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ATTENTION: Pragya Mathema

Date: Thursday 23 May 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

**State Significant Development – Electricity Generating Works
Request for Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements
GOL GOL Battery Energy Storage System - 664 ARUMPO RD WENTWORTH NSW 2648, 11//DP1262716**

Reference is made to correspondence dated 17/05/2024 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 bush fire hazard assessment should be undertaken by a suitably qualified consultant and shall address the aims and objectives of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019* (PBP 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 Static Water Supplies (SWS) including access for fire fighting vehicles;
- Appropriate Asset Protection Zones (APZ) and construction standards 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. This is to include the identification of any Unexploded Ordinance (UXO) that may impact firefighter safety.

Engagement with local RFS (NSW RFS District Office for the Lower Western, phone 02 5027 4422) is strongly recommended to ensure that proposed mitigative measures are fit for purpose and that there is a shared situational awareness of response requirements.

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Yours sincerely,

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