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Your reference: SSD-92509458

Our reference: DA20250902003561-SEARS-1

ATTENTION: Rachael Helsham

Date: Friday 12 September 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

Development Application

State Significant Development – SEARS – Electricity Generating Works

Murray Terminal BESS - 45 WATERFALL FARM RD KHANCOBAN NSW 2642, 6//DP241727

I refer to your correspondence regarding the above proposal which was received by the NSW Rural Fire Service on 01/09/2025.

The NSW Rural Fire Service has reviewed the information provided and advises that any SEARs for the proposed development should incorporate a bush fire hazard assessment undertaken by a suitably qualified consultant to address the aims and objectives of Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019.

At a minimum, the report should address the following considerations:

- The risks that a BESS in this location could cause a bush fire;
- Work that should not be carried out during Total Fire Bans;
- 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 (APZs) and construction standards (BALs) for structures;
- Provision of a Fire Emergency Management Plan that at minimum includes:
 - Ongoing bush fire fuel management within the site,
 - Site infrastructure plan (including but not limited to the location and capacity of stored water),
 - Site access and internal road plan,
 - APZs and their continued maintenance,
 - Location of hazards (physical, chemical etc) that may impact on fire fighting operations, and
 - Has been developed in consultation with the local RFS District Office taking into account the consequence of an incident at the facility will have on emergency service resources.

For any queries regarding this correspondence, please contact Stephen McKinnon on 1300 NSW RFS.

Yours sincerely,

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