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Your reference: SSD-48225958
Our reference: DA20220915010670-EIS & DA Exhibition-1

ATTENTION: Cameron Ashe

Date: Wednesday 18 December 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

**State Significant Development - Electricity Generating Works
Request for comments - exhibited Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
Gundry Solar Farm - 961 WINDELLAMA RD GUNDARY NSW 2580, 12//DP1016332, 3//DP1238347**

Reference is made to correspondence dated 15/11/2024 seeking comments regarding the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) currently being exhibited, 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 EIS and provides the following comments;

The Bush Fire Assessment Report (Prepared by Peak Land Management, version 6, dated June 2024) has addressed the requirements of Section 8.3.5 of Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019 and the items listed in our correspondence dated 15th September 2022. The NSW Rural Fire Services recommends that any approval should adopt the recommendations of the report and the following;

- All BESS development footprints to be managed as an Asset Protection Zone (APZ) as outlined within Appendix 4 of 'Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019'. This includes the standdown areas during the construction phase.
- All solar array footprints to be managed as an Asset Protection Zone (APZ) as outlined within Appendix 4 of 'Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019'. This includes the standdown areas during the construction phase.
- To allow for emergency service personnel to undertake property protection activities, a 10 metre trafficable defendable space (APZ) that permits unobstructed vehicle access is to be provided around the perimeter of BESS footprint including associated infrastructure. The trafficable surface shall be a minimum 4 metres wide and provide all weather access.
- To allow for emergency service personnel to undertake property protection activities, a 10 metre trafficable defendable space (APZ) that permits unobstructed vehicle access is to be provided around the perimeter of all solar arrays including any internal interface with unmanaged land.
- Appropriate signage is to be provided to enable safe and efficient navigation for firefighters.
- The proponents shall present the proposal to the Southern Tablelands Bush Fire Management Committee (Goulburn Fire Control Centre, 02 4822 2900) and discuss any impacts on the combat agencies operational capacity.

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Additionally, it should be noted that the proposed development creates an asset with an extensive perimeter that may exceed the current capacity of local firefighting resources.

A Fire Management Plan (FMP) shall be prepared in consultation with NSW RFS Goulburn Fire Control Centre. The FMP shall include, at a minimum:

- 24 hour emergency contact details including alternative telephone contact;
- Site infrastructure plan;
- Firefighting water supply plan;
- Site access and internal road plan;
- Mapping to show Asset Protection Zones (APZ);
- Location of hazards (Physical, Chemical and Electrical) that may impact on firefighting operations and procedures to manage/mitigate identified hazards during firefighting operations;
- Such additional matters as required by the NSW RFS District Office.

For any queries regarding this correspondence, please contact David Webster on 1300 NSW RFS.

Yours sincerely,

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