



SURF COAST SHIRE NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFER PLACES PLAN

PLACES OF LAST RESORT DURING A BUSHFIRE

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INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

In its Interim Report, the 2009 Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission recommended that neighbourhood safer places, or '**NSPs**', be identified and established to provide persons in bushfire affected areas with a place of last resort during a bushfire.¹

In response to this recommendation, the Victorian Government has introduced the *Emergency Services Legislation Amendment Act 2009 (Vic)* ('**ESLA Act**') which amends the *Country Fire Authority Act 1958 (Vic)* ('**CFA Act**') and the *Emergency Management Act 1986 (Vic)* ('**EM Act**'). The effect of these amendments will be to require the Country Fire Authority ('**CFA**') to certify NSPs against the CFA's Fire Rating Criteria, and Victoria's Councils to identify, designate, establish and maintain suitable places as NSPs in their municipal districts.

NSPs are not community fire refuges or emergency relief centres. NSPs are **places of last resort** during the passage of a bushfire, and are intended to be used by persons whose primary bushfire plans have failed. NSPs are places of relative safety only. They do not guarantee the survival of those who assemble there. Furthermore, there may be serious risks to safety encountered in travelling, and seeking access, to NSPs during bushfire events. Depending on the direction of a particular fire, it may not be a safer place to assemble than other places within the municipal district.

NSPs will be assessed by the CFA as providing some protection from immediate risk of direct fire attack, but not necessarily from other risks, such as flying embers. Where a potential NSP which is used for an operational purpose at many times meets the CFA's criteria, then the CFA considers that those operational activities will be able to continue (to the extent practicable in the circumstances) while the place is being used as an NSP.

This Plan is a neighbourhood safer places plan for the purposes of the legislation, and contains guidelines which have been developed by the Municipal Association of Victoria ('**MAV**') to assist the Council in:

- identifying;
- designating;
- establishing;
- maintaining; and
- decommissioning

places as NSPs within its municipal district.

This Plan also identifies other matters that should be taken into account in identifying, designating, establishing and maintaining NSPs within the municipality.

This Plan contains a step-by-step methodology for the Council to follow in identifying, designating, establishing, maintaining and decommissioning NSPs. The Council must consider each of the factors set out in this Plan. It should also consider other factors which are specific to the Council's circumstances, including the resources available to the Council.

¹ Recommendation 8.5, 2009 Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission Interim Report

Once this Plan has been adopted, Council must make it, and any documents incorporated into it, available at the Council's municipal offices for public inspection during normal office hours free of charge under section 50F(4)(b) of the CFA Act. It must also be published on Council's website under section 50F(4)(a) of the CFA Act.

Structure of this Plan

This Plan has been divided up into six distinct sections.

Section 1 contains a flow chart which summarises the process for councils to adopt in identifying, designating, establishing and maintaining Neighbourhood Safer Places within their municipal district.

Section 2 contains a more detailed summary of the steps summarised in the flow chart found in Section 1.

Section 3 contains a summary of the factors for Council to consider in assessing potential Neighbourhood Safer Places locations, prior to designation.

Section 4 contains the list of Council designated Neighbourhood Safer Placers (Places of Last Resort).

Section 5 contains a map of each Council designated Neighbourhood Safer Places (Places of Last Resort).

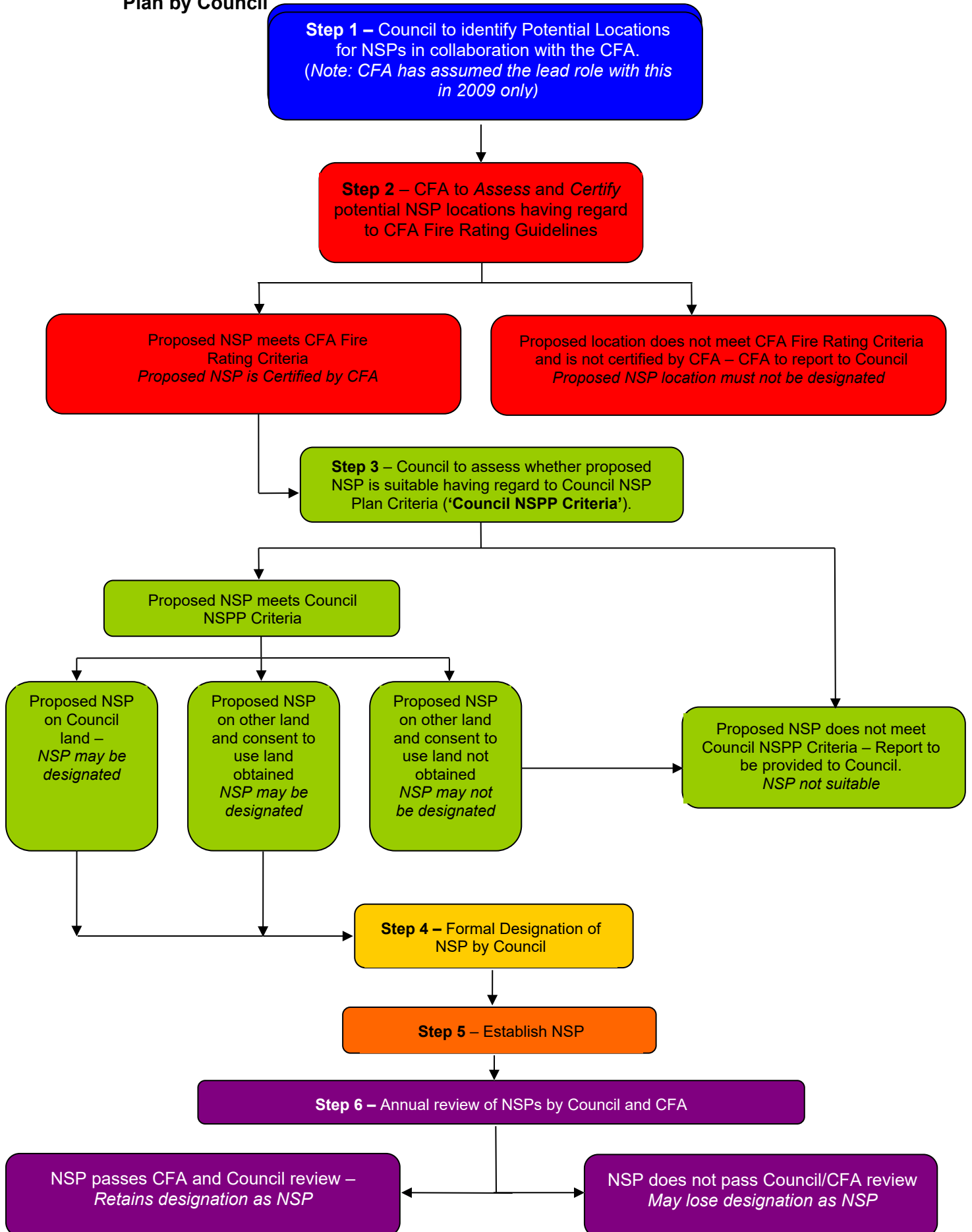
Section 6 contains details of content of signage that Council is required to erect at designated Neighbourhood Safer Place locations.

Attachment (A) factors considered in assessing each designated Neighbourhood Safer Place (Place of Last Resort).

Section 1

Flow chart showing process for identifying, designating, establishing and aintaining Neighbourhood Safer Places

1.1 Overview of the process for establishing and maintaining NSPs after adoption of this Plan by Council



Section 2

*Detailed summary of steps for establishing
Neighbourhood Safer Places*

OVERVIEW OF THE STEPS ASSOCIATED WITH NSPs

1 Identification of potential NSP locations

1.1 Who is responsible for identifying places as potential NSPs?

For the 2009-2010 fire season, the Country Fire Authority ('CFA') has assumed lead responsibility for identifying potential locations for NSPs. This has been done in consultation with Councils. The initial focus was upon the identification of proposed NSPs within those municipalities with CFA Township Protection Plan ('TPP') areas in place. However, identification efforts have now expanded beyond these localities.

From 2010-onwards, Council will be responsible for identifying potential places as NSPs within its municipal district. Section 50G of the CFA Act requires Council to identify potential NSP locations.

1.2 When do potential NSPs need to be identified?

The CFA, in conjunction with Council, is currently in the process of identifying potential NSPs in preparation for the 2009-2010 fire season.

From 2010-onwards, Councils should identify potential additional places as NSPs by 31 May in each year. This should allow sufficient time for:

- 1.2.1 (**CFA Certification**) first, assessment and certification of the potential NSP by the CFA;
- 1.2.2 (**Council Designation**) secondly, designation of the potential NSP location by the Council; and
- 1.2.3 (**Establishment**) thirdly, and subject to the outcome of the assessment and designation process, establishing the NSPs, including the erection of signage and other steps by Council.

The process of NSP identification is ongoing. Following each fire season, Council should assess whether any additional potentially suitable NSP locations can be identified within the municipal district.

1.3 What factors should be considered when identifying potential NSP locations?

When identifying potential NSP locations, Council should consider matters such as:

- the environment surrounding the potential NSP;
- what other uses are made of the potential NSP, and whether or not those uses could be inconsistent with its designation as an NSP;
- whether the land on which the potential NSP is located is Council-owned or non-Council owned land;
- whether there are clear means of access and egress to and from the potential NSP;

- whether the potential NSP is in close proximity to population centres; and
- for those Councils whose municipal district falls within both a CFA region and the Metropolitan Fire District (“**MFD**”), or borders the MFD but is within the CFA region:
- the risks involved in people staying in the area being considered for an NSP, versus leaving the area and travelling to a nearby urban area; and
- the adequacy of egress routes out of the area being considered for an NSP (including number of egress routes, whether major or minor roadway, type and amount of vegetation along key egress routes; capacity of egress routes to accommodate potentially large numbers of vehicles and to accommodate potential vehicle breakdowns).

1.4 Who should undertake the identification of potential NSPs?

Under the CFA Act, all Councils whose municipal district is located wholly or partly in the ‘country area’ of Victoria are required to identify and designate NSPs.

Council should ensure that the following actions are completed prior to making any determinations regarding the assessment, designation and certification of NSPs:

- (a) A risk assessment considering the matters outlined in section 2.3 (above) must be undertaken by Council’s Municipal Emergency Resource Officer (“**MERO**”) and Municipal Fire Prevention Officer (“**MFPO**”) (which may be initiated through the Municipal Fire Prevention Committee or the Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee as a sub-committee of the Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee (“**MEMPC**”), using appropriate available information such as Integrated Fire Management Planning data and/or Victorian Fire Risk Register data and any applicable Township Protection Plans;
- (b) The MEMPC must review the results of the risk assessment, as summarised in the MERO’s and MFPO’s report prepared under section 2.4(a) (above), and submit a written report to Council with a recommendation as to whether CFA assessment and Council designation of the potential NSP is warranted in the area under consideration.
- (c) Council should formally review the MEMPC report. Council should only decide that NSP assessment and designation is not warranted in the area under consideration where Council is satisfied that:
 - (i) The risk assessment undertaken by the MERO and MFPO has addressed the matters raised in sections 2.3 of this MNSPP; and
 - (ii) The MEMPC has recommended that assessment and designation of the NSP is not warranted.

2 CFA to assess and certify potential NSP locations

2.1 Who is responsible for assessing potential NSPs against guidelines issued by the CFA ('CFA Fire Rating Guidelines')?

Under section 50G(5) of the CFA Act, the CFA is responsible for assessing potential NSP locations against the CFA Fire Rating Guidelines.² This will be done by appropriately qualified and experienced CFA personnel.

Council is not responsible for the assessment and certification of potential NSPs by the CFA.

2.2 What criteria must the CFA take into account in assessing potential NSP locations?

In assessing potential NSP locations which have been identified by the CFA (for the 2009-2010 fire season), or by Councils (from 2010-onwards), the CFA must consider the criteria and other considerations as set out in the CFA's Fire Rating Guidelines as issued from time to time by the CFA.

The key matters to be considered by the CFA under the current CFA Fire Rating Criteria are:

2.2.1 For open spaces

- the appropriate separation distance between the outer edge of the potential NSP and the nearest fire hazard ('**Buffer Zone**')³ should be at least 310 metres; or
- an alternative Buffer Zone distance may be prescribed by the CFA, which will ensure that the maximum potential radiant heat impacting on the site is no more than 2 kw/m².

2.2.2 For buildings

- the Buffer Zone between the outer edge of the building and the nearest fire hazard should be at least 140 metres; or
- an alternative Buffer Zone distance may be prescribed by the CFA, which will ensure that the maximum potential radiant heat impacting on the building is no more than 10 kw/m².

