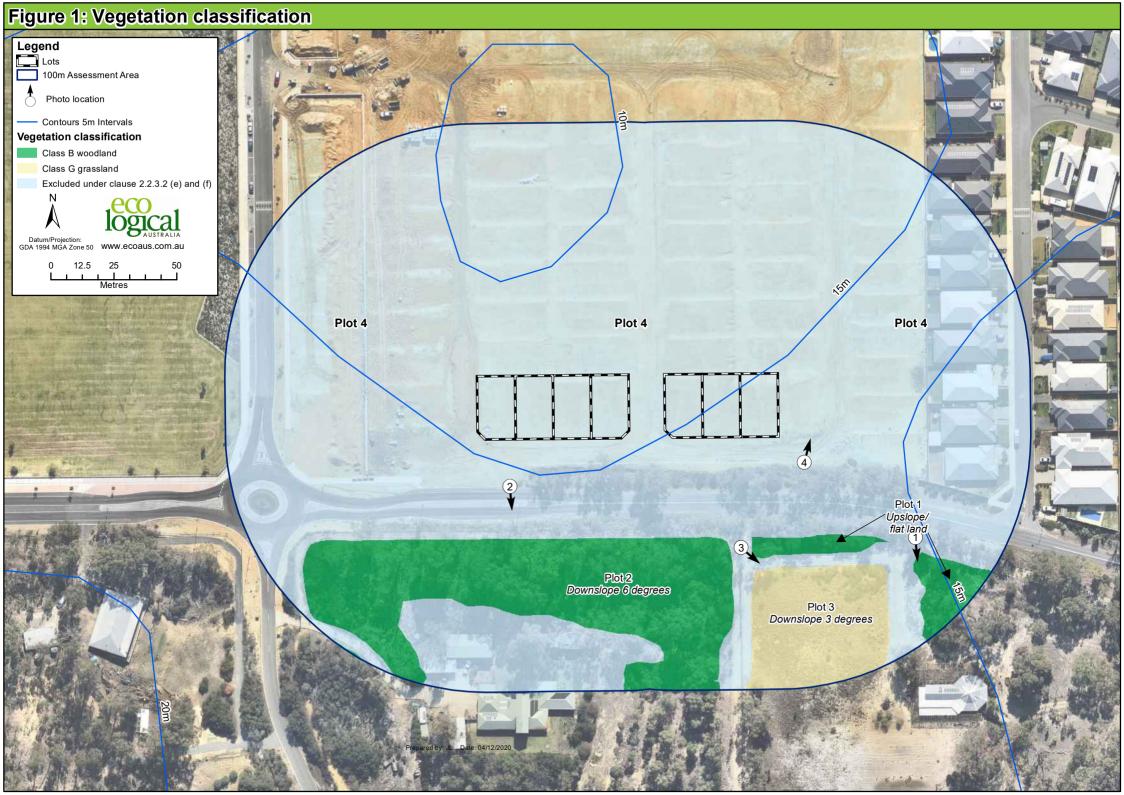
Plot Vegetation Classification		Effective Slope	Separation distances required				
riot vegetation cia	vegetation classification	assincation Effective Slope	BAL-FZ	BAL-40	BAL-29	BAL-19	BAL-12.5
1	Class B woodland	Upslope/ flat land	<11	11-<14	14-<21	21-<29	29-<100
2	Class B woodland	6° Downslope	<15	15-<19	19-<27	27-<38	38-<100
3	Class G grassland	3° Downslope	<7	7-<9	9-<13	13-<18	18-<50
4	Excluded under Clause 2.2.3.2 (e) & (f)	N/A	No separation distances required – BAL-LOW				

