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Our reference: DA20230719003174-EIS & DA
Exhibition-1

ATTENTION: Jess Watson

Date: Thursday 14 May 2026

Dear Sir/Madam,

State Significant Development – Electricity Generating Works

Request for comments – exhibited Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Wallaby Creek Wind Farm Narromine 2821, 23//DP755121, 37//DP42130, 141//DP228442, 142//DP228442, 191//DP620523, 192//DP620523, 1//DP651322, 12//DP657915, 41//DP726538, 42//DP726538, 11//DP755115, 16//DP755115, 17//DP755115, 20//DP755115, 36//DP755115, 7//DP755119, 27//DP755119, 41//DP755119, 61//DP755119, 62//DP755119, 64//DP755119, 65//DP755119, 11//DP755121, 15//DP755121, 16//DP755121, 17//DP755121, 18//DP755121, 21//DP755121, 27//DP755121, 33//DP755121, 34//DP755121, 153//DP755131, 155//DP755131, 234//DP755131, 1//DP822490, 1//DP832143, 1//DP1139441, 542//DP1151292, 1//DP1177976, 4//DP1236714, 11//DP1290373, 12//DP1290373

Reference is made to correspondence dated 16/04/2026 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;

General

Intent of measures: to minimise the risk of bush fire attack and provide protection for emergency services personnel, residents and others assisting firefighting activities.

1. The proposed development must comply with the bush fire impact assessment for Wallaby Creek Wind Farm under section 6.10.4 of the Environmental Impact Statement by Environmental Resources Management Australia Pty Ltd, project no. 0671574, dated 20 March 2026.

Asset Protection Zones

Intent of measures: to minimise the risk of bush fire attack and provide protection for emergency services personnel, residents and others assisting firefighting activities.

2. For the life of the development, a minimum Asset Protection Zone of 50 metres must be provided around the accommodation camp (temporary workers' accommodation) and be entirely managed to the standards of an Inner Protection Area as outlined in Appendix 4 of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019*.

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Construction Standards

Intent of measures: to minimise the risk of bush fire attack and provide protection for emergency services personnel, residents and others assisting firefighting activities.

3. Essential equipment should be designed, housed and maintained to minimise the impact of bush fires on the capabilities of the infrastructure during bush fire emergencies and not serve as a bush fire risk to surrounding bush in accordance with section 8.3.5 of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019*.

Access - Property Access

Intent of measures: to minimise the risk of bush fire attack and provide protection for emergency services personnel, residents and others assisting firefighting activities.

4. The proposed access roads for the accommodation camp and battery energy storage system sites must comply with the standards for non-perimeter roads under Table 6.8b of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019*.

5. All other proposed access roads within the project area must comply with the acceptable solution attributes for Category 1 firefighting appliance under the NSW Rural Fire Service document, *NSW Fire Trail Standard*, dated November 2023.

Water & Utility Services

Intent of measures: to minimise the risk of bush fire attack and provide protection for emergency services personnel, residents and others assisting firefighting activities.

6. The Applicant must engage a suitable qualified person to assess, determine and provide the necessary water supply for firefighting purposes that conforms with the performance criteria under Table 7.4a *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019*.

Emergency and Evacuation Planning

Intent of measures: to minimise the risk of bush fire attack and provide protection for emergency services personnel, residents and others assisting firefighting activities.

7. A Bush Fire Emergency Management and Operations Plan must be prepared to identify all relevant risks and mitigation measures associated with the construction and operation of the wind farm and associated infrastructure (including the battery energy storage system) in accordance with section 8.3.5 of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019*. This should include:

- Pre-Incident Planning;
- detailed measures to prevent or mitigate fires from igniting;
- work that should not be carried out during total fire bans;
- availability of fire-suppression equipment, access and water;
- storage and maintenance of fuels and other flammable materials;
- notification of the local NSW RFS Fire Control Centre for any works that have the potential to ignite surrounding vegetation, proposed to be carried out during a bush fire danger period to ensure weather conditions are appropriate; and
- appropriate bush fire emergency management planning.

It is important to be aware of operations that may be carried out on days of Total Fire Ban and any prohibited activities or exemptions that are notified by the Commissioner of the NSW Rural Fire Service under Section 99 of the *Rural Fires Act 1997*.



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Yours sincerely,

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