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Dear Rebecka Groth,

Re: Advice on Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) – ARDEX Warehouse and Manufacturing Facility (SSD-25725029)

Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) acknowledge correspondence received on the 18 November 2021, requesting advice on the EIS for the ARDEX Warehouse and Manufacturing Facility (SSD-25725029). FRNSW have reviewed the EIS along with Appendix 14 – Dangerous Goods Report and Appendix 18 – Fire Safety Strategy and make the following comments:

1. FRNSW note that the Department of Planning Industry and Environment (DPIE) require the Applicant to submit a preliminary risk screening in accordance with State Environmental Planning Policy No. 33 – Hazardous and Offensive Development and Applying SEPP 33. DPIE notes that the Applicant has not demonstrated that the quantities of dangerous goods to be stored at the proposed development are below the threshold screening quantities in Applying SEPP 33.
2. While there is currently no requirement for a Fire Safety Study, FRNSW may recommend one be undertaken once SEPP 33 screening has been reapplied should information be provided such it is deemed that the development poses unique challenges to the response to and management of an incident.

Given the size and complexity of the proposed facility, and to ensure first responders have information readily available to render safe any incident, FRNSW make the following recommendations:

1. That a comprehensive ERP is developed for the site in accordance with HIPAP No.1.

2. That an Emergency Services Information Package (ESIP) be prepared in accordance with FRNSW fire safety guideline – Emergency services information package and tactical fire plans.¹

For further information please contact the Operational Liaison and Special Hazards Unit, referencing FRNSW file number BFS22/1031. Please ensure that all correspondence in relation to this matter is submitted electronically to firesafety@fire.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



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¹ https://www.fire.nsw.gov.au/gallery/files/pdf/guidelines/guidelines_ESIP_and_TFP.pdf