

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Veg types/bushfire defensible space (Merrimu PSP)
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Hi [REDACTED]

Regarding defensible space setbacks from MW assets for the Merrimu PSP,

It's Melbourne Water's position that the setback assessment needs to be determined according to the the pre-European EVC in each asset location (fully established/future state of the vegetation). I understand that the EVC mapping is publicly accessible (can be accessed by your bushfire consultant).

As a side note, we expect that the setbacks will be 19m all round, but will leave it to your consultant to determine.

As per our submission, MW objects to any defensible space setback (and associated hazard management) within the land it owns/manages.

Kind regards

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