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Your reference: SSI-99418956
Our reference: DA20251114004797-SEARS-1

ATTENTION: Mandana Mazaheri

Date: Friday 28 November 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

Development Application

State Significant Development – SEARS – Waste or resource management facility

McPhillamys Integrated Waste Landform BLAYNEY NSW 2799, (none)

I refer to your correspondence regarding the above proposal which was received by the NSW Rural Fire Service on 14/11/2025.

The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) has reviewed the submitted documentation and advises that a comprehensive Bush Fire Assessment Report must be prepared for the proposed development. This assessment is required to determine the extent to which the proposal complies with, or varies from, the requirements outlined in *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019* (PBP 2019).

Given that the proposal involves infrastructure within a rural landscape where bushfire hazards may be present, the development must be formally assessed against the provisions of PBP 2019. The assessment must be undertaken by an appropriately accredited BPAD consultant.

The Bush Fire Assessment Report should:

- Identify and classify all surrounding vegetation, assess slope, separation distances, and potential fire behaviour.
- Provide recommendations for emergency access, water supply, onsite procedures, and operational safety.
- Demonstrate that the development can achieve an acceptable level of bushfire risk.
- Determine the applicable bushfire protection measures required for the site in accordance with PBP 2019.

As the site has been identified as supporting mining-related activities, the assessment must also address Sections 8.3.6 and 8.3.10 of PBP 2019, where relevant, including considerations relating to non-residential land uses, operational constraints, fire-affected infrastructure, and evacuation/onsite sheltering implications. This assessment is necessary to ensure the project is designed and operated in accordance with PBP 2019 performance criteria and to support the development through the EIS and determination process.

For any queries regarding this correspondence, please contact Willem Paton on 1300 NSW RFS.

Yours sincerely,

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