2.3 When does the CFA assess a potential NSP?

Following identification of a place which may be suitable as an NSP, the potential NSP is assessed by the CFA as soon as practicable. This is likely to occur shortly after identification.

² The CFA Act refers to "Country Fire Authority Assessment Guidelines". For ease of reference in the context of this MNSP Plan, these guidelines are referred to as the CFA Fire Rating Guidelines.

³ The CFA Guidelines refer to "separation distances". However, for ease of understanding, the term "Buffer Zone" is used throughout this MNSP Plan.

2.4 When does the CFA certify potential NSP locations?

Once the assessment of a potential NSP is completed by the CFA, the CFA will certify the potential NSP if the place meets the CFA Fire Rating Criteria. The CFA will provide a copy of the CFA certification in relation to a potential NSP to Council upon completion of certification, and a summary of the criteria and assumptions upon which the assessment is based.

Council should ensure that the boundaries of both the potential NSP as certified by the CFA, and any Buffer Zone surrounding it, are clearly defined in the CFA assessment.

For reasons of community safety, it is a requirement of the CFA Act, and it is also Council policy, that only those places assessed and certified by the CFA may be considered for designation as NSPs by the Council. The Council must not designate a place as an NSP unless it has CFA certification.

3 Council assessment of NSPs following CFA Certification

3.1 What factors should be applied by Councils in assessing the suitability of a place as a potential NSP location?

Following certification of a place as an NSP by the CFA, and once Council has received the CFA assessment and any criteria and CFA assumptions which underpin the assessment, Council must assess the place in accordance with the factors outlined below to determine whether it is suitable to be designated as an NSP. Unless a potential NSP satisfies each of the criteria outlined below, it should not be designated by Council as an NSP.

Council's assessment of CFA-certified potential NSPs may, if reasonably practicable, be conducted by the Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee ('MEMPC'), with a preliminary assessment to be provided to the MEMPC by the MERO and the MFPO.

The factors to determine the suitability of the place as an NSP are as follows: ('Council NSPP Criteria'):

3.2 Consents and rights of access

There must be appropriate land access and tenure arrangements so that Council has the right to:

- use the place as an NSP;
- access the site and surrounding areas for maintenance; and
- erect appropriate signage at the NSP, including the OESC signage and additional NSP information signage.

If the potential NSP is on land owned or controlled by Council, appropriate rights of land access and tenure are unlikely to be an issue. However, Council will need to ensure that where Council land is leased or licensed to a third party, it must be possible to put in place appropriate arrangements on reasonably satisfactory and acceptable terms with the tenant or licensee permitting Council to use the land as a potential NSP. In taking these matters into account, Council should consider what alternative uses may be made, whether temporarily or semi-permanently, of land under Council control or management.

If the potential NSP is on Crown land not owned or controlled by Council, then the consent of the Crown land manager is likely to be required. If the land has been leased or licensed to a third party, such as a caravan park operator, then the consent of the tenant or licensee to use the place as a potential NSP will also be required. In obtaining the consent of the relevant Crown land manager, it will be necessary to consider whether or not the Crown Grant or reservation authorises the place to be used as a potential NSP.

Where it is proposed that a place on privately-owned land is to be used as an NSP, then the consent of the relevant landowner (and, where applicable, occupier) for the place to be designated and used as an NSP is required. If the landowner (or occupier) does not consent to the place being designated and used as an NSP on terms which are reasonably satisfactory and acceptable to the Council, it must not be so designated and used.

Where a potential NSP is located on non-Council land, with the result that consent and rights of access need to be negotiated with the owner and (where necessary) occupier, Council officers responsible for negotiating such consent and rights of access should provide a draft form of consent to the owner/occupier for their consideration. The form of consent will be required to be approved either by Council (through a formal resolution), or by the CEO acting under delegation.

Any amendments to the form of consent which may be requested by the landowner or occupier would need to be thoroughly considered before they are agreed to by Council. If it is not possible or appropriate for Council to agree on amendments that may be requested to the consent document, then the proposed NSP should not be designated by Council.

3.3 Access and Egress

3.3.1 Council must assess whether there is sufficient access to the potential NSP which will allow:

- anticipated potential numbers of people to move to and from the place; and
- the CFA and other emergency services to attend the place for asset and personnel protection activities and operations.

Council must assess potential access and egress routes, bearing in mind the fact that NSPs are **places of last resort**.

As people may be seeking access to an NSP in a rushed or panicked state, a number of people could be seeking access in a relatively short time and visibility could be affected by smoke, easily navigable routes to and from an NSP are crucial.

In considering whether access and egress routes are adequate, consideration should be given to issues such as:

- the condition of the road surface;
- the proximity of the NSP to major roadways and population centres;
- the type and amount of vegetation along any access routes, and whether that vegetation could be affected by fire and pose a risk of harm to those seeking access to the potential NSP, or otherwise block access to the NSP;
- the capacity of access routes to accommodate potentially large numbers of vehicles, and to accommodate potential vehicle break-downs;
- parking at the place;
- any hazards that may exist for persons accessing the place by foot, including in the buffer zone;
- any relevant matter contained in Council's Road Management Plan prepared pursuant to the Road Management Act 2004 (Vic); and

- and, the provisions of Division 4 – Liability in relation to designated neighbourhood safer places – Section 50N (4) and 500 of the CFA Act 1958 (amendment 73 of 2009).

If appropriate and satisfactory access and egress routes are not available, then the proposed NSP should not be designated by Council.

3.4 Maintenance of potential NSP in accordance with CFA assessment criteria

Council must ensure that the potential NSP can be maintained in accordance with the criteria taken into account by the CFA in arriving at its fire rating assessment.

If additional information is required from the CFA to understand the criteria they have considered in arriving at their fire rating assessment, Council should seek this information from the CFA. If necessary, Council may request the CFA to undertake a further assessment to provide Council with additional information.

3.4.1 Opening of the NSP

Council must consider:

- whether it will be possible or practicable to open the potential NSP or otherwise make it available for use on a 24 hour basis during the declared fire danger period;
- the potential for damage to the place during times that it is open and available for use, but is not being used as an NSP;
- the potential costs to Council associated with the first two points in 4.4.1; and
- the possibility that a potential NSP could be used for unintended purposes, such as an emergency relief centre.

3.4.2 Defendable space and fire suppression activities

CFA have advised that there is no guarantee that fire units will attend an NSP, and that individuals who use NSPs are doing so at their own risk. There should be **no expectation** that fire units or other emergency services personnel will attend an NSP during a bushfire.

Despite this, the potential NSP should be surrounded by sufficient open space to enable the CFA and other fire services to conduct asset protection and fire suppression operations around the place.

Any open space **should be reasonably** free of obstacles which could hinder fire suppression activities. Obstacles may include, amongst other things:

- fences;
- buildings and sheds;
- steep inclines in close proximity to the potential NSP;
- vegetation, particularly large trees;

- other land formations, including rocks, boulders or knolls which could substantially hinder fire suppression operations.

If necessary, advice should be sought from the CFA about their defensible space and fire vehicle access requirements.

When assessing the defensible space factor, Council must consider whether or not approval to clear or disturb flora and/or fauna could be required, whether under legislation such as the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cwlth) ('**EPBC Act**'), *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988* (Vic) ('**FFG Act**') or the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (Vic) ('**PE Act**'). If such approval is required, then it must be obtained before the potential NSP location is designated.

If the proposed NSP does not have adequate defensible space around it, or if approval to clear or disturb flora and/or fauna is required but cannot be obtained before the NSP is required to be established, or cannot be obtained on reasonably satisfactory conditions, it should not be designated as an NSP by Council.

3.4.3 Defendability of buildings

If the potential NSP is a building, Council must consider whether or not it is likely to be subject to risk from ember attack.

As the CFA is not required to assess the risk of ember attack to a building in undertaking the CFA fire rating assessment when certifying NSPs, the Council should consider this issue. In considering this issue, Council may need to seek expert advice from appropriately-qualified CFA personnel.

If there is an appreciable risk of the proposed NSP being compromised by ember attack which cannot be satisfactorily defended, then the building is unlikely to be suitable as an NSP and should not be designated by Council.

3.4.4 Signage

Council must assess whether it will be possible to have signage at the entry to, and in the vicinity of, the potential NSP. Such signage must generally be in accordance with the Signage Template, which is at **Section 6** of this Plan.

Council must refer to the Signage Template when considering whether or not appropriate signage can be erected.

If signage must be placed on private land, then the consent of the landowner will be required.

3.4.5 Maintenance and maintainability

Council must assess whether ongoing maintenance of the proposed NSP, and the surrounding area, is both possible and practical, having regard to the resources reasonably available to the Council. This factor should be considered by the Council not only in relation to the suitability of a proposed NSP, but also as to the total number of proposed NSPs that can be reasonably maintained within the municipal district. This is needed to ensure that the place remains suitable for use as an NSP during each fire season.

Specifically, the place must be capable of being maintained so as to ensure continuing compliance with the CFA Fire Rating Criteria and the Council NSPP

Criteria. It is Council policy that if it is not possible to maintain a potential NSP, then it must not be designated as such.

When assessing the maintainability of the potential NSP, both the NSP and the Buffer Zone may require various maintenance activities to be undertaken on a periodic basis. The potential introduction of hazards into the Buffer Zone, such as structures, animals and vehicles, should be taken into account.

There may be cases where maintenance activities can only be undertaken by, or with the consent of, an adjoining landowner. This may, in turn, require assurances from such landowners that the place, and areas surrounding it, will be maintained to a satisfactory level.

If the proposed NSP is not capable of being satisfactorily maintained, then it should not be designated by Council.

3.4.6 Disabled access

Council must consider whether or not there are clear means of access for disabled and mobility-impaired persons to the potential NSP.

In considering this issue, regard should be had to such matters as whether or not it would be necessary for cars or other vehicles to enter the NSP area to allow persons with disabilities to be dropped off within the place.

3.4.7 Alternative Uses of potential NSP

Council must consider what other uses may be made of the potential NSP which could impact upon its ability to properly function as an NSP.

Where a potential NSP which is used for an operational purpose at many times has been assessed by the CFA as meeting the criteria in the CFA Fire Rating Guidelines, and has been certified by the CFA, then the CFA has advised that those operational activities will be able to continue (to the extent practicable in the circumstances) while the place is being used as an NSP.

If the place is used for other uses which could compromise its ability to be used as an NSP, then it should not be designated as an NSP by Council.

3.4.8 Communication with the community

Council must be able to communicate the location of the potential NSP to the community. There should be good community awareness of the location of the place, together with the risks that relate to the use of the potential NSP, and the risks associated with travelling to the potential NSP in the event of a bushfire.

3.4.9 Public liability insurance

As a matter of prudent risk management, Council should have regard to:

- any additional factors which are relevant to Council's maintenance of insurance coverage for legal claims relating to the identification, designation, establishment, maintenance and decommissioning of a place as an NSP, as well as travel to an NSP; and
- any statutory defences to claims.

3.5 Who is responsible for undertaking the Council assessment of potential NSPs?

A report prepared by the MERO and MFPO detailing whether or not the potential NSP meets the above criteria should be prepared and provided to:

- the MEMPC, where it is practicable for the MEMPC to be involved in the Council assessment process; and
- the Council.

The MEMPC must assess the potential NSP, taking into account the MERO's report, and make a recommendation to Council as to whether or not to designate the potential NSP.

3.6 When are potential NSP locations required to be assessed by Council?

Any potential NSPs certified by the CFA should be assessed by Council no later than 30 June each year, so as to allow time for the places to be designated and established as NSPs by Council, and for any appropriate amendments to be made to the MEMP and MFMP prior to the commencement of the bushfire season.

This timing is obviously subject to the CFA assessing and certifying the potential NSP location in a timely manner.

4 Council Designation of NSPs

4.1 Who is responsible for Council designation of NSPs?

Council must formally determine whether or not to designate a place as an NSP. Council should not designate a place as an NSP unless it is satisfied that the place is suitable, having regard to the Council NSPP Criteria.

An NSP may only be designated by a resolution of the Council.

4.2 When should Council consider the designation of a potential NSP?

Following preparation of an assessment of a potential NSP by the MEMPC, Council should determine whether or not to designate a potential NSP location by no later than 31 July. This will enable any necessary establishment works to be undertaken.

4.3 What must the MFPO do once a potential NSP is designated by Council?

Once the Council has designated a place as an NSP, the MFPO must provide an updated list of all designated NSPs within the municipality to the CFA under section 50K of the CFA Act. This updated list must be provided by no later than 30 September in each year.

