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Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (Major Projects)
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Your reference: SSD-67105475
Our reference: DA20240201000428-EIS & DA Exhibition-1

ATTENTION: Nicholas Kumar

Date: Thursday 27 November 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

State Significant Development - Electricity Generating Works
Request for comments - exhibited Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
Romani Battery Energy Storage System - 377 ROMANI RD BOOROORBAN NSW 2710, 57//DP756561, 92//DP756561

Reference is made to correspondence dated 27/10/2025 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 ERM, reference 0704056, dated 12 August 2025) has addressed the requirements of Section 8.3.5 (as a proxy for BESS) of Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019 and the NSW Rural Fire Services recommends that any approval should adopt the recommendations of the report noting 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 all work areas required 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.
- Appropriate signage is to be provided to enable safe and efficient navigation for firefighters.
- The proponents shall present the proposal to the Mid Murray Zone Bush Fire Management Committee (Mid Murray office, 03 5898 4100) and discuss any impacts on the combat agencies operational capacity.

Additionally, it should be noted that the proposed development creates an asset in an isolated location that will result in extended response times. To mitigate this a Fire Management Plan (FMP) shall be prepared in consultation with NSW RFS Mid Murray office.

The FMP shall include, at a minimum:

- 24 hour emergency contact details including alternative telephone contact;
- Site infrastructure plan;

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- 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 that may include, but should not be limited to, the provision of additional on-site water supplies.

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

Yours sincerely,

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