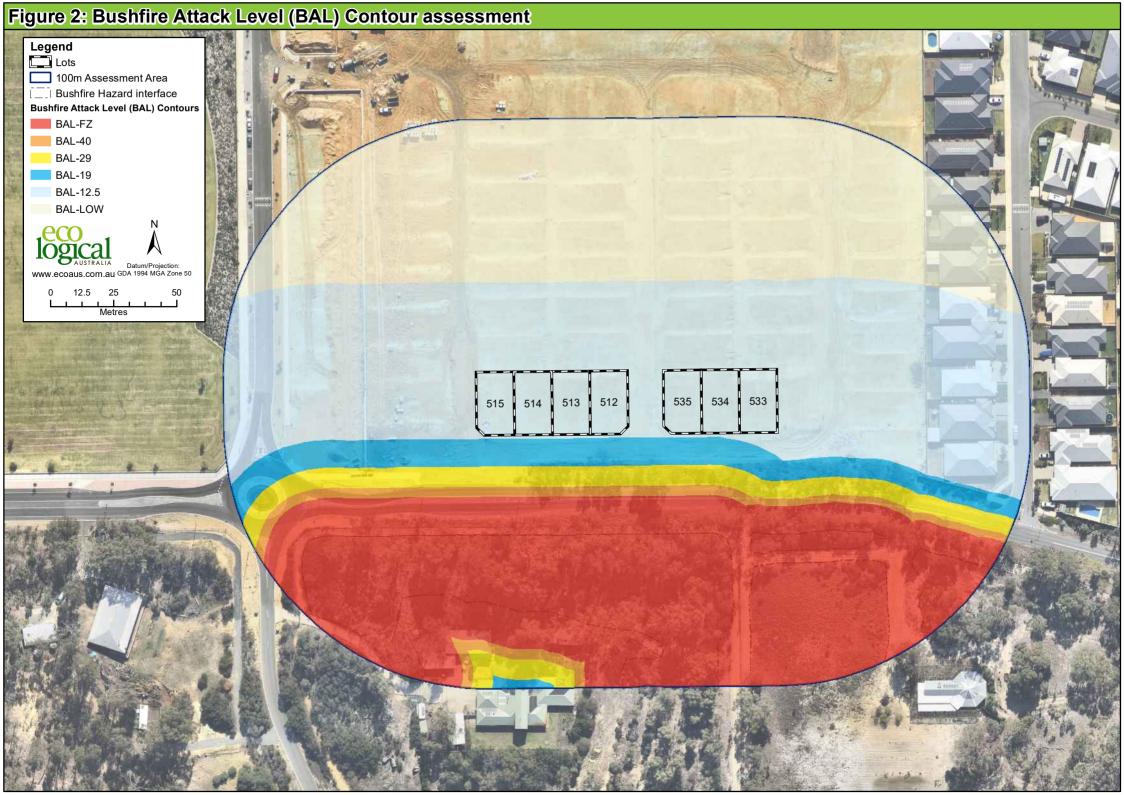
The determined Bushfire Attack Level (highest BAL) for the seven subject lots is provided in Table 3. Advisory notes related to each BAL rating are provided in 0.

Detailed calculations from the assessment are provided in Appendix B.

Table 3: BAL assessment summary

Lot number	Vegetation classification most affecting BAL	Effective slope	Site slope	Separation (m)	BAL rating
512	Plot 2 Class B woodland	6° Downslope	Flat	39	BAL-12.5
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533	Plot 1 Class B woodland		Flat	39	BAL-12.5
534	Plot 2 Class B woodland	6° Downslope	Flat	39	BAL-12.5
535	Plot 2 Class B woodland	6° Downslope	Flat	39	BAL-12.5





REFERENCES

Couch, P. n.d. Bushfire Attack Calculator Training v4.1. Developed by Newcastle Bushfire Consulting.

Standards Australia. 2018. *Construction of buildings in bushfire-prone areas, AS 3959-2018*. SAI Global, Sydney.

Appendix A – Additional Information / Advisory Notes

This assessment was undertaken as per AS 3959-2018. It is important that the current version of AS 3959, is consulted for construction purposes.

This BAL rating is based on the information current at the date of this letter and is valid for 12 months from the date of this letter.

Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) as set out in the Australian Standard 3959 Construction of Buildings in Bushfire-Prone Areas (AS 3959), as referenced in the Building Code of Australia.

