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Our reference: DA20250213000565-EIS & DA
Exhibition-1

ATTENTION: Rita Hatem

Date: Friday 20 March 2026

Dear Sir/Madam,

State Significant Development – Electricity Generating Works

Request for comments – exhibited Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Garoo Solar Farm and BESS 291 BULLS ROAD GAROO NSW 2340, 3//DP1108524, 2//DP1108524, 4//DP1108524, 5//DP1108524, 6//DP1108524, 7//DP1108524, 22//DP755341, 17//DP755341, 20//DP755341, 16//DP755341, 15//DP755341, 14//DP755341, 2//DP755341, 1//DP755341, 19//DP755341

Reference is made to correspondence dated 26/02/2026 seeking comments regarding the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) currently being exhibited, for the above State Significant Development in accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

The New South Wales Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) has reviewed the EIS and provides the following comments;

Garoo Solar farm and BESS incorporating temporary workers camp. The site has formed and sealed public road frontage. Grass vegetation formation within the development footprint. Riparian corridors traverses through the site and bordering on the western interface.

The submitted documents recommend bushfire mitigation measures for the solar array + BESS including a 10 metre wide trafficable defensible space around the development footprint, asset protection zone (APZ), internal access roads and fire fighting water supply.

Temporary workers camp is to be located within the development footprint and incorporates 36m + APZ = BAL 12.5 construction. Access, water, services and emergency management / evacuation plan mitigation measures also recommended.

The recommendations of the Environmental Impact Statement, ERM Bushfire Report and supplementary Temporary Workers Camp Bushfire Report are supported.

For any queries regarding this correspondence, please contact Alan Bawden on 1300 NSW RFS.

Yours sincerely,

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