

Department of Planning and Environment (Sydney Offices) GPO Box 39

Sydney NSW 2001 Your reference: SSD-10346

Our reference: DA-2019-02502-EIS & DA

Exhibition-1

ATTENTION: Jess Fountain Date: Wednesday 31 March 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

State Significant Development - Electricity Generating Works
Request for comments - exhibited Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
Oxley Solar Farm - SSD-10346 OXLEY NSW, 7004//DP1060201, 7003//DP1060201, 6//DP625427, 5//DP253346, 2//DP1206469

Reference is made to correspondence dated 10/03/2021 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 recommends the following conditions be attached to any consent granted.

- 1. A Fire Management Plan (FMP) shall be prepared in consultation with NSW RFS New England Fire Control Centre. The FMP shall include:
- 24 hour emergency contact details including alternative telephone contact;
- Site infrastructure plan;
- Fire fighting water supply plan;
- Site access and internal road plan;
- Construction of Asset Protection Zones (APZ) and their continued maintenance;
- Location of hazards (Physical, Chemical and Electrical) that will impact on fire fighting operations and procedures to manage identified hazards during fire fighting operations;
- Such additional matters as required by the NSW RFS District Office (FMP review and updates).
- 2. The entire solar array development footprint to be managed as an Asset Protection Zone as outlined within Appendix 4 of 'Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019' and the NSW Rural Fire Service's document 'Standards for Asset Protection Zones'.
- 3. A 20,000 litre water supply (tank) fitted with a 65mm storz fitting shall be located adjoining the internal property access road within the required APZ.

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4. To allow for emergency service personnel to undertake property protection activities, a 10 metre defendable space (APZ) that permits unobstructed vehicle access is to be provided around the perimeter of the solar array development site(s) including associated infrastructure.

For any queries regarding this correspondence, please contact Alan Bawden on 1300 NSW RFS.

Yours sincerely,

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