Bushfire Attack Level (BAL)	Classified vegetation within 100 m of the site and radiant heat flux exposure thresholds	Description of predicted bush fire attack and levels of exposure	Construction Section as per AS 3959
BAL-LOW		There is insufficient risk to warrant specific construction requirements.	4
BAL-12.5	≤12.5 kW/m2	Ember attack	3 and 5
BAL-19	>12.5 kW/m2 ≤19 kW/m2	Increasing levels of ember attack and burning debris ignited by windborne embers together with increasing radiant heat flux.	3 and 6
BAL-29	>19 kW/m2≤29 kW/m2	Increasing levels of ember attack and burning debris ignited by windborne embers together with increasing radiant heat flux	3 and 7
BAL-40	>29 kW/m2≤40 kW/m2	Increasing levels of ember attack and burning debris ignited by windborne embers together with increasing radiant heat flux with the increased likelihood of exposure to flames.	3 and 8
BAL-FZ	>40 kW/m2	Direct exposure to flames from fire front in addition to radiant heat flux and ember attack	3 and 9

Source: "AS 3959 - 2018 Construction of buildings in bushfire-prone areas" published by Standards Australia, Sydney

Appendix B – Calculations



NBC Bushfire Attack Assessment Report V4.1

AS3959 (2018) Appendix B - Detailed Method 2

Print Date: 4/12/2020 **Assessment Date:** 3/12/2020

Site Street Address: Brightwood Method 2, Baldivis

Assessor: Daniel Panickar; Eco Logical Australia

Local Government Area: WA Alpine Area: No

Equations Used

Transmissivity: Fuss and Hammins, 2002 Flame Length: RFS PBP, 2001/Vesta/Catchpole

Rate of Fire Spread: Noble et al., 1980

Radiant Heat: Drysdale, 1985; Sullivan et al., 2003; Tan et al., 2005

Peak Elevation of Receiver: Tan et al., 2005

Peak Flame Angle: Tan et al., 2005

Run Description: Plot 1 - Woodland

Vegetation Information

Vegetation Type: Woodland

Vegetation Group: Forest and Woodland

Vegetation Slope:0 DegreesVegetation Slope Type:Level

Surface Fuel Load(t/ha): 15 Overall Fuel Load(t/ha): 25

Vegetation Height(m): 2 Only Applicable to Shrub/Scrub and Vesta

Site Information

Site Slope: 0 Degrees Site Slope Type: Level Elevation of Receiver(m) Default APZ/Separation(m): 29

Fire Inputs

Veg./Flame Width(m): 100 Flame Temp(K): 1090

Calculation Parameters

Flame Emissivity: 95 Relative Humidity(%): 25
Heat of Combustion(kJ/kg 18600 Ambient Temp(K): 308
Moisture Factor: 5 FDI: 80

Program Outputs

Level of Construction: BAL 12.5 Peak Elevation of Receiver(m): 6 Flame Angle (degrees): Radiant Heat(kW/m2): 12.45 76 **Maximum View Factor:** 0.202 Flame Length(m): 12.36 Inner Protection Area(m): Rate Of Spread (km/h): 1.44 22 Outer Protection Area(m): 7 0.811 **Transmissivity:**

Fire Intensity(kW/m): 18600

BAL Thresholds

BAL-40: BAL-29: BAL-19: BAL-12.5: 10 kw/m2: Elevation of Receiver:

Asset Protection Zone(m): 11 14 21 29 47 6

Run Description: Plot 2 - Woodland

Vegetation Information

Vegetation Type: Woodland

Vegetation Group: Forest and Woodland

Vegetation Slope: 6 Degrees Vegetation Slope Type: Downslope

Surface Fuel Load(t/ha): 15 Overall Fuel Load(t/ha): 25

Vegetation Height(m): 2 Only Applicable to Shrub/Scrub and Vesta

Site Information

Site Slope: 0 Degrees Site Slope Type: Level

Elevation of Receiver(m) Default APZ/Separation(m): 38

Fire Inputs

Veg./Flame Width(m): 100 Flame Temp(K): 1090

Calculation Parameters

Flame Emissivity: 95 Relative Humidity(%): 25
Heat of Combustion(kJ/kg 18600 Ambient Temp(K): 308
Moisture Factor: 5 FDI: 80

Program Outputs

Peak Elevation of Receiver(m): 8.25 Level of Construction: BAL 12.5 Flame Angle (degrees): 74 Radiant Heat(kW/m2): 12.3 0.204 **Maximum View Factor:** Flame Length(m): 17.16 Inner Protection Area(m): 29 Rate Of Spread (km/h): 2.18 0.793 Outer Protection Area(m): 9 **Transmissivity:**