5 Establishment and maintenance of NSPs following designation

5.1 Who is responsible for establishing NSPs?

Following designation, Council will establish all designated NSPs within the municipal district.

5.2 What must be done when establishing NSPs?

To establish a NSP after its designation, Council must:

- erect appropriate signage at and near the NSP;
- undertake any necessary preparatory works, including the construction or establishment of any required infrastructure and the clearance of vegetation, so as to enable the area to be used as an NSP;
- publish the location of the NSP on the Council website; and
- update Council's Municipal Emergency Management Plan and Municipal Fire Prevention Plan to include the location of the NSP.

The MFPO must provide an up-to-date list of NSPs to the CFA no later than 30 September each year under section 50K of the CFA Act.

Following designation, all designated NSPs within the municipality must be identified in:

- the MFPP, under section 55A(2) of the CFA Act; and
- the MEMP, under section 20(2) of the EM Act.

5.3 When must NSPs be established?

NSPs should be established no later than [**30 October**] each year.

5.4 Maintenance of NSPs

NSPs within the municipality need to be maintained by Council. Maintenance activities must include vegetation management, hazardous tree removal and the maintenance of infrastructure required for the satisfactory functioning of the place as an NSP. If additional works have been required to establish the NSP, then those works should be subject to periodic review.

The fuel load in the vicinity of the NSP must not increase so as to affect the fire rating of the NSP.

Council must ensure that defensible spaces, the Buffer Zone and access and egress routes are appropriately maintained.

Council must inspect the NSP, Buffer Zone and access and egress routes on a periodic basis, and in any event not less than once every month during the declared fire danger period, to ensure that the NSP continues to be capable of

functioning as an NSP. If Council identifies issues that may impact upon the functioning of the place as an NSP, then Council must:

- address the issue;
- take reasonable steps to have the issue addressed, such as requesting the owner of the land on which the NSP or Buffer Zone is located to address the issue; or
- consider decommissioning the NSP and revoking the designation of the place as an NSP.

6 Annual inspections of NSPs

6.1 Who is responsible for the annual review of NSPs?

Council must undertake an annual review of all designated NSPs within the municipality.

Council must also request the CFA to undertake an assessment against the CFA Fire Rating Criteria of each NSP within the municipality on an annual basis.

These reviews are intended to ensure that each NSP remains suitable for use as an NSP during the up-coming fire season.

6.2 What must be considered when undertaking inspections?

NSPs should be assessed annually against the Council NSPP Criteria. The CFA will assess NSPs against the CFA Fire Rating Criteria.

If an NSP no longer meets:

- 6.2.1 the CFA Fire Rating Criteria, then it must be decommissioned; and
- 6.2.2 the Council NSPP Criteria, then Council must determine whether or not it wishes to address any of the identified non-compliances. If it does not, then the NSP must be decommissioned.

6.3 When must NSP locations be inspected?

NSPs must be inspected prior to 31 August each year under section 50J of the CFA Act.

Section 3

Summary of factors for Council to consider in assessing potential Neighbourhood Safer Place locations prior to designation

Factors to consider in assessing potential NSPs

Council NSPP Criteria	Issues to consider	Council comments	Satisfied? Yes/No
Consents and rights of access <i>See section 2.1(a)</i>	If the potential NSP is located on Council-owned land, can Council use the land as an NSP if required? Consider whether or not Council allows the land to be used for potentially inconsistent purposes, such as for farmers' markets, fetes, circuses etc.		
	If the potential NSP is on private land, or public land under the control of a Crown Land Manager (other than Council), can Council enter into arrangements which allow it to use the land as a potential NSP on reasonably satisfactory terms? Also consider whether Council has the right to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • access the site and surrounding areas for maintenance; and • erect appropriate signage at the NSP. 		
Access and egress <i>See section 2.1(b)</i>	Do access routes to the potential NSP allow for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the anticipated potential number of people to move to and from the place; and • the CFA and other emergency services to attend the place for asset and personnel protection activities? 		
	Are access routes easily navigable, bearing in mind they could be affected by smoke? Consider the condition of the road surface, proximity to population centres and major roads, capacity of access routes to accommodate large numbers of vehicles, the availability of car parking at the place and any other relevant matters.		
Maintenance of NSP in accordance with CFA assessment <i>See section 2.1(c)</i>	Can Council maintain the potential NSP in accordance with the criteria taken into account by the CFA in arriving at its fire rating assessment? <i>If the CFA have not provided sufficient information in relation to the criteria it has taken into account in arriving at its fire rating assessment, it may be necessary for Council to seek further information from the CFA.</i>		
Opening of the NSP <i>See section 2.1(d)</i>	Will it be possible and practicable to make the potential NSP available for use on a 24 hour basis during the declared fire danger period? This is a particular issue where the potential NSP is a building. Consider the potential for damage to the NSP which could result during times that it is open and available for use, but is not being used as an NSP.		
	What costs could be incurred by Council in making the potential NSP available on a 24 hour basis during the declared fire danger period? Are these costs reasonable, and capable of being borne by Council?		

Council NSPP Criteria	Issues to consider	Council comments	Satisfied? Yes/No
	Could the potential NSP be used for an unintended purpose which could impact upon its use as an NSP (such as an emergency relief centre)?		
Defendable space and fire suppression activities <i>See section 2.1(e)</i>	Is the potential NSP surrounded by sufficient open space to enable the CFA to conduct asset protection and fire suppression operations? Is that open space reasonably free of obstacles (such as fences, buildings, steep gradients, vegetation and other land formations)? <i>Council should seek CFA advice concerning the defendability of the potential NSP and the Buffer Zone, including in relation to fire vehicle access requirements.</i>		
	Will approval be required under legislation such as the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cwlth)</i> , <i>Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988 (Vic)</i> and the <i>Planning and Environment Act 1987 (Vic)</i> ? Can such approval be obtained before the NSP is established?		
Defendability of buildings <i>See section 2.1(f)</i>	If the potential NSP is a building, has Council sought expert advice from the CFA to determine whether the NSP is likely to be subject to risk from ember attack? If it is subject to such a risk, can that risk be safely managed?		
Signage <i>See section 2.1(g)</i>	Can appropriate signage be erected at the entry to the potential NSP, and in its vicinity? If signage needs to be placed on private land, can Council obtain the consent of the relevant landowner to the erection of the signage?		
Maintenance and maintainability <i>See section 2.1(h)</i>	Is the potential NSP capable of being maintained to ensure continuing compliance with the CFA Fire Rating Criteria and the Council NSPP Criteria? Where relevant, consider whether adjoining land owners and occupiers will provide Council with an assurance that both the potential NSP and the Buffer Zone can be maintained to a satisfactory level.		
Disabled access <i>See section 2.1(i)</i>	Are there any means of access for disabled and mobility-impaired persons to the potential NSP, including vehicle access to drop off people with disabilities?		
Alternative uses of potential NSP <i>See section 2.1(j)</i>	Can Council manage alternative uses which may be made of the potential NSP so as to ensure that those uses will not compromise the function of the place as a potential NSP? <i>The CFA has advised that where a potential NSP which is used for an operational purpose at many times meets the CFA Fire Rating Criteria, then the CFA considers that those operational activities will be able to continue (to the extent practicable in the circumstances) while the place is being used as an NSP.</i>		
Community Communication	Will it be possible to ensure that there will be good community awareness of the location of the potential NSP, and the risks associated with using the potential NSP?		

Council NSPP Criteria	Issues to consider	Council comments	Satisfied? Yes/No
<i>See section 2.1(k)</i>			

Section 4

List of Council designated
Neighbourhood Safer Places
– Places of Last Resort

SURF COAST SHIRE NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFER PLACESv2

LOCATION	OWNER
(1) Anglesea River Bank (open space)	Surf Coast Shire Council (Manage River Reserve)
(2) Anglesea Shopping Strip Car park (open space)	Surf Coast Shire Council (Government Road)
(3) Lorne – Point Grey (open space)	Surf Coast Shire Council and Great Ocean Road Coast Committee
(4) Lorne Foreshore (open space)	Surf Coast Shire Council and Great Ocean Road Coast Committee
(5) Bob Pettitt Reserve Jan Juc (open space)	Surf Coast Shire Council lease from Department Education and Training
(6) Aireys Inlet Lower Shops car park (open space)	Surf Coast Shire Council (Road Reserve) & River Reserve (Skate Park)
(7) Deans Marsh – Martians Restaurant car park (open space)	Private property leased to owner of Martians Café
(8) Winchelsea – service lane/car park	VicRoads Surf Coast Shire Council manage
(9) Mount Moriac – western half of reserve No. 1 oval (main)	Surf Coast Shire Council managed sporting reserve
(10) Moriac – Newling Reserve / Moriac Community Centre. Grassed area at rear of building	Surf Coast Shire Council managed sporting reserve

Section 5

Maps of Council designated Neighbourhood Safer Places (Places of Last Resort)

Blue = Boundary NSP

Red = Buffer Zone (if required)

NSP 1: Anglesea River Bank – Anglesea



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NSP 2: Anglesea Shopping Strip (Car Park), Anglesea



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NSP 3: Lorne Point Grey (car park and reserve) – LorneComplex



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NSP 4: Lorne Foreshore – Lorne Complex



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NSP 5: Bob Pettitt Reserve, Jan Juc



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NSP 6: Aireys Inlet Lower Shops Car Park



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NSP 7: Deans Marsh – Martians Café Car Park



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NSP 8: Winchelsea – Service Lane/Car Park



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NSP 9: Mount Moriac Reserve – Western half of No. 1 Oval (main)



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NSP 10: Moriac – Newling Reserve



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Section 6

NSP Signage Template

1 Emergency Management Victoria – Neighbourhood Safer Places – Bushfire Place of Last Resort Signage Manual

The following is an extract from the Neighbourhood Safer Places – Bushfire Place of Last Resort Signage Manual. Current and new signage should be compliant with this manual. This manual is found at the following url:

<http://files.em.vic.gov.au/EMV-web/Neighbourhood-Safer-Places-Bushfire-Place-of-Last-Resort-Signage-Manual.pdf>

The following is the previous standard site sign design for all Neighbourhood Safer Place – Place of Last Resort in Victoria. This sign is erected at all existing sites, which have been formally designated as a Neighbourhood Safer Place – Place of Last Resort.



5.2 Alternative Neighbourhood Safer Place – Bushfire Place of Last Resort Symbol

This modified site sign design is intended to be consistent with roadside signage and should be used for all newly designated sites and when all existing Neighbourhood Safer Place – Place of Last Resort signs erected at designated sites are being replaced as part of the normal replacement process.



NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFER PLACES SIGNAGE **TEXT COMPONENT**

WARNING

This designated Neighbourhood Safer Place is a Place of Last Resort during the passage of a bushfire. Whilst it may offer some protection from bushfire, the safety or survival of those who assemble here is not guaranteed.

Before deciding to head towards, or enter this NSP in the event of a Bushfire, be aware that:

- Many houses may offer better protection than this NSP.
- Travelling to this NSP when there is a bushfire can be extremely dangerous. There is no guarantee that you will be safe doing so.
- This NSP may not prevent death or injury from fire, embers or radiant heat when you get here.
- You should only use this NSP when your primary bushfire plan has failed or cannot be implemented.
- This NSP only has limited capacity.
- There is no guarantee that CFA or other emergency services will be present at this NSP during a bushfire.
- No facilities are provided for people with special needs, including those requiring medical attention.
- This NSP may be uncomfortable and no amenities such as food and drinks will be provided.
- There is no provision for animals.

