



POSITION STATEMENT SUMMARY

Consultation with the relevant fire brigade, fire service or fire authority

Position

Effective 29 April 2024, the following is a position of Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW):

Any formal consultation required to be made with the relevant fire brigade, service or authority, when concerning any matter of the built environment as pertaining to statutory fire safety provisions, is to be made to Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) via written application to the Fire Safety Branch. A written application can be made using the relevant application form available at www.fire.nsw.gov.au/firesafety.

Consultation with FRNSW extends to any formal comment being sought on matters relating to other Statutes and referenced provisions, including on the *National Construction Code* and referenced Standards.

However, consultation with FRNSW does not extend to matters where another agency is identified as being the agency having jurisdiction (e.g. the NSW Rural Fire Service has jurisdiction over certain matters for development on bush fire prone land).

Under no circumstances should formal consultation be sought from any local fire brigade stations on any statutory fire safety provision matter. The Fire Safety Branch act on behalf of the FRNSW Commissioner under delegated authority.

Reference must be made to the FRNSW website to ensure this position is current at the time of use, and the position has not subsequently been superseded or revoked.

Summary

This position statement stipulates that any statutory requirement for any formal consultation with the Commissioner of FRNSW needs to be made in writing and directed to the Fire Safety Branch, who act under delegated authority on behalf of the Commissioner to undertake this function.

Informative commentary reminds building proponents to consider the relevant authority having jurisdiction when dealing with certain matters, such as development on bush fire prone land falling within the jurisdiction of the NSW Rural Fire Service.

Informative commentary reiterates that formal consultation must not be sought from any local fire brigade station on any statutory fire safety provision matter.

This position statement has been authorised for release by Chief Superintendent Fire Safety, FRNSW.

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