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Our reference: DA20240627002623-SEARS-1

**ATTENTION:** Samantha Oyston

Date: Friday 5 July 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

## Development Application

### State Significant – SEARS – Electricity Generating Works

**Forbes Solar Farm 207 Hoopers Road Forbes NSW 2871, 94//DP750173, 29//DP750173, 95//DP750173**

I refer to your correspondence regarding the above proposal which was received by the NSW Rural Fire Service on 25/06/2024.

The NSW RFS acknowledges that the subject Lots 94 and 95 DP750173 and Lot 29 DP750173, 207 Hooper Road Forbes involved in the proposed Forbes Solar Farm and battery energy storage system are not mapped bush fire prone. However, a grass fire risk cannot be negated in this instance.

In this regard, it is advised that a Bush Fire Assessment Report of the extent to which the proposed development conforms with or deviates from the specifications set out in *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019* is to be provided. This shall include a classification of the vegetation on and surrounding the development (out to a distance of 140 metres from the boundaries of the property) and an assessment of the slope of the land on and surrounding the development (out to a distance of 100 metres).

It is advised that a Bush Fire Emergency Management and Operations Plan identifying all relevant risks and mitigation measures associated with the construction and operation of the solar farm should be prepared. Essential equipment should be designed and housed in such a way as to minimise the impact of bush fires on the capabilities of the infrastructure during bush fire emergencies.

For any queries regarding this correspondence, please contact Rohini Belapurkar on 1300 NSW RFS.

Yours sincerely,

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