Victorian Bushfire Information Line – 1800 240 667

Attachment (A)

Factors considered in assessing
each designated
Surf Coast Shire Neighbourhood
Safer Places (Places of Last Resort)
-Nos. 1 to 9 assessments at
designation

Factors considered in assessing potential Neighbourhood Safer Places – Places of Last Resort

NSP 1: Anglesea River Bank – Anglesea			
Council NSPP Criteria	Issues to consider	Council comments	Satisfied? Yes/No
Consents and rights of access <i>See section 3.1(a)</i>	If the potential NSP is located on Council-owned land, can Council use the land as an NSP if required? Consider whether or not Council allows the land to be used for potentially inconsistent purposes, such as for farmers' markets, fetes, circuses etc.	Site is on SCS managed open space and associated car park(s) and river reserve in close proximity Great Ocean Road.	Yes
	If the potential NSP is on private land, or public land under the control of a Crown Land Manager (other than Council), can Council enter into arrangements which allow it to use the land as a potential NSP on reasonably satisfactory terms? Also consider whether Council has the right to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> access the site and surrounding areas for maintenance; and erect appropriate signage at the NSP. 	Not private property.	Yes
Access and egress <i>See section 3.1(b)</i>	Do access routes to the potential NSP allow for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the anticipated potential number of people to move to and from the place; and the CFA and other emergency services to attend the place for asset and personnel protection activities? 	Access via Great Ocean Road and sealed local streets – GOR and local streets are capable of servicing people and the emergency services.	Yes
	Are access routes easily navigable, bearing in mind they could be affected by smoke? Consider the condition of the road surface, proximity to population centres and major roads, capacity of access routes to accommodate large numbers of vehicles, the availability of car parking at the place and any other relevant matters.	Access to the NSP is regularly maintained to accepted Road Safety Standards. Whilst during a fire, there is no guarantee that access will always be available, on balance, the NSP is expected to be accessible either on foot or by short vehicle trip under most circumstances. Note that access to toilets may be available but potable water is not guaranteed. Note: Access to any infrastructure at the site is not included.	Yes
Maintenance of NSP in accordance with CFA assessment criteria	Can Council maintain the potential NSP in accordance with the criteria taken into account by the CFA in arriving at its fire rating assessment? <i>If the CFA have not provided sufficient information in relation to the criteria it has taken into account in arriving at its fire rating assessment, it may be necessary for Council to seek further information from the CFA.</i>	Slashing of Reserve as per normal park maintenance. MFPO Direction Notice (CFA Act. 1958 Section 41) can assist with the maintenance of neighbouring private property.	Yes

NSP 1: Anglesea River Bank – Anglesea

Council NSPP Criteria	Issues to consider	Council comments	Satisfied? Yes/No
See section 3.1(c)			
Opening of the NSP See section 3.1(d)	Will it be possible and practicable to make the potential NSP available for use on a 24 hour basis during the declared fire danger period? This is a particular issue where the potential NSP is a building. Consider the potential for damage to the NSP which could result during times that it is open and available for use, but is not being used as an NSP.	NSP will be accessible at all times.	Yes
	What costs could be incurred by Council in making the potential NSP available on a 24 hour basis during the declared fire danger period? Are these costs reasonable, and capable of being borne by Council?	Minimal ongoing costs.	Yes
	Could the potential NSP be used for an unintended purpose which could impact upon its use as an NSP (such as an emergency relief centre)?	NSP consists of car parks and river bank reserve area only. On Code Red days, inconsistent activities such as markets, festivals, and sporting events may not be permitted on the NSP site.	Yes
Defendable space See section 3.1(e)	Is the potential NSP surrounded by sufficient open space to enable the CFA to conduct asset protection and fire suppression operations? Is that open space reasonably free of obstacles (such as fences, buildings, steep gradients, vegetation and other land formations)? <i>Council should seek CFA advice concerning the defendability of the potential NSP and the Buffer Zone, including in relation to fire vehicle access requirements.</i>	Site has acceptable emergency service access.	Yes
	Will approval be required under legislation such as the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cwlth)</i> , <i>Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988 (Vic)</i> and the <i>Planning and Environment Act 1987 (Vic)</i> ? Can such approval be obtained before the NSP is established?	River bank reserve is covered by environmental overlays; but establishment of NSP will not have any adverse environmental impact.	Yes
Defendability of buildings See section 3.1(f)	If the potential NSP is a building, has Council sought expert advice from the CFA to determine whether the NSP is likely to be subject to risk from ember attack? If it is subject to such a risk, can that risk be safely managed?	Open Space – car parks and river bank reserve.	Yes
Signage See section 3.1(g)	Can appropriate signage be erected at the entry to the potential NSP, and in its vicinity?	Signage will be installed at all three entrances.	Yes
	If signage needs to be placed on private land, can Council obtain the consent of the relevant landowner to the erection of the signage?	Signage will be located on SCS nature strip.	Yes
Maintenance and	Is the potential NSP capable of being maintained to ensure continuing compliance with the	Reserve is regularly maintained and	Yes

NSP 1: Anglesea River Bank – Anglesea

Council NSPP Criteria	Issues to consider	Council comments	Satisfied? Yes/No
maintainability <i>See section 3.1(h)</i>	CFA Fire Rating Criteria and the Council NSPP Criteria? Where relevant, consider whether adjoining land owners and occupiers will provide Council with an assurance that both the potential NSP and the Buffer Zone can be maintained to a satisfactory level.	maintenance of grassland buffer zone on private property can be achieved via MFPO-FPN and SCS Local Law.	
Separation and demarcation of area <i>See section 3.1(i)</i>	If the potential NSP is located in an open area, is it possible to demarcate the boundaries of both the potential NSP and the Buffer Zone? <i>Access to the potential NSP may need to be restricted to people only, and it may be necessary to erect barriers around the Buffer Zone.</i>	Not applicable.	Yes
Disabled access <i>See section 3.1(j)</i>	Are there are means of access for disabled and mobility-impaired persons to the potential NSP, including vehicle access to drop off people with disabilities?	Site is maintained for mobility impaired persons access.	Yes
Alternative uses of potential NSP <i>See section 3.1(k)</i>	Can Council manage alternative uses which may be made of the potential NSP so as to ensure that those uses will not compromise the function of the place as a potential NSP?	Recent CFA advice has discounted the potential impact of this issue.	Yes
Community Communication <i>See section 3.1(l)</i>	Will it be possible to ensure that there will be good community awareness of the location of the potential NSP, and the risks associated with using the potential NSP?	The location will be included in Anglesea CIG's and signage will be prominently displayed and promoted.	Yes

Factors considered in assessing potential Neighbourhood Safer Places – Places of Last Resort

NSP 2: Anglesea Shopping Strip (Car Park), Anglesea			
Council NSPP Criteria	Issues to consider	Council comments	Satisfied? Yes/No
Consents and rights of access <i>See section 3.1(a)</i>	If the potential NSP is located on Council-owned land, can Council use the land as an NSP if required? Consider whether or not Council allows the land to be used for potentially inconsistent purposes, such as for farmers' markets, fetes, circuses etc.	The site is the car park which is on Shire managed road reserve in close proximity to the Great Ocean Road (GOR).	Yes
	If the potential NSP is on private land, or public land under the control of a Crown Land Manager (other than Council), can Council enter into arrangements which allow it to use the land as a potential NSP on reasonably satisfactory terms? Also consider whether Council has the right to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> access the site and surrounding areas for maintenance; and erect appropriate signage at the NSP. 	Not on private property.	Yes
Access and egress <i>See section 3.1(b)</i>	Do access routes to the potential NSP allow for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the anticipated potential number of people to move to and from the place; and the CFA and other emergency services to attend the place for asset and personnel protection activities? 	Access is via the GOR and sealed local streets. The GOR and local streets in this vicinity are likely to service the anticipated numbers of people and emergency service vehicles Note: exemption under Section 50N CFA Act 1958 (amendment 73 of 2009).	Yes
	Are access routes easily navigable, bearing in mind they could be affected by smoke? Consider the condition of the road surface, proximity to population centres and major roads, capacity of access routes to accommodate large numbers of vehicles, the availability of car parking at the place and any other relevant matters.	Access to the NSP is regularly maintained to accepted Road Safety Standards. Whilst during a fire, there is no guarantee that access will always be available, on balance, the NSP is expected to be accessible either on foot or by short vehicle trip under most circumstances. Note that access to toilets may be available but potable water is not guaranteed. As above – Note: exemption under Section 50N CFA Act 1958 (amendment 73 of 2009).	Yes

NSP 2: Anglesea Shopping Strip (Car Park), Anglesea

Council NSPP Criteria	Issues to consider	Council comments	Satisfied? Yes/No
Maintenance of NSP in accordance with CFA assessment criteria <i>See section 3.1(c)</i>	<p>Can Council maintain the potential NSP in accordance with the criteria taken into account by the CFA in arriving at its fire rating assessment?</p> <p><i>If the CFA have not provided sufficient information in relation to the criteria it has taken into account in arriving at its fire rating assessment, it may be necessary for Council to seek further information from the CFA.</i></p>	<p>The area designated is the asphalted car park. Council via the MFPO will issue necessary.</p> <p>Fire Prevention Notices (FPNs), if required, to assist with the maintenance of the site, and neighbouring 'buffer zones'.</p>	Yes
Opening of the NSP <i>See section 3.1(d)</i>	<p>Will it be possible and practicable to make the potential NSP available for use on a 24 hour basis during the declared fire danger period? This is a particular issue where the potential NSP is a building.</p> <p>Consider the potential for damage to the NSP which could result during times that it is open and available for use, but is not being used as an NSP.</p>	<p>The car park is robust, durable, and maintained in an accessible condition at all times.</p>	Yes
	<p>What costs could be incurred by Council in making the potential NSP available on a 24 hour basis during the declared fire danger period? Are these costs reasonable, and capable of being borne by Council?</p>	<p>No additional costs anticipated.</p>	Yes
	<p>Could the potential NSP be used for an unintended purpose which could impact upon its use as an NSP (such as an emergency relief centre)?</p>	<p>The nominated site is only used as a car park. On Code Red days, inconsistent activities such as markets, festivals, and sporting events may not be permitted on the NSP site.</p>	Yes
Defendable space <i>See section 3.1(e)</i>	<p>Is the potential NSP surrounded by sufficient open space to enable the CFA to conduct asset protection and fire suppression operations? Is that open space reasonably free of obstacles (such as fences, buildings, steep gradients, vegetation and other land formations)?</p> <p><i>Council should seek CFA advice concerning the defendability of the potential NSP and the Buffer Zone, including in relation to fire vehicle access requirements.</i></p>	<p>The site has excellent emergency service vehicle access.</p>	Yes
	<p>Will approval be required under legislation such as the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cwlth)</i>, <i>Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988 (Vic)</i> and the <i>Planning and Environment Act 1987 (Vic)</i>? Can such approval be obtained before the NSP is established?</p>	<p>There will not be any impact on protected flora or fauna.</p>	Yes
Defendability of buildings <i>See section 3.1(f)</i>	<p>If the potential NSP is a building, has Council sought expert advice from the CFA to determine whether the NSP is likely to be subject to risk from ember attack? If it is subject to such a risk, can that risk be safely managed?</p>	<p>Open space – car park site only.</p>	Yes

NSP 2: Anglesea Shopping Strip (Car Park), Anglesea

Council NSPP Criteria	Issues to consider	Council comments	Satisfied? Yes/No
Signage <i>See section 3.1(g)</i>	Can appropriate signage be erected at the entry to the potential NSP, and in its vicinity?	Signage will be erected on Council controlled land.	Yes
	If signage needs to be placed on private land, can Council obtain the consent of the relevant landowner to the erection of the signage?	Not applicable	Yes
Maintenance and maintainability <i>See section 3.1(h)</i>	<p>Is the potential NSP capable of being maintained to ensure continuing compliance with the CFA Fire Rating Criteria and the Council NSPP Criteria?</p> <p>Where relevant, consider whether adjoining land owners and occupiers will provide Council with an assurance that both the potential NSP and the Buffer Zone can be maintained to a satisfactory level.</p>	If required, the area will be maintained through Fire Prevention Notices (FPN's) or Local Laws.	Yes
Separation and demarcation of area <i>See section 3.1(i)</i>	<p>If the potential NSP is located in an open area, it is possible to demarcate the boundaries of both the potential NSP and the Buffer Zone?</p> <p><i>Access to the potential NSP may need to be restricted to people only, and it may be necessary to erect barriers around the Buffer Zone.</i></p>	The car park boundaries are clearly defined.	Yes
Disabled access <i>See section 3.1(j)</i>	Are there any means of access for disabled and mobility-impaired persons to the potential NSP, including vehicle access to drop off people with disabilities?	The site is maintained for mobility impaired persons access.	Yes
Alternative uses of potential NSP <i>See section 3.1(k)</i>	Can Council manage alternative uses which may be made of the potential NSP so as to ensure that those uses will not compromise the function of the place as a potential NSP?	The car park is unlikely to be used for any other purpose.	Yes
Community Communication <i>See section 3.1(l)</i>	Will it be possible to ensure that there will be good community awareness of the location of the potential NSP, and the risks associated with using the potential NSP?	The location will be included in the Anglesea Community Information Guides and signs will be prominently displayed and promoted.	Yes

Factors considered in assessing potential Neighbourhood Safer Places – Places of Last Resort

