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Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (Major Projects)

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Our reference: DA20251106004657-SEARS-1

ATTENTION: Miranda Bettles

Date: Friday 14 November 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

**State Significant Development – Electricity Generating Works
Request for Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements
Inverell BESS - 6219 GWYDIR HIGHWAY INVERELL NSW 2360, 1//DP1161683**

Reference is made to correspondence dated 05/11/2025 seeking input regarding the preparation of Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements 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 information provided and advises that a bush fire assessment report shall be prepared which identifies the extent to which the proposed development conforms with or deviates from the relevant provisions of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019*.

The proposed development involves "*the construction, operation and decommissioning of a BESS with a capacity of up to approximately 150MW/1200MWh (8 hours)*".

The development site is partially mapped as bushfire-prone land with surrounding vegetation including woodlands and grasslands on undulating terrain.

The Draft SEARs requires the submission of "*a bushfire hazard assessment completed by a suitably qualified consultant and identify potential hazards and risks associated with bushfires / use of bushfire prone land including the risks that a BESS would cause a bushfire and demonstrate compliance with Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019*" which is supported.

For any queries regarding this correspondence, please contact Neil Pengilly on 1300 NSW RFS.

Yours sincerely,

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