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Iwan Davies
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Dear Iwan Davies,

Re: Comment on Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) – Project EnergyConnect (NSW-Eastern Section) (SSD-9172452)

Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) acknowledge correspondence received on 17th January 2022, requesting input into the preparation of the EIS for the Project EnergyConnect (NSW-Eastern Section) (SSD-9172452).

FRNSW have reviewed the EIS and make the following recommendations:

- a. That a comprehensive Emergency Response Plan (ERP) is developed for each of the construction compound sites.
- b. That the ERP specifically addresses foreseeable on-site and off-site fire events and other emergency incidents.
- c. That the ERP detail the appropriate risk control measures that would need to be implemented to safely mitigate potential risks to the health and safety of firefighters and other first responders (including electrical hazards). Such measures would include the level of personal protective clothing required, the minimum level of respiratory protection required, decontamination procedures, and minimum evacuation zone distances.
- d. That the ERP include any other risk control measures that may need to be implemented in a fire emergency due to unique hazards specific to the site.
- e. That two copies of the ERP are stored in a prominent 'Emergency Information Cabinet' which is to be located directly adjacent to the site's main entry point/s.
- f. That the proponent (referred to as Transgrid) undertakes ongoing liaison with local FRNSW zone management teams throughout the construction phases of the project.

For further information please contact the Operational Liaison and Special Hazards Unit, referencing FRNSW file number BFS22/124. Please ensure that all correspondence in relation to this matter is submitted electronically to firesafety@fire.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Hawes', written over a light grey rectangular background.

Superintendent John Hawes
Manager
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