NSP 3: Lorne Point Grey (Car Park & Reserve) – Lorne Complex			
Council NSPP Criteria	Issues to consider	Council comments	Satisfied? Yes/No
Consents and rights of access <i>See section 3.1(a)</i>	If the potential NSP is located on Council-owned land, can Council use the land as an NSP if required? Consider whether or not Council allows the land to be used for potentially inconsistent purposes, such as for farmers' markets, fetes, circuses etc.	Site is on SCS / GORCC managed open space and road reserve (car park) in close proximity to the Lorne Pier.	Yes
	If the potential NSP is on private land, or public land under the control of a Crown Land Manager (other than Council), can Council enter into arrangements which allow it to use the land as a potential NSP on reasonably satisfactory terms? Also consider whether Council has the right to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> access the site and surrounding areas for maintenance; and erect appropriate signage at the NSP. 	Not private property.	Yes
Access and egress <i>See section 3.1(b)</i>	Do access routes to the potential NSP allow for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the anticipated potential number of people to move to and from the place; and the CFA and other emergency services to attend the place for asset and personnel protection activities? 	Access via sealed (Mountjoy Parade) and local streets. Service road capable of servicing the anticipated numbers of people and the emergency services.	Yes
	Are access routes easily navigable, bearing in mind they could be affected by smoke? Consider the condition of the road surface, proximity to population centres and major roads, capacity of access routes to accommodate large numbers of vehicles, the availability of car parking at the place and any other relevant matters.	Access to the NSP is regularly maintained to accepted Road Safety Standards. Whilst during a fire, there is no guarantee that access will always be available, on balance, the NSP is expected to be accessible either on foot or by short vehicle trip under most circumstances. Capable of accommodating the anticipated number of vehicles, includes access to toilets and potable water. Note: Access to any infrastructure at the site is not included	Yes
Maintenance of NSP in accordance with	Can Council maintain the potential NSP in accordance with the criteria taken into account by the CFA in arriving at its fire rating assessment? <i>If the CFA have not provided sufficient information in relation to the criteria it has taken</i>	Slashing of reserve as per normal park maintenance. MFPO Direction Notice (CFA Act 1958 Section 41) can assist with the	Yes

NSP 3: Lorne Point Grey (Car Park & Reserve) – Lorne Complex

Council NSPP Criteria	Issues to consider	Council comments	Satisfied? Yes/No
CFA assessment criteria <i>See section 3.1(c)</i>	<i>into account in arriving at its fire rating assessment, it may be necessary for Council to seek further information from the CFA.</i>	maintenance of neighbouring private property. No additional costs anticipated.	
Opening of the NSP <i>See section 3.1(d)</i>	Will it be possible and practicable to make the potential NSP available for use on a 24 hour basis during the declared fire danger period? This is a particular issue where the potential NSP is a building. Consider the potential for damage to the NSP which could result during times that it is open and available for use, but is not being used as an NSP.	NSP will be accessible at all times.	Yes
	What costs could be incurred by Council in making the potential NSP available on a 24 hour basis during the declared fire danger period? Are these costs reasonable, and capable of being borne by Council?	Minimal ongoing costs.	Yes
	Could the potential NSP be used for an unintended purpose which could impact upon its use as an NSP (such as an emergency relief centre)?	No, NSP consists of car park reserve area only. On Code Red days, inconsistent activities such as markets, festivals, and sporting events may not be permitted on the NSP site.	Yes
Defendable space <i>See section 3.1(e)</i>	Is the potential NSP surrounded by sufficient open space to enable the CFA to conduct asset protection and fire suppression operations? Is that open space reasonably free of obstacles (such as fences, buildings, steep gradients, vegetation and other land formations)? <i>Council should seek CFA advice concerning the defendability of the potential NSP and the Buffer Zone, including in relation to fire vehicle access requirements.</i>	Site has acceptable emergency service access.	Yes
	Will approval be required under legislation such as the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cwlth)</i> , <i>Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988 (Vic)</i> and the <i>Planning and Environment Act 1987 (Vic)</i> ? Can such approval be obtained before the NSP is established?	Reserve and car park has environmental overlays/issues; but establishment of NSP will not have adverse environmental impact.	Yes
Defendability of buildings <i>See section 3.1(f)</i>	If the potential NSP is a building, has Council sought expert advice from the CFA to determine whether the NSP is likely to be subject to risk from ember attack? If it is subject to such a risk, can that risk be safely managed?	Open Space – car park reserve.	Yes
Signage <i>See section 3.1(g)</i>	Can appropriate signage be erected at the entry to the potential NSP, and in its vicinity?	Signage can be readily installed at both entrances.	Yes
	If signage needs to be placed on private land, can Council obtain the consent of the	Signage will be located on SCS road reserve.	Yes

NSP 3: Lorne Point Grey (Car Park & Reserve) – Lorne Complex

Council NSPP Criteria	Issues to consider	Council comments	Satisfied? Yes/No
	relevant landowner to the erection of the signage?		
Maintenance and maintainability <i>See section 3.1(h)</i>	<p>Is the potential NSP capable of being maintained to ensure continuing compliance with the CFA Fire Rating Criteria and the Council NSPP Criteria?</p> <p>Where relevant, consider whether adjoining land owners and occupiers will provide Council with an assurance that both the potential NSP and the Buffer Zone can be maintained to a satisfactory level.</p>	<p>Reserve is regularly maintained and maintenance of grassland buffer zone on private property can be achieved via MFPO- FPN and SCS Local Law.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
Separation and demarcation of area <i>See section 3.1(i)</i>	<p>If the potential NSP is located in an open area, it is possible to demarcate the boundaries of both the potential NSP and the Buffer Zone?</p> <p><i>Access to the potential NSP may need to be restricted to people only, and it may be necessary to erect barriers around the Buffer Zone.</i></p>	<p>Boundaries can be established on site if required from time to time</p>	<p>Yes</p>
Disabled access <i>See section 3.1(j)</i>	<p>Are there are means of access for disabled and mobility-impaired persons to the potential NSP, including vehicle access to drop off people with disabilities?</p>	<p>Site is maintained for mobility impaired persons access</p>	<p>Yes</p>
Alternative uses of potential NSP <i>See section 3.1(k)</i>	<p>Can Council manage alternative uses which may be made of the potential NSP so as to ensure that those uses will not compromise the function of the place as a potential NSP?</p>	<p>Recent CFA advice has discounted the potential impact of this issue.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
Community Communication <i>See section 3.1(l)</i>	<p>Will it be possible to ensure that there will be good community awareness of the location of the potential NSP, and the risks associated with using the potential NSP?</p>	<p>The location will be included in Lorne Community Information Guides and signage will be prominently displayed and promoted.</p>	<p>Yes</p>

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NSP 4: Lorne Foreshore – Lorne Complex			
Council NSPP Criteria	Issues to consider	Council comments	Satisfied? Yes/No
Consents and rights of access <i>See section 3.1(a)</i>	If the potential NSP is located on Council-owned land, can Council use the land as an NSP if required? Consider whether or not Council allows the land to be used for potentially inconsistent purposes, such as for farmers' markets, fetes, circuses etc.	Site is on SCS / GORCC managed open space and road reserve including car park(s) and Foreshore Reserve in close proximity Mountjoy Parade.	Yes
	If the potential NSP is on private land, or public land under the control of a Crown Land Manager (other than Council), can Council enter into arrangements which allow it to use the land as a potential NSP on reasonably satisfactory terms? Also consider whether Council has the right to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> access the site and surrounding areas for maintenance; and erect appropriate signage at the NSP. 	Not private property.	Yes
Access and egress <i>See section 3.1(b)</i>	Do access routes to the potential NSP allow for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the anticipated potential number of people to move to and from the place; and the CFA and other emergency services to attend the place for asset and personnel protection activities? 	Access via Mountjoy Parade and sealed local streets. Mountjoy Pde and Local Streets are capable of servicing the anticipated numbers of people and the emergency services.	Yes
	Are access routes easily navigable, bearing in mind they could be affected by smoke? Consider the condition of the road surface, proximity to population centres and major roads, capacity of access routes to accommodate large numbers of vehicles, the availability of car parking at the place and any other relevant matters.	Access to the NSP is regularly maintained to accepted Road Safety Standards. Whilst during a fire, there is no guarantee that access will always be available, on balance, the NSP is expected to be accessible either on foot or by short vehicle trip under most circumstances. Capable of accommodating the anticipated number of vehicles, includes access to toilets and potable water. Note: Access to any infrastructure at the site is not included.	Yes
Maintenance of NSP in accordance with CFA assessment	Can Council maintain the potential NSP in accordance with the criteria taken into account by the CFA in arriving at its fire rating assessment? <i>If the CFA have not provided sufficient information in relation to the criteria it has taken</i>	Slashing of reserve as per normal park / reserve maintenance. MFPO Direction Notice (CFA Act 1958 Section 41) can assist with the maintenance of neighbouring	Yes

NSP 4: Lorne Foreshore – Lorne Complex

Council NSPP Criteria	Issues to consider	Council comments	Satisfied? Yes/No
criteria <i>See section 3.1(c)</i>	<i>into account in arriving at its fire rating assessment, it may be necessary for Council to seek further information from the CFA.</i>	private property. No additional costs anticipated.	
Opening of the NSP <i>See section 3.1(d)</i>	Will it be possible and practicable to make the potential NSP available for use on a 24 hour basis during the declared fire danger period? This is a particular issue where the potential NSP is a building. Consider the potential for damage to the NSP which could result during times that it is open and available for use, but is not being used as an NSP.	NSP will be accessible at all times.	Yes
	What costs could be incurred by Council in making the potential NSP available on a 24 hour basis during the declared fire danger period? Are these costs reasonable, and capable of being borne by Council?	Minimal ongoing costs to Council.	Yes
	Could the potential NSP be used for an unintended purpose which could impact upon its use as an NSP (such as an emergency relief centre)?	NSP consists of car parks and Foreshore Reserve area only. On Code Red days, inconsistent activities such as markets, festivals, and sporting events may not be permitted on the NSP site.	Yes
Defendable space <i>See section 3.1(e)</i>	Is the potential NSP surrounded by sufficient open space to enable the CFA to conduct asset protection and fire suppression operations? Is that open space reasonably free of obstacles (such as fences, buildings, steep gradients, vegetation and other land formations)? <i>Council should seek CFA advice concerning the defendability of the potential NSP and the Buffer Zone, including in relation to fire vehicle access requirements.</i>	Site has acceptable emergency service access.	Yes
	Will approval be required under legislation such as the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cwth)</i> , <i>Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988 (Vic)</i> and the <i>Planning and Environment Act 1987 (Vic)</i> ? Can such approval be obtained before the NSP is established?	Foreshore Reserve is covered by environmental overlays; but establishment of NSP will not have any adverse environmental impact.	Yes
Defendability of buildings <i>See section 3.1(f)</i>	If the potential NSP is a building, has Council sought expert advice from the CFA to determine whether the NSP is likely to be subject to risk from ember attack? If it is subject to such a risk, can that risk be safely managed?	Open Space – car parks and Foreshore Reserve.	Yes
Signage <i>See section 3.1(g)</i>	Can appropriate signage be erected at the entry to the potential NSP, and in its vicinity?	Signage will be installed at all three entrances.	Yes
	If signage needs to be placed on private land, can Council obtain the consent of the relevant landowner to the erection of the signage?	Signage will be located on SCS nature strip.	Yes
Maintenance and maintainability <i>See section 3.1(h)</i>	Is the potential NSP capable of being maintained to ensure continuing compliance with the CFA Fire Rating Criteria and the Council NSPP Criteria? Where relevant, consider whether adjoining land owners and occupiers will provide	Foreshore Reserve is regularly maintained and maintenance of grassland buffer zone on private property can be achieved via MFPO-	Yes

NSP 4: Lorne Foreshore – Lorne Complex

Council NSPP Criteria	Issues to consider	Council comments	Satisfied? Yes/No
	Council with an assurance that both the potential NSP and the Buffer Zone can be maintained to a satisfactory level.	FPN and SCS Local Law.	
Separation and demarcation of area <i>See section 3.1(i)</i>	If the potential NSP is located in an open area, it is possible to demarcate the boundaries of both the potential NSP and the Buffer Zone? <i>Access to the potential NSP may need to be restricted to people only, and it may be necessary to erect barriers around the Buffer Zone.</i>	Boundaries can be marked on the site if required from time to time.	Yes
Disabled access <i>See section 3.1(j)</i>	Are there are means of access for disabled and mobility-impaired persons to the potential NSP, including vehicle access to drop off people with disabilities?	Yes site is maintained for mobility impaired persons access.	Yes
Alternative uses of potential NSP <i>See section 3.1(k)</i>	Can Council manage alternative uses which may be made of the potential NSP so as to ensure that those uses will not compromise the function of the place as a potential NSP?	Recent CFA advice has discounted the potential impact of this issue.	Yes
Community Communication <i>See section 3.1(l)</i>	Will it be possible to ensure that there will be good community awareness of the location of the potential NSP, and the risks associated with using the potential NSP?	The location will be included in the Lorne CIG's and signage will be prominently displayed and promoted.	Yes

