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Dear Pragma,

Re: Advice on Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) – GOL GOL BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM – APPROXIMATELY 10 KM NORTHEAST OF MILDURA (SSD-70893706)

Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) acknowledge correspondence received on 16 May 2024, requesting input into the preparation of the SEARs for the GOL GOL BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM – APPROXIMATELY 10 KM NORTHEAST OF MILDURA (SSD-70893706). FRNSW have reviewed the SEARs along with the Scoping Report with particular focus to 6.3.6 Hazards and Risks.

FRNSW notes the Scoping Report details a 1500MW/12MWH 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. If required, FRNSW will review and provide comment at the Exhibition stage of the project.

For further information please contact the Operational Liaison and Special Hazards Unit, referencing FRNSW file number BFS24/2940. Please ensure that all correspondence in relation to this matter is submitted electronically to firesafety@fire.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

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