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Department of Planning and Environment

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Approved Application No 10629

Granted on the 16 March 2022

Signed M Brown

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Dear Mr Price

Asset Protection Zone Plan - Riverside Cabins, Diggings Terrace, Thredbo.

I refer to your application to undertake vegetation management works for the establishment and ongoing management of an Asset Protection Zone (APZ) for Riverside Cabins, Thredbo, as per the attached APZ plan.

I understand that the proposed works are required to provide a defendable space around the building and to remove any potential hazardous trees or branches which are overhanging the building and that the works may include:

- Removal of all fine fuels such as leaves, twigs, bark etc surrounding the building,
- Removal of any trees or branches that are overhanging the building whether live or dead,
- Removal of trees to provide a defendable space within the lease and extending beyond the lease area as per the attached plan, and
- Selective removal of native ground cover or trimming of ground cover within the defendable space. We request that the minimum amount of removal is conducted to achieve the desired result

I note the following provisions to ensure the works comply with the Planning for Bushfire Protection 2019:

- native tree canopies will not exceed 15% of the area,
- understorey vegetation will not exceed 10% of the area.
- tree canopies will not be continuous from hazard to asset.
- lower branches will be pruned up to 2m above the ground, and
- tree canopies will not overhang the building.
- No understorey vegetation to be located below trees.

In light of the information provided to NPWS, the proposed works are considered likely to have minimal environmental impact and are required to provide an APZ for the lodge. Approval is given under *Clause 21 (2)* of the *National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2019* for the proposed works.

The approval is granted subject to conditions which are set out below:

- 1. If any of the works fall outside of the scope described above, then further consultation with NPWS is required;
- 2. All vegetation must be checked to ensure there are no fauna or fauna habitats prior to felling.
 - If fauna or evidence of fauna is found, then further consultation with NPWS is required;
- All works must be conducted by handheld equipment;
- 4. All vegetation should be moved away from the building, so it does not add to the fuel load around the building;
- 5. Tree removal should be undertaken by dismantling piece by piece rather than cutting down whole. If suitable placement areas are not available in the immediate vicinity of the works or if the cut timber would become a hazard, then the timber must be either removed from Kosciuszko National Park or cut up and stacked appropriately for use as firewood: and
- 6. All works must be in accordance with the RFS Standards for APZs.

This approval is <u>granted for the life of the lease</u> and is for both the implementation of the APZ plan as well as the ongoing vegetation management for the entire APZ.

If you have any enquires regarding this matter, please contact Marion Battishall, Resorts Liaison Officer, on 02 64 513 719

Yours sincerely,

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12th February 2021

