



## NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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Our reference: DA20210208000483-EIS & DA  
Exhibition-1

**ATTENTION:** Tatsiana Bandaruk

Date: Tuesday 26 September 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

**State Significant Development - Electricity Generating Works**  
**Oven Mountain Pumped Hydro Energy Storage Project - 9823 KEMPSEY RD CARRAI NSW 2440, 37//DP756471, 18//DP756471, 19//DP756471**

I refer to your correspondence dated 15/09/2023 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 information provided and advises the following:

The proposal is for a pumped hydro-electric and generation works incorporating:

- the underground power station;
- upper dam and reservoir;
- lower dam and reservoir;
- water intake structures;
- spillway;
- Macleay River pump facility;
- power waterway; two main access tunnels (MATs); and
- emergency, cable, ventilation tunnel (ECVT).

Ancillary development (construction and operation) incorporates:

- access works (roads, tracks and bridges);
- surface works (for construction services and worker accommodation);
- communication infrastructure;
- utilities, water diversion and treatment facilities;
- stockpile areas and spoil emplacement;
- operation and maintenance areas.

The Project includes construction worker accommodation on the site with most personnel transported to the Project area by bus. A main accommodation camp is proposed, however, temporary or fly camps may also be

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considered subject to the preparation of a workforce and accommodation strategy to be prepared for the Project. This would seek to mitigate and minimise impacts of the influx of construction workers on local housing and accommodation providers in the region, particularly at the start of the construction period prior to the main camp being constructed and operational.

The site is very isolated in location and future internal access road to the construction compound and workers camp will be constrained by topographical features.

Prior to the NSW RFS finalising its advice, and as discussed with the proponent, a site inspection is to be arranged to permit the proponent to verify the bushfire report recommendations.

If additional information is not received within 14 days the application will be refused on the basis of Requested Information not provided. A formal request for re-assessment would be required after this time.

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

Yours sincerely,

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