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ATTENTION: Megan Ramsdale

Date: Wednesday 27 September 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

**State Significant Development - Electricity Generating Works
Request for Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements
Hume North Battery Energy Storage System - 32 TROUT FARM RD LAKE HUME VILLAGE NSW 3691,
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Reference is made to correspondence dated 31/08/2023 seeking input regarding the preparation of Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements 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 information provided and advises that a bush fire assessment report shall be prepared which identifies the extent to which the proposed development conforms with or deviates from the relevant provisions of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019*.

The NSW Rural Fire Service advises that any SEARs for the proposed development should incorporate a bush fire hazard assessment undertaken by a suitably qualified consultant to address the aims and objectives of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019*. At a minimum, the report should address the following considerations:

- Suitable access for fire fighting vehicles, including access around structures on the site;
- Suitable SWS including access for fire fighting vehicles;
- Appropriate APZs and BALs for structures, where appropriate;
- Preparation of a Bush Fire Emergency Management and Evacuation Plan in accordance with Table 6.8d of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019* and be consistent with the NSW RFS document: *A Guide to Developing a Bush Fire Emergency Management and Evacuation Plan*.
- Provision of a Fire Management Plan that at minimum includes:
 - Ongoing bush fire fuel management within the site,
 - Site infrastructure plan,
 - Site access and internal road plan,
 - APZs and their continued maintenance, and,
 - Location of hazards (physical, chemical etc) that may impact on fire fighting operations.

For any queries regarding this correspondence, please contact David Webster on 1300 NSW RFS.

Yours sincerely,

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