



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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Your reference: SSD-59235464
Our reference: DA20230618002628-SEARS-1

ATTENTION: Kurtis Wathen

Date: Friday 23 June 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

Development Application

State Significant – SEARS – Electricity Generating Works

Pottinger Wind Farm - West Burrabogie Road Edward River NSW, 30//DP756315, 25//DP756282, 51//DP756315, 32//DP756315, 31//DP756315, 35//DP756282, 34//DP756282, 36//DP756282, 37//DP756282, 12//DP756315, 13//DP756315, 52//DP756315, 18//DP756315, 17//DP756315, 16//DP756315, 27//DP756315, 33//DP756315, 26//DP756315, 24//DP756282, 26//DP756282, 28//DP756315, 29//DP756315, 37//DP756315, 25//DP756315, 23//DP756315, 24//DP756315

I refer to your correspondence regarding the above proposal which was received by the NSW Rural Fire Service on 14/06/2023.

The New South Wales Rural Fire Service advises that the preparation of an Environment Assessment should incorporate a bush fire hazard assessment report prepared by a suitably qualified person. This assessment shall be developed in accordance with section 8.3.5 of Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019 and include site-specific recommendations for the proper design of:

- asset protection zones (APZ);
- measures to prevent a fire occurring within the site from developing into a bush/grass fire risk to the surrounding area;
- water supply for fire fighting purposes;
- land and vegetation management;
- emergency management procedures, including the development of a Fire Management plan in consultation with the local NSW RFS District Fire Control Centre; and
- vehicular access and defendable space around the solar array.

Protection for the facilities from bush fires can be achieved through a combination of strategies which will:

- minimise the impact of radiant heat and direct flame contact by separating development from bush fire hazards;
- minimise the vulnerability of buildings to ignition and fire spread from flames, radiation and embers;
- enable appropriate access and egress for the public and firefighters;
- provide adequate water supplies for bush fire suppression operations;

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- focus on facility preparedness, including emergency planning and property maintenance requirements; and
- facilitate the maintenance of asset protection zones, fire trails, access for firefighting and on-site equipment for fire suppression and
- prevention of fire spreading from the site.

For any queries regarding this correspondence, please contact Bryan Netzler on 1300 NSW RFS.

Yours sincerely,

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