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Projection: MGA Zone 56 based on Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM)

MAP LEGEND

- Biggles Creek Newport Escarpment Study Boundary**
- Roads and Trails**
 - Road
 - Walking Track
- Vegetation Formations**
 - Rainforest (EEC)
 - Forest (EEC)
 - Forest
 - Short Heath
 - Tall Heath
- Threatened Fauna**
 - Grey-headed Flying-fox
 - Koala
 - Powerful Owl
- Threatened Flora**
 - Magenta Lilly Pilly

The map displays the Biggles Creek Newport Escarpment Study Boundary, which is outlined in black. The area is divided into various vegetation formations: Rainforest (EEC) in green, Forest (EEC) in purple, Forest in pink, Short Heath in light orange, and Tall Heath in dark orange. Threatened fauna are marked with symbols: Grey-headed Flying-fox (blue cross), Koala (blue triangle), and Powerful Owl (blue circle). Threatened flora, specifically the Magenta Lilly Pilly, is marked with a yellow star. The map also shows roads (black lines) and walking tracks (dashed lines). A scale bar at the bottom right indicates distances from 0 to 200 metres. The map is oriented with North at the top.

*Fire Danger Ratings (FDR) are determined daily for NSW Fire Areas by the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) and can be found on the RFS web page:
http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/dsp_more_info_latest.cfm?CON_ID=1854

Fire Management Zones

The objective of APZs is the protection of human life and property by providing a defensible space around assets. This will have precedence over guidelines for the management of biodiversity.

Zone Name	Action	Responsibility
All Asset Protection Zones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generally, a 20m APZ (15m for Short Heath) is recommended where the vegetation is downslope from the asset. Where the vegetation is upslope from the asset a 10m APZ is recommended. APZ widths may be adjusted where natural features provide logical boundaries. APZs start at the edge of the building line and extend towards the hazard. Where an adequate APZ is not/ cannot be provided for (due to constraints such as EEC or rainforest vegetation, threatened species or cultural heritage features, slopes >18° or geotechnical hazard) then additional measures may need to be implemented by the landholder. Pruning of trees permissible, 75% of original canopy cover must be retained. On slopes less than 18 degrees, tree removal is permitted provided the root structure is undisturbed. On slopes over 18 degrees, at least 90% ground cover must be maintained. Use hand held tools and machinery only. No slashing, ploughing, grading, dozing or tree removal. Implement the threatened species management strategies specified in the Operational Guidelines table as required. See supporting document Bilgola Newport Escarpment Bushfire Management Plan (ELA 2008) for detailed actions. 	Private land owner or Pittwater Council

Strategic Fire Advantage Zones

The objective of SFAZs is to reduce fire intensity across larger areas and complement APZs where these do not provide adequate protection. Adherence to guidelines for biodiversity will take precedence where practical.

Zone Name	Action	Responsibility
SFAZ 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manual clearing of fuel loads e.g. dead shrubs and other litter. Long term weed suppression. 	Pittwater Council
SFAZ 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain Power line easement. Manual clearing of fuel loads e.g. dead shrubs and other litter. 	Pittwater Council and Energy Australia
All Strategic Fire Advantage Zones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement the threatened species management strategies specified in the Operational Guidelines table as required. Use hand held tools and machinery only. No slashing, ploughing, grading, dozing or tree removal. On slopes over 18 degrees, at least 90% ground cover must be maintained. 	Pittwater Council

Land Management Zones

The objective of LMZs is to conserve biodiversity and protect cultural and historic heritage. Manage fire consistent with fire thresholds.

Zone Name	Action	Responsibility
LMZ 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain fire regime specific to Tall Heath vegetation communities, detailed in the Vegetation Communities and Biodiversity Thresholds table. 	Pittwater Council
LMZ 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove weeds and dead shrubs. Implement the cultural and historic heritage management strategies specified in the Operational Guidelines table as required. Maintain Power line easement. Maintain Trails. Avoid Fire. 	Pittwater Council and Energy Australia
LMZ 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain Power line easement while retaining shrub cover to avoid erosion. Avoid Fire. 	Pittwater Council and Energy Australia
LMZ 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid Fire. 	Pittwater Council
LMZ 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid Fire. 	Pittwater Council
LMZ 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain Power line easement. 	Energy Australia
LMZ 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain Trails. 	Pittwater Council
LMZ 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ecological mosaic burns. Three separate sections over the next 5 years. 	Pittwater Council, RFS
All Land Management Zones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement the threatened species management strategies specified in the Operational Guidelines table as required. Use hand held tools and machinery only. No slashing, ploughing, grading, dozing or tree removal. On slopes over 18 degrees, at least 75% ground cover must be maintained. 	Pittwater Council

Note: Given the lack of available APZs and the highly constrained nature of the site, active mitigation/suppression will take on more importance (rather than passive) particularly for interfaces with higher risk classes.

A hazard reduction certificate or approval by council is required before any vegetation removal or pruning more than 10% of any tree is undertaken.

Bushfire Management Zones

Bilgola Newport Escarpment Study Boundary

Land Management Zone

Strategic Fire Advantage Zone

Interface Risk*

High (20m APZ)

Moderate (20m APZ)

Low (10m APZ)

Other Fire Control Advantages

Assembly/staging area

Turning Point

Sufficient Turning Circle**

Roads and Trails

Road***

Walking Track

Contours (10m)

Private Lots

*Interface risk categories based on APZ requirements from RFS 2006

**Turning circle does not meet the requirements of Planning for Bushfire Protection (RFS 2006). 12m minimum turning circle required.

***Note: Attunga, Hillside and Hillslope Roads are very narrow and parked cars are common on both sides of the road. Fire truck access along these roads is severely restricted.