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NSP 5: Bob Pettitt Reserve, Jan Juc			
Council NSPP Criteria	Issues to consider	Council comments	Satisfied? Yes/No
Consents and rights of access <i>See section 3.1(a)</i>	If the potential NSP is located on Council-owned land, can Council use the land as an NSP if required? Consider whether or not Council allows the land to be used for potentially inconsistent purposes, such as for farmers' markets, fetes, circuses etc.	Site is on SCS managed open space in close proximity to the Jan Juc Tennis Courts / Cricket Pavilion and DEECD Pre School.	Yes
	If the potential NSP is on private land, or public land under the control of a Crown Land Manager (other than Council), can Council enter into arrangements which allow it to use the land as a potential NSP on reasonably satisfactory terms? Also consider whether Council has the right to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> access the site and surrounding areas for maintenance; and erect appropriate signage at the NSP. 	Not private property.	Yes
Access and egress <i>See section 3.1(b)</i>	Do access routes to the potential NSP allow for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the anticipated potential number of people to move to and from the place; and the CFA and other emergency services to attend the place for asset and personnel protection activities? 	Access via sealed roadways. Sunset Strip and Domain Road are capable of servicing the anticipated numbers of people and the emergency services.	Yes
	Are access routes easily navigable, bearing in mind they could be affected by smoke? Consider the condition of the road surface, proximity to population centres and major roads, capacity of access routes to accommodate large numbers of vehicles, the availability of car parking at the place and any other relevant matters.	Access to the NSP is regularly maintained to accepted Road Safety Standards. Whilst during a fire, there is no guarantee that access will always be available, on balance, the NSP is expected to be accessible either on foot or by short vehicle trip under most circumstances. Capable of accommodating the anticipated number of vehicles. Access to toilets and potable water cannot be guaranteed. Note: Access to any infrastructure at the site is not included	Yes
Maintenance of NSP in	Can Council maintain the potential NSP in accordance with the criteria taken into account by the CFA in arriving at its fire rating assessment?	Slashing of Reserve as per normal park maintenance. MFPO Direction Notice (CFA	Yes

NSP 5: Bob Pettitt Reserve, Jan Juc

Council NSPP Criteria	Issues to consider	Council comments	Satisfied? Yes/No
accordance with CFA assessment criteria See section 3.1(c)	<i>If the CFA have not provided sufficient information in relation to the criteria it has taken into account in arriving at its fire rating assessment, it may be necessary for Council to seek further information from the CFA.</i>	Act 1958 Section 41) can assist with the maintenance of neighbouring private property. No additional costs anticipated.	
Opening of the NSP See section 3.1(d)	Will it be possible and practicable to make the potential NSP available for use on a 24 hour basis during the declared fire danger period? This is a particular issue where the potential NSP is a building. Consider the potential for damage to the NSP which could result during times that it is open and available for use, but is not being used as an NSP.	NSP will be accessible at all times.	Yes
	What costs could be incurred by Council in making the potential NSP available on a 24 hour basis during the declared fire danger period? Are these costs reasonable, and capable of being borne by Council?	No costs to Council.	Yes
	Could the potential NSP be used for an unintended purpose which could impact upon its use as an NSP (such as an emergency relief centre)?	No, NSP consists of park reserve area only. On Code Red days, inconsistent activities such as markets, festivals, and sporting events may not be permitted on the NSP site.	Yes
Defendable space See section 3.1(e)	Is the potential NSP surrounded by sufficient open space to enable the CFA to conduct asset protection and fire suppression operations? Is that open space reasonably free of obstacles (such as fences, buildings, steep gradients, vegetation and other land formations)? <i>Council should seek CFA advice concerning the defendability of the potential NSP and the Buffer Zone, including in relation to fire vehicle access requirements.</i>	Site has acceptable emergency service access.	Yes
	Will approval be required under legislation such as the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cwlth)</i> , <i>Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988 (Vic)</i> and the <i>Planning and Environment Act 1987 (Vic)</i> ? Can such approval be obtained before the NSP is established?	Reserve is not subject to any environmental overlays.	Yes
Defendability of buildings See section 3.1(f)	If the potential NSP is a building, has Council sought expert advice from the CFA to determine whether the NSP is likely to be subject to risk from ember attack? If it is subject to such a risk, can that risk be safely managed?	Open Space – Parkland Reserve.	Yes
Signage	Can appropriate signage be erected at the entry to the potential NSP, and in its vicinity?	Signage will be readily installed at two	Yes

NSP 5: Bob Pettitt Reserve, Jan Juc

Council NSPP Criteria	Issues to consider	Council comments	Satisfied? Yes/No
See section 3.1(g)		entrances	
	If signage needs to be placed on private land, can Council obtain the consent of the relevant landowner to the erection of the signage?	Signage will be located on SCS nature strip	Yes
Maintenance and maintainability See section 3.1(h)	Is the potential NSP capable of being maintained to ensure continuing compliance with the CFA Fire Rating Criteria and the Council NSPP Criteria? Where relevant, consider whether adjoining land owners and occupiers will provide Council with an assurance that both the potential NSP and the Buffer Zone can be maintained to a satisfactory level.	Reserve is regularly maintained and maintenance of grassland buffer zone on private property can be achieved via MFPO-FPN and SCS Local Law.	Yes
Separation and demarcation of area See section 3.1(i)	If the potential NSP is located in an open area, it is possible to demarcate the boundaries of both the potential NSP and the Buffer Zone? <i>Access to the potential NSP may need to be restricted to people only, and it may be necessary to erect barriers around the Buffer Zone.</i>	Boundaries may be established if required from time to time	Yes
Disabled access See section 3.1(j)	Are there any means of access for disabled and mobility-impaired persons to the potential NSP, including vehicle access to drop off people with disabilities?	Site is maintained for mobility impaired persons access.	Yes
Alternative uses of potential NSP See section 3.1(k)	Can Council manage alternative uses which may be made of the potential NSP so as to ensure that those uses will not compromise the function of the place as a potential NSP?	Recent CFA advice has discounted the potential impact of this issue.	Yes
Community Communication See section 3.1(l)	Will it be possible to ensure that there will be good community awareness of the location of the potential NSP, and the risks associated with using the potential NSP?	The location will be included in Jan Juc / Bellbrae CIG's and signage will be prominently displayed and promoted.	Yes

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NSP 6: Aireys Inlet Lower Shops Car Park			
Council NSPP Criteria	Issues to consider	Council comments	Satisfied? Yes/No
Consents and rights of access <i>See section 3.1(a)</i>	If the potential NSP is located on Council-owned land, can Council use the land as an NSP if required? Consider whether or not Council allows the land to be used for potentially inconsistent purposes, such as for farmers' markets, fetes, circuses etc.	Site is on SCS managed open space and road reserve (Shops – Car Park) in close proximity to Painkalac Estuary.	Yes
	If the potential NSP is on private land, or public land under the control of a Crown Land Manager (other than Council), can Council enter into arrangements which allow it to use the land as a potential NSP on reasonably satisfactory terms? Also consider whether Council has the right to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> access the site and surrounding areas for maintenance; and erect appropriate signage at the NSP. 	Not private property. Regional Roads Victoria, has consented to the use of the road reserve area.	Yes
Access and egress <i>See section 3.1(b)</i>	Do access routes to the potential NSP allow for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the anticipated potential number of people to move to and from the place; and the CFA and other emergency services to attend the place for asset and personnel protection activities? 	Access via sealed and unsealed local street roadways. Great Ocean Road Service Road/Street capable of servicing the anticipated numbers of people and the emergency services.	Yes
	Are access routes easily navigable, bearing in mind they could be affected by smoke? Consider the condition of the road surface, proximity to population centres and major roads, capacity of access routes to accommodate large numbers of vehicles, the availability of car parking at the place and any other relevant matters.	Access to the NSP is regularly maintained to accepted Road Safety Standards. Whilst during a fire, there is no guarantee that access will always be available, on balance, the NSP is expected to be accessible either on foot or by short vehicle trip under most circumstances. Capable of accommodating the anticipated number of vehicles. Access to toilets and potable water cannot be guaranteed. Note: Access to any infrastructure at the site is not included.	Yes

NSP 6: Aireys Inlet Lower Shops Car Park

Council NSPP Criteria	Issues to consider	Council comments	Satisfied? Yes/No
Maintenance of NSP in accordance with CFA assessment criteria <i>See section 3.1(c)</i>	Can Council maintain the potential NSP in accordance with the criteria taken into account by the CFA in arriving at its fire rating assessment? <i>If the CFA have not provided sufficient information in relation to the criteria it has taken into account in arriving at its fire rating assessment, it may be necessary for Council to seek further information from the CFA.</i>	Slashing of Reserve as per normal park maintenance. MFPO Direction Notice (CFA Act 1958 Section 41) can assist with the maintenance of neighbouring private property. No additional costs anticipated.	Yes
Opening of the NSP <i>See section 3.1(d)</i>	Will it be possible and practicable to make the potential NSP available for use on a 24 hour basis during the declared fire danger period? This is a particular issue where the potential NSP is a building. Consider the potential for damage to the NSP which could result during times that it is open and available for use, but is not being used as an NSP.	NSP will be accessible at all times.	Yes
	What costs could be incurred by Council in making the potential NSP available on a 24 hour basis during the declared fire danger period? Are these costs reasonable, and capable of being borne by Council?	Initial vegetation removal at \$3500, minimal ongoing costs to Council.	Yes
	Could the potential NSP be used for an unintended purpose which could impact upon its use as an NSP (such as an emergency relief centre)?	No, NSP consists of car park reserve(s) area only. On Code Red days, inconsistent activities such as markets, festivals, and sporting events may not be permitted on the NSP site.	Yes
Defendable space <i>See section 3.1(e)</i>	Is the potential NSP surrounded by sufficient open space to enable the CFA to conduct asset protection and fire suppression operations? Is that open space reasonably free of obstacles (such as fences, buildings, steep gradients, vegetation and other land formations)? <i>Council should seek CFA advice concerning the defendability of the potential NSP and the Buffer Zone, including in relation to fire vehicle access requirements.</i>	Site has acceptable emergency service access.	Yes
	Will approval be required under legislation such as the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cwth)</i> , <i>Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988 (Vic)</i> and the <i>Planning and Environment Act 1987 (Vic)</i> ? Can such approval be obtained before the NSP is established?	Reserve(s) are covered by environmental overlays; but establishment will not have adverse environmental impact.	Yes
Defendability of buildings <i>See section 3.1(f)</i>	If the potential NSP is a building, has Council sought expert advice from the CFA to determine whether the NSP is likely to be subject to risk from ember attack? If it is subject to such a risk, can that risk be safely managed?	Open Space – car park reserve(s).	Yes
Signage	Can appropriate signage be erected at the entry to the potential NSP, and in its vicinity?	Signage can be readily installed at two	Yes

NSP 6: Aireys Inlet Lower Shops Car Park

Council NSPP Criteria	Issues to consider	Council comments	Satisfied? Yes/No
<i>See section 3.1(g)</i>		entrances.	
	If signage needs to be placed on private land, can Council obtain the consent of the relevant landowner to the erection of the signage?	Signage will be located on SCS nature strip.	Yes
Maintenance and maintainability <i>See section 3.1(h)</i>	Is the potential NSP capable of being maintained to ensure continuing compliance with the CFA Fire Rating Criteria and the Council NSPP Criteria? Where relevant, consider whether adjoining land owners and occupiers will provide Council with an assurance that both the potential NSP and the Buffer Zone can be maintained to a satisfactory level.	Reserve is regularly maintained. Additional grassland maintenance on private property can be achieved via MFPO- FPN and SCS Local Law.	Yes
Separation and demarcation of area <i>See section 3.1(i)</i>	If the potential NSP is located in an open area, it is possible to demarcate the boundaries of both the potential NSP and the Buffer Zone? <i>Access to the potential NSP may need to be restricted to people only, and it may be necessary to erect barriers around the Buffer Zone.</i>	Boundaries may be established if required from time to time. The use of cars on the site may be important from a shelter perspective.	Yes
Disabled access <i>See section 3.1(j)</i>	Are there any means of access for disabled and mobility-impaired persons to the potential NSP, including vehicle access to drop off people with disabilities?	Site is maintained for mobility impaired persons access	Yes
Alternative uses of potential NSP <i>See section 3.1(k)</i>	Can Council manage alternative uses which may be made of the potential NSP so as to ensure that those uses will not compromise the function of the place as a potential NSP?	Recent CFA advice has discounted the potential impact of this issue.	Yes
Community Communication <i>See section 3.1(l)</i>	Will it be possible to ensure that there will be good community awareness of the location of the potential NSP, and the risks associated with using the potential NSP?	The location will be included in Aireys Inlet CIG's and signage will prominently displayed and promoted.	Yes

