



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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Our reference: DA20200616002115-Original-1

ATTENTION: Rose-Anne Hawkeswood

Date: Wednesday 29 July 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

**State Significant Development - Extractive Industry
Request for comments - exhibited Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
Maloneys Rd Lue NSW 2850 AUS, 132//DP1050074**

Reference is made to correspondence dated 02/06/2020 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 understands the development of the Bowdens Silver Project incorporates the following key mine site components:

- the construction and operation of mine site infrastructure including a processing plant, waste rock emplacement, ore stockpiles, a tailings storage facility and ancillary infrastructure;
- an approximately 59 kilometre long buried water pipeline between the mine site and Ulan and Moolarben coal mines near the town of Ulan; and
- the re-alignment of an approximately 5 kilometre section of Maloneys Road, including a new intersection with Lue Road to the west of the town of Lue.

The NSW RFS has no objection to the proposal and provides the following recommended conditions.

1. A Fire Management Plan (FMP) shall be prepared in consultation with NSW RFS Cudgegong 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 any 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;
- Emergency management and evacuation procedures for fires;
- Such additional matters as required by the NSW RFS District Office (FMP review and updates).

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2. A minimum 100 metre Asset Protection Zone (APZ) shall be established around any occupied or hazardous materials storage buildings. The APZ shall be managed in accordance with Appendix 4 of Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019.

3. To allow for emergency service personnel to undertake property protection activities, a 10 metre defensible space (APZ) that permits a minimum 4 metre wide, unobstructed vehicle access is to be provided around the perimeter of any fixed infrastructure.

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

Yours sincerely,

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