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Attention: Manager Compliance/Fire Safety

Dear Sir Madam,

**Re: INSPECTION REPORT  
MARINA SQUARE SEAFOOD  
SHOP 305A  
5 FOOTBRIDGE BOULEVARD WENTWORTH POINT (“the premises”)**

Fire & Rescue NSW (FRNSW) received correspondence on 10 September 2020, in relation to the adequacy of the provision for fire safety in connection with ‘the premises’.

The correspondence stated that:

- *Rear corridor blocked with items from Seafood Shop. Trellis, plastic bins, trolleys, stock rubbish.*

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 9.32 (1) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act), an inspection of ‘the premises’ on 26 October 2020 was conducted by Authorised Fire Officers from the Fire Safety Compliance Unit of FRNSW.

The inspection was limited to the following:

- A visual inspection of the essential Fire Safety Measures as identified in this report only.
- A conceptual overview of the building, where an inspection had been conducted without copies of the development consent or copies of the approved floor plans.

On behalf of the Commissioner of FRNSW, the following comments are provided for your information in accordance with Section 9.32 (4) and Schedule 5, Part 8, Section

17(1) of the EP&A Act. Please be advised that Schedule 5, Part 8, Section 17(2) requires any report or recommendation from the Commissioner of FRNSW to be tabled at a Council meeting.

## COMMENTS

The following items were identified as concerns during the inspection:

### 1. Essential Fire Safety Measures

#### 1A. Access and Egress

- A. The path of travel from the rear of shop 305a to the fire exit was obstructed by storage crates, shopping trolleys and store racks contrary to the requirements of Clause 186 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 (EP&A Reg).
  - i. FRNSW received photographic evidence on 27 October 2020 that the obstructions had been removed from the corridor.
  - ii. FRNSW received additional photographic evidence on 7 November 2020 that the obstructions have been returned to the corridor. Refer to Appendix 1.

#### 1B. Portable Fire Extinguisher

- A. The portable fire extinguisher was obstructed by the cash register and shelving contrary to the requirements of Clause 3.2 of Australian Standard (AS) 2444-2001.

### 2. Generally

#### 2A. Fire Resistance

- A. The door sequence selector on the double fire exit doors in the corridor at the rear of shop 305a was damaged, preventing the doors from closing in sequence contrary to the requirements of Clause 2.1.4.6 of AS 1905.1-2015 and Clause C3.4 of the National Construction Code 2019 Volume One, Building Code of Australia (NCC).

FRNSW is therefore of the opinion that there are inadequate provisions for fire safety within the building.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

FRNSW recommends that Council:

- a. Inspect and address any other deficiencies identified on 'the premises', and require item no. 1 through to item no. 2 of this report be addressed appropriately.

This matter is referred to Council as the appropriate regulatory authority. FRNSW therefore awaits Council's advice regarding its determination in accordance with Schedule 5, Part 8, Section 17 (4) of the EP&A Act.

Should you have any enquiries regarding any of the above matters, please do not hesitate to contact Qualified Firefighter Kristy Buckpitt of FRNSW's Fire Safety Compliance Unit on (02) 9742 7434. Please ensure that you refer to file reference BFS20/2836 (12863) for any future correspondence in relation to this matter.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Scott', written in a cursive style.

Paul Scott  
Team Leader Fire Safety Compliance  
Fire Safety Compliance Unit

Attachments [Appendix 1 - Photograph of obstructions in corridor - 1 page]

Appendix 1- Photograph of obstructions returned to the corridor