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NSP 7: Martians Café Car Park – Deans Marsh			
Council NSPP Criteria	Issues to consider	Council comments	Satisfied? Yes/No
Consents and rights of access <i>See section 3.1(a)</i>	If the potential NSP is located on Council-owned land, can Council use the land as an NSP if required? Consider whether or not Council allows the land to be used for potentially inconsistent purposes, such as for farmers' markets, fetes, circuses etc.	Located on private property.	Yes
	If the potential NSP is on private land, or public land under the control of a Crown Land Manager (other than Council), can Council enter into arrangements which allow it to use the land as a potential NSP on reasonably satisfactory terms? Also consider whether Council has the right to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> access the site and surrounding areas for maintenance; and erect appropriate signage at the NSP. 	Property owners and tenant has consented to the use of the car park as NSP. Site access, maintenance and signage is supported.	Yes
Access and egress <i>See section 3.1(b)</i>	Do access routes to the potential NSP allow for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the anticipated potential number of people to move to and from the place; and the CFA and other emergency services to attend the place for asset and personnel protection activities? 	Access via sealed roadways. Birregurra/ Deans Marsh and Winchelsea/Deans Marsh Roads capable of servicing the anticipated numbers of people and the emergency services.	Yes
	Are access routes easily navigable, bearing in mind they could be affected by smoke? Consider the condition of the road surface, proximity to population centres and major roads, capacity of access routes to accommodate large numbers of vehicles, the availability of car parking at the place and any other relevant matters.	Access to the NSP is regularly maintained to accepted Road Safety Standards. Whilst during a fire, there is no guarantee that access will always be available, on balance, the NSP is expected to be accessible either on foot or by short vehicle trip under most circumstances. Capable of accommodating the anticipated number of vehicles. Note: access to the café may not be available during extreme weather conditions.	Yes
Maintenance of NSP in accordance with CFA assessment criteria	Can Council maintain the potential NSP in accordance with the criteria taken into account by the CFA in arriving at its fire rating assessment? <i>If the CFA have not provided sufficient information in relation to the criteria it has taken into account in arriving at its fire rating assessment, it may be necessary for Council to seek further information from the CFA.</i>	Slashing of car park and via MFPO Direction Notice (CFA Act 1958 Section 41) – maintenance of neighbouring private property. No additional costs anticipated.	Yes

NSP 7: Martians Café Car Park – Deans Marsh

Council NSPP Criteria	Issues to consider	Council comments	Satisfied? Yes/No
<i>See section 3.1(c)</i>			
Opening of the NSP <i>See section 3.1(d)</i>	<p>Will it be possible and practicable to make the potential NSP available for use on a 24 hour basis during the declared fire danger period? This is a particular issue where the potential NSP is a building.</p> <p>Consider the potential for damage to the NSP which could result during times that it is open and available for use, but is not being used as an NSP.</p>	NSP will be accessible at all times.	Yes
	<p>What costs could be incurred by Council in making the potential NSP available on a 24 hour basis during the declared fire danger period? Are these costs reasonable, and capable of being borne by Council?</p>	No costs to Council.	Yes
	<p>Could the potential NSP be used for an unintended purpose which could impact upon its use as an NSP (such as an emergency relief centre)?</p>	No, NSP consists of car park area only. On Code Red days, inconsistent activities such as markets, festivals, and sporting events may not be permitted on the NSP site.	Yes
Defendable space <i>See section 3.1(e)</i>	<p>Is the potential NSP surrounded by sufficient open space to enable the CFA to conduct asset protection and fire suppression operations? Is that open space reasonably free of obstacles (such as fences, buildings, steep gradients, vegetation and other land formations)?</p> <p><i>Council should seek CFA advice concerning the defendability of the potential NSP and the Buffer Zone, including in relation to fire vehicle access requirements.</i></p>	Site is located within 100 metres of CFA Fire Station and has acceptable emergency service access.	Yes
	<p>Will approval be required under legislation such as the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cwth)</i>, <i>Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988 (Vic)</i> and the <i>Planning and Environment Act 1987 (Vic)</i>? Can such approval be obtained before the NSP is established?</p>	Private property not subject to any environmental overlays.	Yes
Defendability of buildings <i>See section 3.1(f)</i>	<p>If the potential NSP is a building, has Council sought expert advice from the CFA to determine whether the NSP is likely to be subject to risk from ember attack? If it is subject to such a risk, can that risk be safely managed?</p>	Open Space – car park.	Yes
Signage <i>See section 3.1(g)</i>	<p>Can appropriate signage be erected at the entry to the potential NSP, and in its vicinity?</p>	Signage can be readily installed at two entrances (1) Birregurra/Deans Marsh Road and (2) Winchelsea/Deans Marsh Road).	Yes
	<p>If signage needs to be placed on private land, can Council obtain the consent of the relevant landowner to the erection of the signage?</p>	Signage will be located on SCS nature strip.	Yes
Maintenance and maintain-ability	<p>Is the potential NSP capable of being maintained to ensure continuing compliance with the</p>	Car park is regularly maintained and	Yes

NSP 7: Martians Café Car Park – Deans Marsh

Council NSPP Criteria	Issues to consider	Council comments	Satisfied? Yes/No
<i>See section 3.1(h)</i>	CFA Fire Rating Criteria and the Council NSPP Criteria? Where relevant, consider whether adjoining land owners and occupiers will provide Council with an assurance that both the potential NSP and the Buffer Zone can be maintained to a satisfactory level.	maintenance of grassland buffer zone on private property can be achieved via MFPO-FPN and SCS Local Law.	
Separation and demarcation of area <i>See section 3.1(i)</i>	If the potential NSP is located in an open area, it is possible to demarcate the boundaries of both the potential NSP and the Buffer Zone? <i>Access to the potential NSP may need to be restricted to people only, and it may be necessary to erect barriers around the Buffer Zone.</i>	Boundaries may be established if required from time to time	Yes
Disabled access	Are there are means of access for disabled and mobility-impaired persons to the potential NSP, including vehicle access to drop off people with disabilities?	Yes, site is maintained for business access.	Yes
Alternative uses of potential NSP <i>See section 3.1(k)</i>	Can Council manage alternative uses which may be made of the potential NSP so as to ensure that those uses will not compromise the function of the place as a potential NSP?	No, this is a commercial business operation. Recent CFA advice has discounted the potential impact of this issue.	Yes
Community Communication <i>See section 3.1(l)</i>	Will it be possible to ensure that there will be good community awareness of the location of the potential NSP, and the risks associated with using the potential NSP?	The location will be included in Deans Marsh CIG's and signage will be prominently displayed and promoted.	Yes

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NSP 8: Winchelsea – Service Lane/Car Park

Council NSPP Criteria	Issues to consider	Council comments	Satisfied? Yes/No
Consents and rights of access <i>See section 3.1(a)</i>	If the potential NSP is located on Council-owned land, can Council use the land as an NSP if required? Consider whether or not Council allows the land to be used for potentially inconsistent purposes, such as for farmers' markets, fetes, circuses etc.	Site is on Princes Hwy service lane and road reserve (Shops – Car Park). Site in close proximity to Barwon River Parklands	YES
	If the potential NSP is on private land, or public land under the control of a Crown Land Manager (other than Council), can Council enter into arrangements which allow it to use the land as a potential NSP on reasonably satisfactory terms? Also consider whether Council has the right to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> access the site and surrounding areas for maintenance; and erect appropriate signage at the NSP. 	No private property	YES
Access and egress <i>See section 3.1(b)</i>	Do access routes to the potential NSP allow for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the anticipated potential number of people to move to and from the place; and the CFA and other emergency services to attend the place for asset and personnel protection activities? 	Access via sealed local street roadways. Princes Hwy Service Road/Street capable of servicing the anticipated numbers of people and the emergency services.	YES
	Are access routes easily navigable, bearing in mind they could be affected by smoke? Consider the condition of the road surface, proximity to population centres and major roads, capacity of access routes to accommodate large numbers of vehicles, the availability of car parking at the place and any other relevant matters.	Access to the NSP is maintained to accepted Road Safety Standards. Whilst during a fire, there is no guarantee that access will always be available, on balance, the NSP is expected to be accessible either on foot or by short vehicle trip under most circumstances.	YES
Maintenance of NSP in accordance with CFA assessment criteria <i>See section 3.1(c)</i>	Can Council maintain the potential NSP in accordance with the criteria taken into account by the CFA in arriving at its fire rating assessment? <i>If the CFA have not provided sufficient information in relation to the criteria it has taken into account in arriving at its fire rating assessment, it may be necessary for Council to seek further information from the CFA.</i>	MFPO Direction Notice (CFA Act 1958 Section 41) can assist with the maintenance of neighbouring private property, if required.	YES
Opening of the NSP <i>See section 3.1(d)</i>	Will it be possible and practicable to make the potential NSP available for use on a 24 hour basis during the declared fire danger period? This is a particular issue where the potential NSP is a building. Consider the potential for damage to the NSP which could result during times that it is open and available for use, but is not being used as an NSP.	NSP will be accessible at all times.	YES

NSP 8: Winchelsea – Service Lane/Car Park

Council NSPP Criteria	Issues to consider	Council comments	Satisfied? Yes/No
	What costs could be incurred by Council in making the potential NSP available on a 24 hour basis during the declared fire danger period? Are these costs reasonable, and capable of being borne by Council?	No cost to Council.	YES
	Could the potential NSP be used for an unintended purpose which could impact upon its use as an NSP (such as an emergency relief centre)?	NSP consists of a car park area only.	YES
Defendable space See section 3.1(e)	Is the potential NSP surrounded by sufficient open space to enable the CFA to conduct asset protection and fire suppression operations? Is that open space reasonably free of obstacles (such as fences, buildings, steep gradients, vegetation and other land formations)? <i>Council should seek CFA advice concerning the defendability of the potential NSP and the Buffer Zone, including in relation to fire vehicle access requirements.</i>	Site is located beside the Princes Hwy. And has acceptable access.	YES
	Will approval be required under legislation such as the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cwlth)</i> , <i>Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988 (Vic)</i> and the <i>Planning and Environment Act 1987 (Vic)</i> ? Can such approval be obtained before the NSP is established?	Open space car park.	YES
Defendability of buildings See section 3.1(f)	If the potential NSP is a building, has Council sought expert advice from the CFA to determine whether the NSP is likely to be subject to risk from ember attack? If it is subject to such a risk, can that risk be safely managed?	Open space Car park.	YES
Signage See section 3.1(g)	Can appropriate signage be erected at the entry to the potential NSP, and in its vicinity?	Signage can be readily installed at both entrance 1 at west entrance Hesse Street and the second at the East entrance Princes HWY.	YES
	If signage needs to be placed on private land, can Council obtain the consent of the relevant landowner to the erection of the signage?	Signage is located on SCS Nature Strip.	YES
Maintenance and maintainability See section 3.1(h)	Is the potential NSP capable of being maintained to ensure continuing compliance with the CFA Fire Rating Criteria and the Council NSPP Criteria? Where relevant, consider whether adjoining land owners and occupiers will provide Council with an assurance that both the potential NSP and the Buffer Zone can be maintained to a satisfactory level.	Car park is regularly maintained and adjoining land is own and managed by SCS.	YES
Separation and demarcation of area	If the potential NSP is located in an open area, it is possible to demarcate the boundaries of both the potential NSP and the Buffer Zone? <i>Access to the potential NSP may need to be restricted to people only, and it may be</i>	Boundaries may be established if required from time to time.	YES

NSP 8: Winchelsea – Service Lane/Car Park

Council NSPP Criteria	Issues to consider	Council comments	Satisfied? Yes/No
See section 3.1(i)	necessary to erect barriers around the Buffer Zone.		
Disabled access	Are there are means of access for disabled and mobility-impaired persons to the potential NSP, including vehicle access to drop off people with disabilities?	Site is maintained for business access.	YES
Alternative uses of potential NSP See section 3.1(k)	Can Council manage alternative uses which may be made of the potential NSP so as to ensure that those uses will not compromise the function of the place as a potential NSP?	Recent CFA advice has discounted the potential impact of this issues.	YES
Community Communication See section 3.1(l)	Will it be possible to ensure that there will be good community awareness of the location of the potential NSP, and the risks associated with using the potential NSP?	The location will be in the Winchelsea Newsletter, and signage will be prominently displayed and promoted at the location.	YES

