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Dear Samantha,

**Re: Advice on Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) –
FORBES SOLAR FARM – FORBES SHIRE COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA (LGA)
(SSD-72383210)**

Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) acknowledge correspondence received on 24 June 2024, requesting input into the preparation of the SEARs for the FORBES SOLAR FARM – FORBES SHIRE COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA (LGA) (SSD-72383210). FRNSW have reviewed the SEARs along with the Scoping Report with particular focus to Section 3 – The Project and Section 6.9.1 – Battery Energy Storage System.

FRNSW notes the Scoping Report details a 120MW/960MWH 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 BFS24/3683. 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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