



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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Your reference: SSD- 52786213
Our reference: DA20230105000051-EIS & DA
Exhibition-1

ATTENTION: Pragma Mathema

Date: Monday 18 December 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

**State Significant Development - Electricity Generating Works
Request for comments - exhibited Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
Calala Battery Energy Storage System - 57 BURGESS LANE CALALA NSW 2340, 16//DP629969**

Reference is made to correspondence dated 14/11/2023 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 NSW RFS recommends the following conditions be included in any approvals granted:

1. A Fire Management Plan (FMP) shall be prepared in consultation with NSW RFS Tamworth Fire Control Centre. The FMP shall include:

- 24 hour emergency contact details including alternative telephone contact;
- Site infrastructure plan;
- Fire fighting water supply plan;
- Site access and internal road plan;
- Construction of Asset Protection Zones (APZ) and their continued maintenance; Location of hazards (Physical, Chemical and Electrical) that will impact on fire fighting operations and procedures to manage identified hazards during fire fighting operations;
- Such additional matters as required by the NSW RFS District Office (FMP review and updates).

2. The entire BESS development footprint to be managed as an Asset Protection Zone (APZ) as outlined within Appendix 4 of 'Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019'. This includes the standown areas during the construction phase.

3. Where any of the development infrastructure is located greater than 70 metres from a fire fighting hydrant, a minimum 20,000 litre water supply (tank) fitted with a 65mm storz fitting shall be located adjoining the internal property access road within the required APZ.

4. To allow for emergency service personnel to undertake property protection activities, a 10 metre trafficable defensible space (APZ) that permits unobstructed vehicle access is to be provided around the

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perimeter of BESS footprint including associated infrastructure. The trafficable surface shall be a minimum 4 metres wide and provide all weather access.

For any queries regarding this correspondence, please contact Alan Bawden on 1300 NSW RFS.

Yours sincerely,

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