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NSP 9 : Mount Moriac Reserve – Western half of No. 1 Oval (main)

Council NSPP Criteria	Issues to consider	Council comments	Satisfied? Yes/No
Consents and rights of access <i>See section 3.1(a)</i>	If the potential NSP is located on Council-owned land, can Council use the land as an NSP if required? Consider whether or not Council allows the land to be used for potentially inconsistent purposes, such as for farmers' markets, fetes, circuses etc.	Site is on SCS managed reserve.	Yes
	If the potential NSP is on private land, or public land under the control of a Crown Land Manager (other than Council), can Council enter into arrangements which allow it to use the land as a potential NSP on reasonably satisfactory terms? Also consider whether Council has the right to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> access the site and surrounding areas for maintenance; and erect appropriate signage at the NSP. 	Not private property.	Yes
Access and egress <i>See section 3.1(b)</i>	Do access routes to the potential NSP allow for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the anticipated potential number of people to move to and from the place; and the CFA and other emergency services to attend the place for asset and personnel protection activities? 	Access via sealed roadways and is capable of servicing the anticipated numbers of people and the emergency services.	Yes
	Are access routes easily navigable, bearing in mind they could be affected by smoke? Consider the condition of the road surface, proximity to population centres and major roads, capacity of access routes to accommodate large numbers of vehicles, the availability of car parking at the place and any other relevant matters.	Access to the NSP is regularly maintained to accepted Road Safety Standards. Whilst during a fire, there is no guarantee that access will always be available, on balance, the NSP is expected to be accessible either on foot or by short vehicle trip under most circumstances.	Yes
Maintenance of NSP in accordance with CFA assessment criteria <i>See section 3.1(c)</i>	Can Council maintain the potential NSP in accordance with the criteria taken into account by the CFA in arriving at its fire rating assessment? <i>If the CFA have not provided sufficient information in relation to the criteria it has taken into account in arriving at its fire rating assessment, it may be necessary for Council to seek further information from the CFA.</i>	Slashing of Reserve as per normal park maintenance. MFPO Direction Notice (CFA Act 1958 Section 41) can assist with the maintenance of neighbouring private property.	Yes
Opening of the NSP	Will it be possible and practicable to make the potential NSP available for use on a 24 hour basis during the declared fire danger period? This is a particular issue where the potential NSP is a building.	NSP will be open at all times.	YES

NSP 9 : Mount Moriac Reserve – Western half of No. 1 Oval (main)

Council NSPP Criteria	Issues to consider	Council comments	Satisfied? Yes/No
See section 3.1(d)	Consider the potential for damage to the NSP which could result during times that it is open and available for use, but is not being used as an NSP.		
	What costs could be incurred by Council in making the potential NSP available on a 24 hour basis during the declared fire danger period? Are these costs reasonable, and capable of being borne by Council?	No cost to Council.	YES
	Could the potential NSP be used for an unintended purpose which could impact upon its use as an NSP (such as an emergency relief centre)?	NSP is a Recreational Reserve. On Code Red days sporting events may not be permitted on the NSP site.	YES
Defendable space See section 3.1(e)	Is the potential NSP surrounded by sufficient open space to enable the CFA to conduct asset protection and fire suppression operations? Is that open space reasonably free of obstacles (such as fences, buildings, steep gradients, vegetation and other land formations)? <i>Council should seek CFA advice concerning the defendability of the potential NSP and the Buffer Zone, including in relation to fire vehicle access requirements.</i>	Site has acceptable emergency service access.	YES
	Will approval be required under legislation such as the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cwth)</i> , <i>Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988 (Vic)</i> and the <i>Planning and Environment Act 1987 (Vic)</i> ? Can such approval be obtained before the NSP is established?	Property not subject to any environmental overlay.	YES
Defendability of buildings See section 3.1(f)	If the potential NSP is a building, has Council sought expert advice from the CFA to determine whether the NSP is likely to be subject to risk from ember attack? If it is subject to such a risk, can that risk be safely managed?	Open space football Oval with open space car park.	YES
Signage See section 3.1(g)	Can appropriate signage be erected at the entry to the potential NSP, and in its vicinity?	Signage will be installed at entrance to Reserve.	YES
	If signage needs to be placed on private land, can Council obtain the consent of the relevant landowner to the erection of the signage?	Signage will be installed on SCS land.	YES
Maintenance and maintainability See section 3.1(h)	Is the potential NSP capable of being maintained to ensure continuing compliance with the CFA Fire Rating Criteria and the Council NSPP Criteria? Where relevant, consider whether adjoining land owners and occupiers will provide Council with an assurance that both the potential NSP and the Buffer Zone can be maintained to a satisfactory level.	Recreational Reserve is managed by SCS.	YES
Separation and demarcation of area	If the potential NSP is located in an open area, it is possible to demarcate the boundaries of both the potential NSP and the Buffer Zone?	Boundaries can be marked on site if required from time to time.	YES

NSP 9 : Mount Moriac Reserve – Western half of No. 1 Oval (main)

Council NSPP Criteria	Issues to consider	Council comments	Satisfied? Yes/No
<i>See section 3.1(i)</i>	<i>Access to the potential NSP may need to be restricted to people only, and it may be necessary to erect barriers around the Buffer Zone.</i>		
Disabled access	Are there are means of access for disabled and mobility-impaired persons to the potential NSP, including vehicle access to drop off people with disabilities?	Site is maintained for mobility impaired person access.	YES
Alternative uses of potential NSP See section 3.1(k)	Can Council manage alternative uses which may be made of the potential NSP so as to ensure that those uses will not compromise the function of the place as a potential NSP?	Recent CFA advice has discounted the potential impact of this issue.	YES
Community Communication See section 3.1(l)	Will it be possible to ensure that there will be good community awareness of the location of the potential NSP, and the risks associated with using the potential NSP?	Signage will be prominently displayed and promoted.	YES

Factors considered in assessing potential Neighbourhood Safer Places – Places of Last Resort

NSP 10 : Newling Reserve, Moriac

Council NSPP Criteria	Issues to consider	Council comments	Satisfied? Yes/No
Consents and rights of access <i>See section 3.1(a)</i>	If the potential NSP is located on Council-owned land, can Council use the land as an NSP if required? Consider whether or not Council allows the land to be used for potentially inconsistent purposes, such as for farmers' markets, fetes, circuses etc.	Site is on SCS managed open space in close proximity to the Moriac Senior Citizens & Moriac Preschool.	Yes
	If the potential NSP is on private land, or public land under the control of a Crown Land Manager (other than Council), can Council enter into arrangements which allow it to use the land as a potential NSP on reasonably satisfactory terms? Also consider whether Council has the right to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> access the site and surrounding areas for maintenance; and erect appropriate signage at the NSP. 	Not private property.	Yes
Access and egress <i>See section 3.1(b)</i>	Do access routes to the potential NSP allow for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the anticipated potential number of people to move to and from the place; and the CFA and other emergency services to attend the place for asset and personnel protection activities? 	Access via sealed roadways Hendy Main Rd & Kim-Marie Mews is capable of servicing the anticipated numbers of people and the emergency services.	Yes
	Are access routes easily navigable, bearing in mind they could be affected by smoke? Consider the condition of the road surface, proximity to population centres and major roads, capacity of access routes to accommodate large numbers of vehicles, the availability of car parking at the place and any other relevant matters.	Access to the NSP is regularly maintained to accepted Road Safety Standards. Whilst during a fire, there is no guarantee that access will always be available, on balance, the NSP is expected to be accessible either on foot or by short vehicle trip under most circumstances. Capable of accommodating the anticipated number of vehicles. Note: Access to any infrastructure at the site is not included	Yes
Maintenance of NSP in accordance with CFA assessment criteria	Can Council maintain the potential NSP in accordance with the criteria taken into account by the CFA in arriving at its fire rating assessment? <i>If the CFA have not provided sufficient information in relation to the criteria it has taken into account in arriving at its fire rating assessment, it may be necessary for Council to seek further information from the CFA.</i>	Slashing of Reserve as per normal park maintenance. MFPO Direction Notice (CFA Act 1958 Section 41) can assist with the maintenance of neighbouring private property. No additional costs anticipated.	Yes

NSP 10 : Newling Reserve, Moriac

Council NSPP Criteria	Issues to consider	Council comments	Satisfied? Yes/No
<i>See section 3.1(c)</i>			
Opening of the NSP <i>See section 3.1(d)</i>	Will it be possible and practicable to make the potential NSP available for use on a 24 hour basis during the declared fire danger period? This is a particular issue where the potential NSP is a building. Consider the potential for damage to the NSP which could result during times that it is open and available for use, but is not being used as an NSP.	NSP will be accessible at all times.	Yes
	What costs could be incurred by Council in making the potential NSP available on a 24 hour basis during the declared fire danger period? Are these costs reasonable, and capable of being borne by Council?	No costs to Council.	Yes
	Could the potential NSP be used for an unintended purpose which could impact upon its use as an NSP (such as an emergency relief centre)?	No, NSP consists of park reserve area only. On Code Red days, inconsistent activities such as markets, festivals, and sporting events may not be permitted on the NSP site.	Yes
Defendable space <i>See section 3.1(e)</i>	Is the potential NSP surrounded by sufficient open space to enable the CFA to conduct asset protection and fire suppression operations? Is that open space reasonably free of obstacles (such as fences, buildings, steep gradients, vegetation and other land formations)? <i>Council should seek CFA advice concerning the defendability of the potential NSP and the Buffer Zone, including in relation to fire vehicle access requirements.</i>	Site has acceptable emergency service access.	Yes
	Will approval be required under legislation such as the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cwlth)</i> , <i>Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988 (Vic)</i> and the <i>Planning and Environment Act 1987 (Vic)</i> ? Can such approval be obtained before the NSP is established?	Reserve is not subject to any environmental overlays.	Yes
Defendability of buildings <i>See section 3.1(f)</i>	If the potential NSP is a building, has Council sought expert advice from the CFA to determine whether the NSP is likely to be subject to risk from ember attack? If it is subject to such a risk, can that risk be safely managed?	Open Space – Parkland Reserve.	Yes
Signage <i>See section 3.1(g)</i>	Can appropriate signage be erected at the entry to the potential NSP, and in its vicinity?	Signage will be readily installed at the entrance	Yes
	If signage needs to be placed on private land, can Council obtain the consent of the	Signage will be located on SCS nature strip	Yes

NSP 10 : Newling Reserve, Moriac

Council NSPP Criteria	Issues to consider	Council comments	Satisfied? Yes/No
	relevant landowner to the erection of the signage?		
Maintenance and maintainability <i>See section 3.1(h)</i>	<p>Is the potential NSP capable of being maintained to ensure continuing compliance with the CFA Fire Rating Criteria and the Council NSPP Criteria?</p> <p>Where relevant, consider whether adjoining land owners and occupiers will provide Council with an assurance that both the potential NSP and the Buffer Zone can be maintained to a satisfactory level.</p>	<p>Reserve is regularly maintained and maintenance of grassland buffer zone on private property can be achieved via MFPO-FPN and SCS Local Law.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
Separation and demarcation of area <i>See section 3.1(i)</i>	<p>If the potential NSP is located in an open area, it is possible to demarcate the boundaries of both the potential NSP and the Buffer Zone?</p> <p><i>Access to the potential NSP may need to be restricted to people only, and it may be necessary to erect barriers around the Buffer Zone.</i></p>	<p>Boundaries may be established if required from time to time.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
Disabled access <i>See section 3.1(j)</i>	<p>Are there are means of access for disabled and mobility-impaired persons to the potential NSP, including vehicle access to drop off people with disabilities?</p>	<p>Site is maintained for mobility impaired persons access.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
Alternative uses of potential NSP <i>See section 3.1(k)</i>	<p>Can Council manage alternative uses which may be made of the potential NSP so as to ensure that those uses will not compromise the function of the place as a potential NSP?</p>	<p>Recent CFA advice has discounted the potential impact of this issue.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
Community Communication <i>See section 3.1(l)</i>	<p>Will it be possible to ensure that there will be good community awareness of the location of the potential NSP, and the risks associated with using the potential NSP?</p>	<p>Signage will be prominently displayed and promoted.</p>	<p>Yes</p>