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Dear Andy,

Re: Advice on Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) – DUMARESQ SOLAR FARM – BONSHAW ROAD (SSD-61740963)

Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) acknowledge correspondence received on 1 September 2023, requesting input into the preparation of the SEARs for the DUMARESQ SOLAR FARM – BONSHAW ROAD (SSD-61740963). FRNSW have reviewed the SEARs along with the Scoping Report and make the following comments:

There is currently insufficient information available regarding the fire safety and emergency response management aspects of the project. FRNSW notes the Scoping Report details a 190MW BESS. It is the experience of FRNSW that BESS facilities present special problems of firefighting when responding to and managing an incident. FRNSW requests to be consulted and given the opportunity to review the hazard and risk analysis and provide comment regarding the proposed fire and life safety systems at the preliminary and final design phases of the project.

For further information please contact the Operational Liaison and Special Hazards Unit, referencing FRNSW file number BFS23/4917. 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 read "James O'Carroll".

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