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Subject: Request for SEARs - Eastern Creek Energy from Waste Facility - SSD Application. BFS20/2269

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Dear Sally,

Fire & Rescue NSW (FRNSW) acknowledge the receipt of your email on the 21st July 2020, requesting input into the preparation of the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Eastern Creek Energy from Waste Facility.

It has been the experience of FRNSW that waste recycling facilities pose unique challenges to firefighters when responding to and managing an incident. Factors such as high and potentially hazardous fuel loads, facility layout, and design of fire safety systems have a significant impact on the ability to conduct firefighting operations safely and effectively. Consultation with organisations such as FRNSW throughout the development process enables the design and implementation of more effective fire safety solutions that help to mitigate the impact of incidents when they occur.

FRNSW have reviewed the documentation that was provided in support of the development and will not be providing comment at this time as there is currently insufficient information available regarding the fire safety and emergency response management aspects of the project.

We request that we be given the opportunity to review and provide comment once approvals have been granted and the project has progressed such that there is more relevant detailed information available. FRNSW note that a preliminary hazard analysis (PHA) and a fire risk assessment (FRA) will be conducted.

As additional details become available Fire & Rescue NSW requests to be consulted with respect to the proposed fire and life safety systems and their configuration at the project's preliminary and final design phases.

While there is currently no requirement for a fire safety study, FRNSW may request one be undertaken at a later stage should information be provided such it is deemed that the development poses unique challenges to the response to and management of an incident.

Please see the FRNSW fire safety guideline for Fire Safety in Waste Facilities that includes legislated requirements and development considerations (planning).

https://www.fire.nsw.gov.au/gallery/files/pdf/guidelines/guidelines_fire_safety_in_waste_facilities.pdf

If you have any queries regarding the above please contact the Fire Safety Infrastructure Liaison Unit, referencing FRNSW file number BFS20/2269. Please ensure that all correspondence in relation to this matter is submitted electronically to firesafety@fire.nsw.gov.au.

Regards
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