Fire Intensity(kW/m): 28139

BAL Thresholds

BAL-40: BAL-29: BAL-19: BAL-12.5: 10 kw/m2: Elevation of Receiver:

Asset Protection Zone(m): 15 19 27 38 58 6

Run Description: Plot 3 - Grassland

Vegetation Information

Vegetation Type:GrasslandVegetation Group:Grassland

Vegetation Slope: 3 Degrees Vegetation Slope Type: Downslope

Surface Fuel Load(t/ha): 4.5 Overall Fuel Load(t/ha): 4.5

Vegetation Height(m): 0 Only Applicable to Shrub/Scrub and Vesta

Site Information

Site Slope:0 DegreesSite Slope Type:LevelElevation of Receiver(m)6APZ/Separation(m):19

Fire Inputs

Veg./Flame Width(m): 100 Flame Temp(K): 1090

Calculation Parameters

Flame Emissivity: 95 Relative Humidity(%): 25
Heat of Combustion(kJ/kg 18600 Ambient Temp(K): 308
Moisture Factor: 5 FDI: 110

Program Outputs

Level of Construction:BAL 12.5Peak Elevation of Receiver(m):3.73Radiant Heat(kW/m2):12.26Flame Angle (degrees):79Flame Length(m):7.62Maximum View Factor:0.193Rate Of Spread (km/h):17.59Inner Protection Area(m):19Transmissivity:0.836Outer Protection Area(m):0

Fire Intensity(kW/m): 40894

BAL Thresholds

BAL-40: BAL-29: BAL-19: BAL-12.5: 10 kw/m2: Elevation of Receiver:

Asset Protection Zone(m): 7 9 13 18 33 3

Determined in accordance with AS 3959-2018

Site Details						
Lot 512, Brightwood Estate						
Baldivis	Baldivis			WA		
City of Rockingham						
Residential Dwelling	Main BCA class:	Class 1a				
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Determination of Highest Bushfire Attack Level						
AS 3959 Assessment Procedure	Vegetation Classification	Effective Slope	Separation Distance	BAL		
Method 2	Class B woodland	Downslope 6 degrees	39 m	BAL - 12.5		

Practitioner Details

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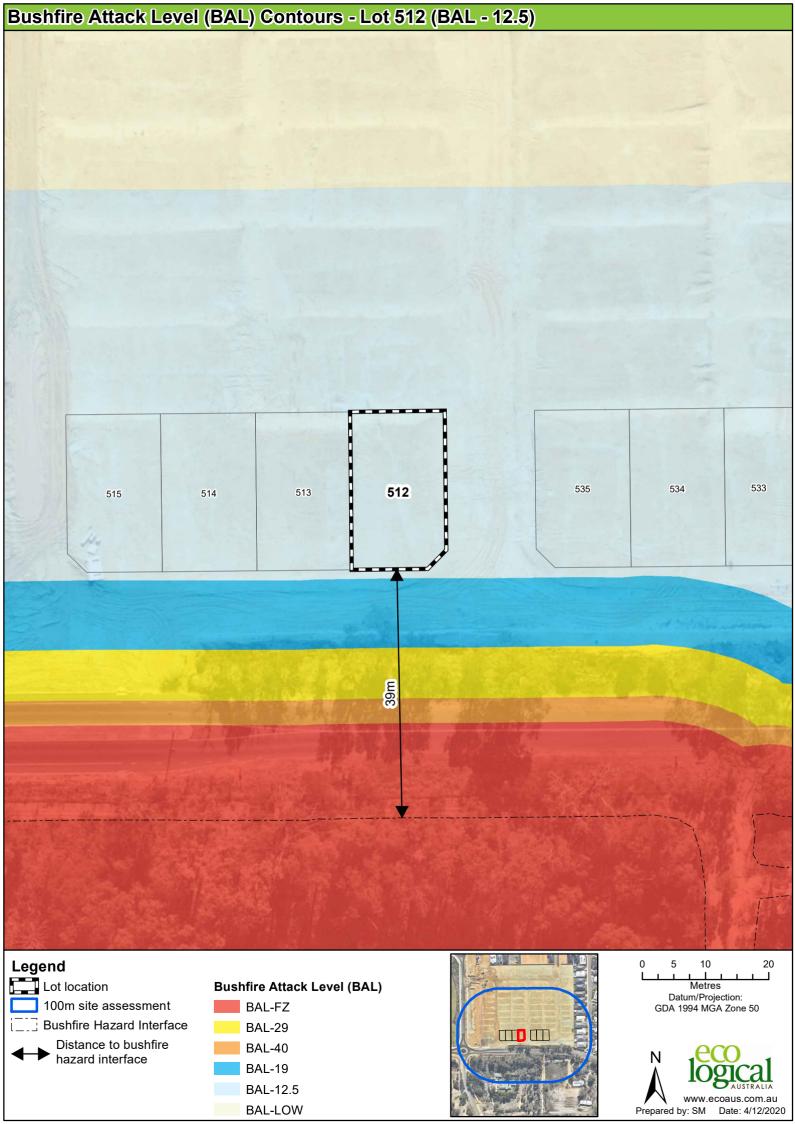
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Signature:

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Site Details							
Address:	Lot 513, Brightwood Esta	Lot 513, Brightwood Estate					
Suburb:	Baldivis	Baldivis			WA		
Local Government Area:	City of Rockingham						
Use of building	Residential Dwelling	Main BCA class:	Class 1a				
Report / Job Number:	20PER-16887	Report Date:	04/12/2	020			

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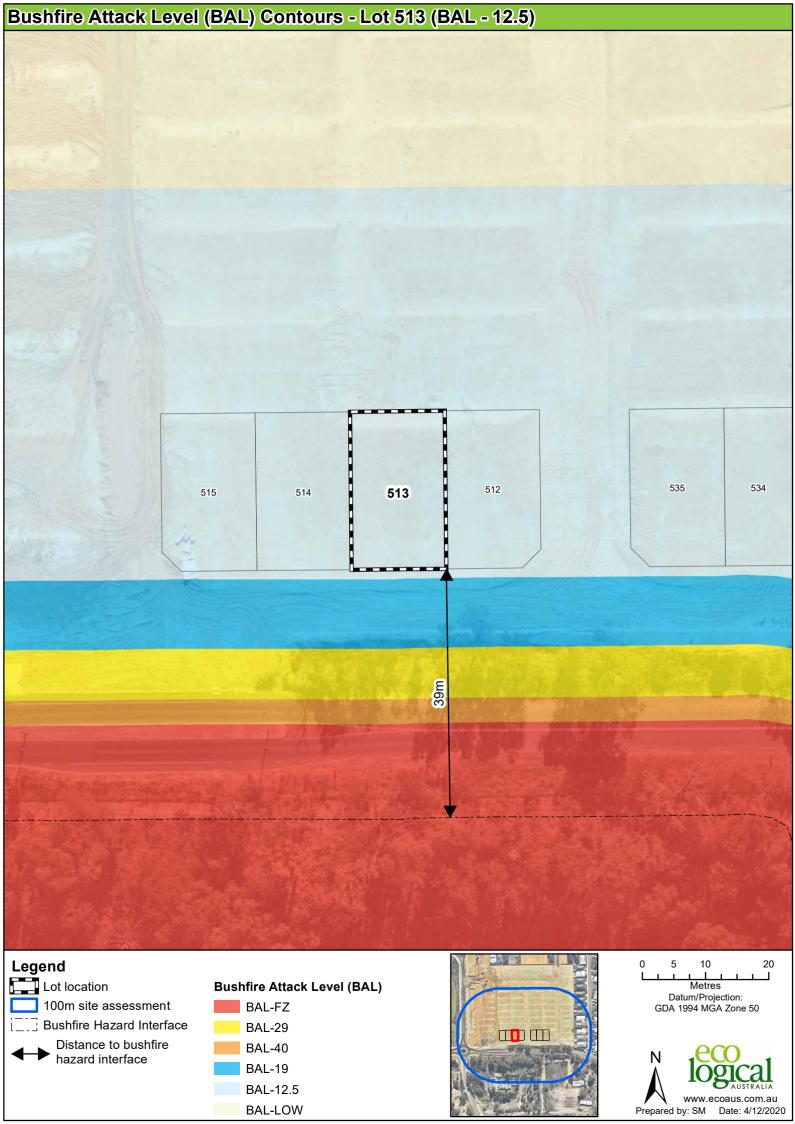
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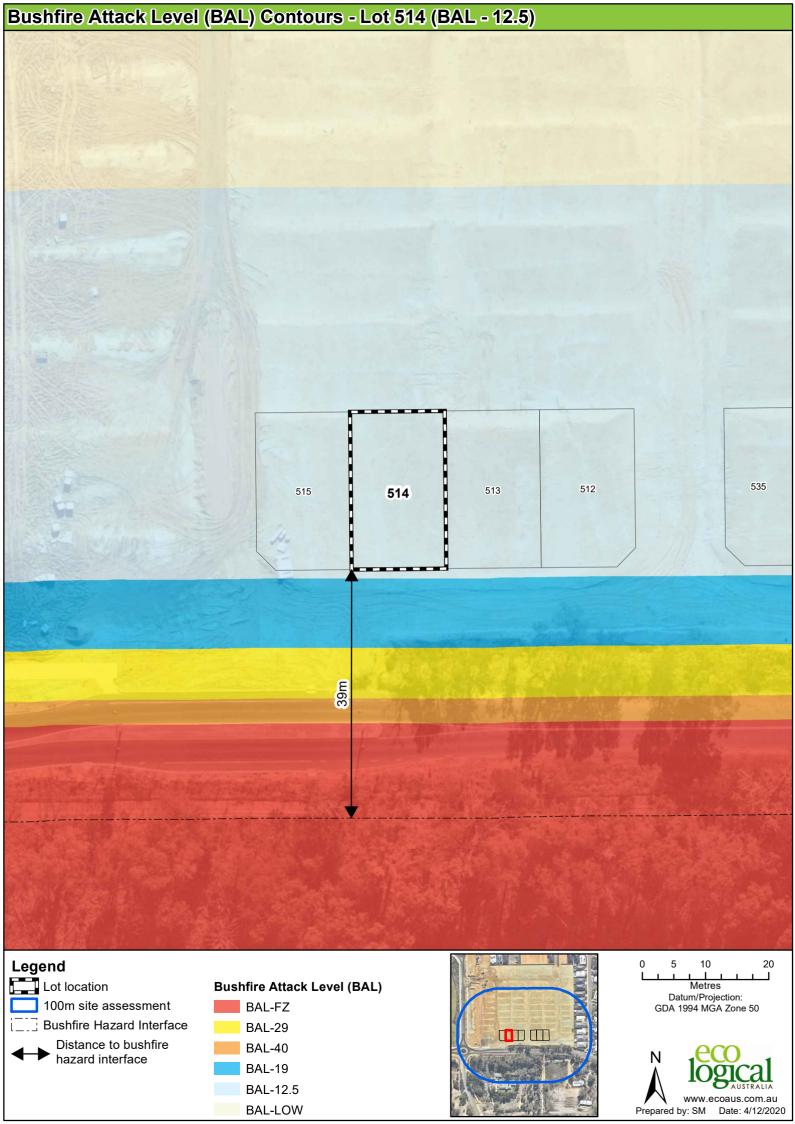
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Baldivis			State:	WA		
City of Rockingham						
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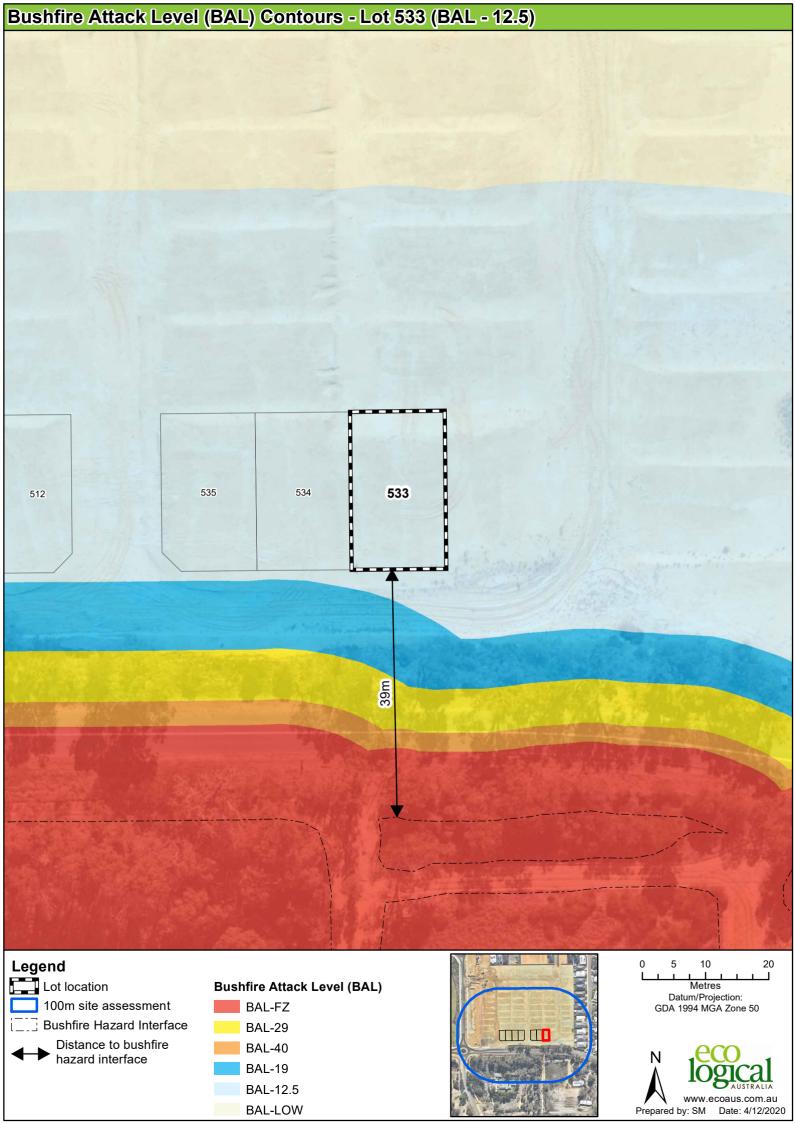
