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Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (Major Projects)  
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Our reference: DA20240301000841-EIS & DA Exhibition-1

**ATTENTION:** Ellen Luu

Date: Friday 9 May 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

**State Significant Development - Electricity Generating Works**

**Request for comments - exhibited Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**

**Wagga Wagga Lithium Ion Battery Recycling Facility - 61 EDISON RD EAST WAGGA WAGGA NSW 2650, 91//DP1299517**

Reference is made to correspondence dated 16/04/2025 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 has reviewed the EIS published on the Major Projects portal in conjunction with the SEARS issued on 26th March 2024. It is noted that the SEARS have required that Bush Fire be addressed as per our previous advice dated 6th March 2024.

The EIS appears to rely on outdated Bush Fire Prone Land Mapping (BFPL map) to conclude that bushfire does not need to be addressed. The current version of the relevant BFPL map was certified in December 2022 and clearly shows that the site is mapped as bushfire prone and adjoins a grassland hazard.

The RFS recommends that DPHI should require the proponent to submit a bush fire assessment report as requested in previous correspondence.

It is noted that the "Site locality and layout" plan provided as Figure ES-1 of the Environmental Impact Statement indicates that non-conforming lead acid batteries will be stored adjacent to the western boundary of the site. Potentially hazardous materials should not be stored adjacent to the grassland hazard. Appropriate mitigation measures should be addressed in the bushfire hazard assessment report.

For any queries regarding this correspondence, please contact David Webster on 1300 NSW RFS.

Yours sincerely,

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