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Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (Major Projects)  
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Your reference: SSD-67478479  
Our reference: DA20240209000558-EIS & DA Exhibition-1

**ATTENTION:** Megan Ramsdale

Date: Friday 20 December 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

**State Significant Development – Electricity Generating Works**  
**Request for comments – exhibited Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**  
**Yanco BESS - 120 HOUGHTON RD YANCO NSW 2703, 516//DP751745**

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 Bushfire Assessment report prepared by Cool Burn Pty Ltd (Version 1.1, dated September 2024) has adequately addressed the requirements of PBP 2019 and our advice provided in previous correspondence for SEARs dated 15 February 2024. Any future approval should adopt the measures outlined in the report.

Additionally, any future approval should require the design and maintenance of the screen planting to be generally consistent with the Landscape Concept Plan (issue E, dated 19.09.24). The following items should be addressed in the design of the plantings and in the Bushfire and Emergency Management Operation Plan;

- Avoid species with rough fibrous bark, or which retain/shed bark in long strips or retain dead material in their canopies;
- Use smooth bark species of trees species which generally do not carry a fire up the bark into the crown;
- lower limbs should be removed up to a height of 1 m above the ground;
- grass should be kept mown (as a guide, grass should be kept to no more than 100mm in height); and
- leaves and vegetation debris should be removed regularly.

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

Yours sincerely,

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