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Site Details					
Address:	Lot 533, Brightwood Estate				
Suburb:	Baldivis			State:	WA
Local Government Area:	City of Rockingham				
Use of building	Residential Dwelling	Main BCA class:	Class 1a		
Report / Job Number:	20PER-16887	Report Date:	04/12/20	020	
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Determination of Highest Bushfire Attack Level						
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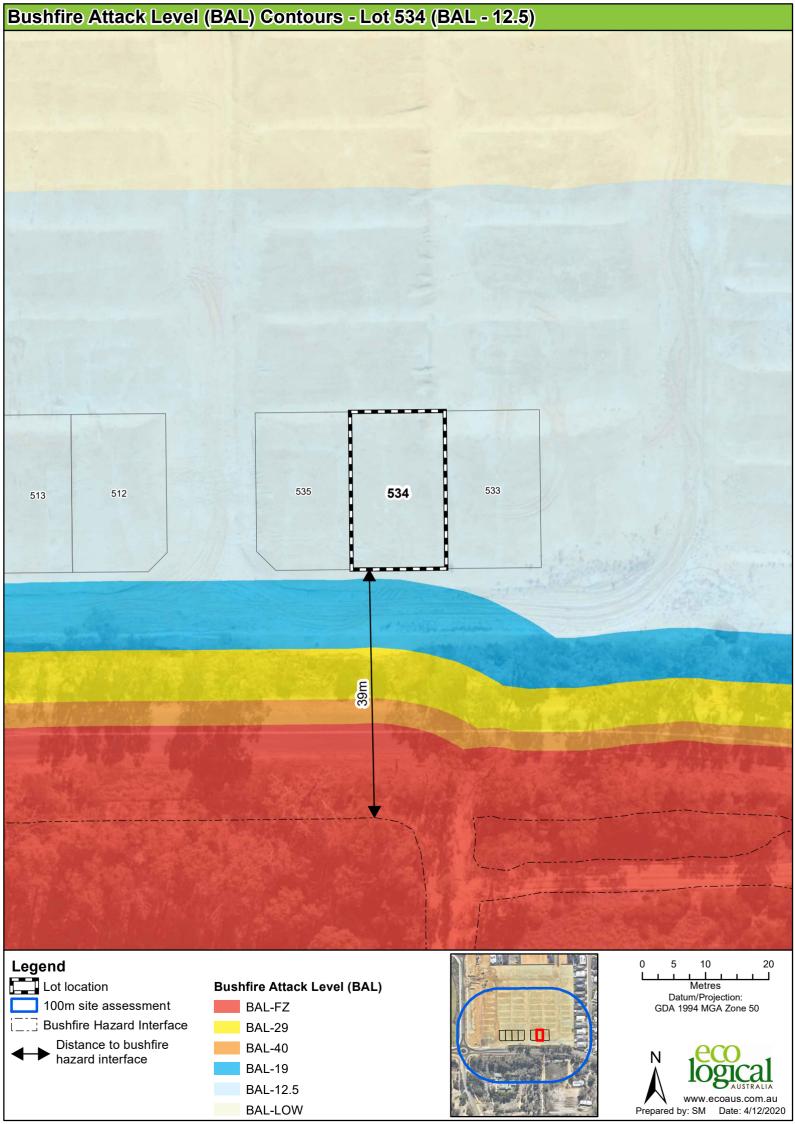
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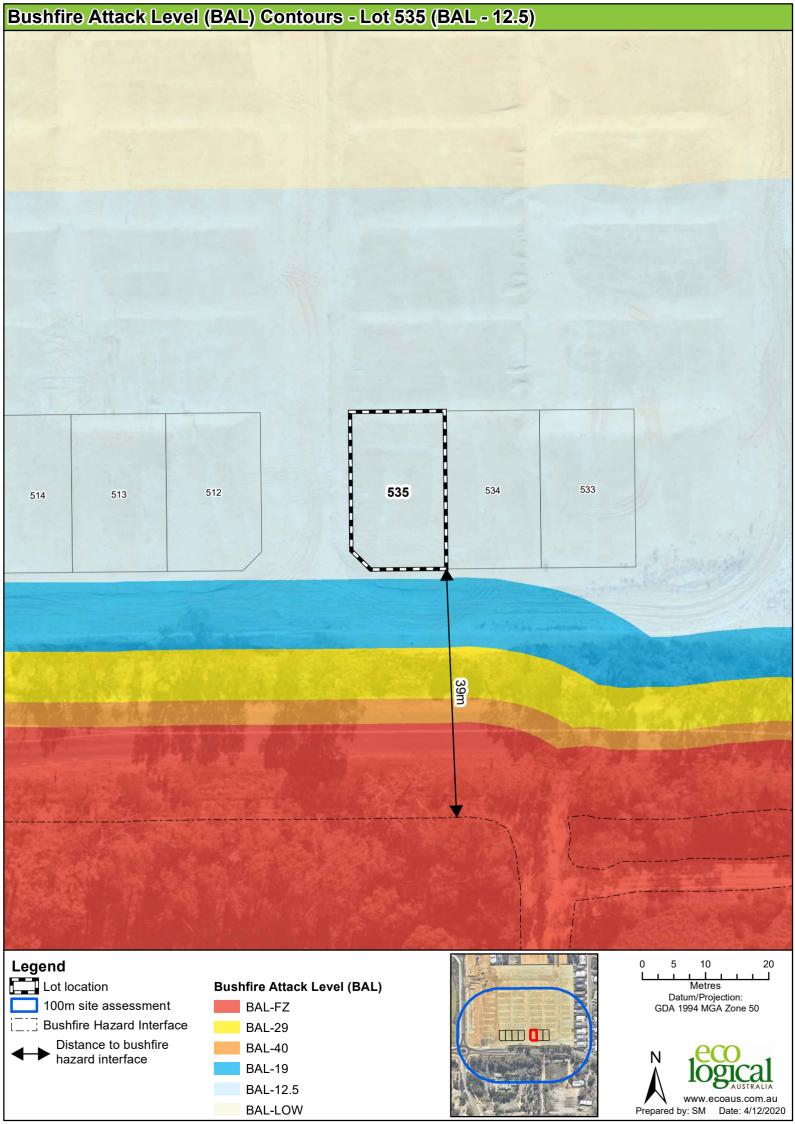
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City of Rockingham						
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