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Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (Major Projects)

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Your reference: SSD-79885459

Our reference: DA20250211000538-SEARS-1

ATTENTION: Jess Watson

Date: Wednesday 19 February 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

**State Significant Development - Electricity Generating Works
Request for Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements
Bookham Wind Farm & BESS - 239 Lots - FAGAN DR BOOKHAM NSW 2582, 142//DP753595**

Reference is made to correspondence dated 11/02/2025 seeking input regarding the preparation of Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements 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 information provided and advises that a bush fire assessment report shall be prepared which identifies the extent to which the proposed development conforms with or deviates from the relevant provisions of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019*.

Specifically, NSW RFS has reviewed the Scoping Report by Ecological dated 6 February 2025 and the draft SEARs and advise that the preparation of the Environment Assessment shall 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:

- measures to prevent a fire occurring within the site from developing into a bush/grass fire risk to the surrounding area;
- measures to protect infrastructure from a fire approaching the site including (but not limited to):
 - Asset Protection Zones around critical components and;
 - Where workers accommodation forms part of the proposal, the accommodation is to be afforded an Asset Protection Zone in accordance with Table A1.12.1 (10kW/sqm, 1200K) of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection*
 - water supply for fire fighting purposes;
 - land and vegetation management;
 - vehicular access and defensible space to and around each wind turbine generator and associated infrastructure; and
 - emergency management procedures, including the development of a Fire Management plan in consultation with the local NSW RFS District Fire Control Centre.

For any queries regarding this correspondence, please contact Anna Jones on 1300 NSW RFS.

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Yours sincerely,

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