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Tanya Ibsen
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Dear Tanya,

**Re: Advice on Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) –
ARMIDALE EAST BESS BAYLEY PARK ROAD, METZ NSW (SSD-65058714)**

Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) acknowledge correspondence received on 30 November 2023, requesting input into the preparation of the SEARs for the ARMIDALE EAST BESS BAYLEY PARK ROAD, METZ NSW (SSD-65058714). FRNSW have reviewed the SEARs along with the Scoping Report with particular focus to Section 6, Hazards.

FRNSW notes the Scoping Report details a 500MW/1000MWH BESS. BESS facilities present special problems of firefighting and special hazards exist that may require additional fire safety and management measures.

There is currently insufficient information available regarding the fire safety and emergency response management aspects of the project. 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 BFS23/7010. 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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