



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



The Secretary
Department of Planning and Environment
GPO Box 39
Sydney NSW 2001

Your reference: 08_0252
Our reference: D18/6821

24 August 2018

Attention: Natasha Homsey

Dear Sir/Madam,

Modification Proposal - Flyers Creek Wind Farm

Reference is made to the correspondence dated 10 August 2018 seeking comments regarding modifications to the Flyers Creek Wind Farm proposal.

The New South Wales Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) has reviewed the information provided and raises no objections to the proposed modification subject to the development complying with the following conditions:

1. Essential equipment should be designed and housed in such a way as to minimise the impact of bush fire on the capabilities of infrastructure to provide communication during bush fire emergencies. In this regard, the substation and other new buildings shall be constructed to comply with Australian Standard AS3959-2009 *Construction of buildings in bushfire-prone areas*.
2. A minimum of 20,000 litres of water shall be provided for fire fighting purposes in accordance with Section 4.1.3 of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2006*.
3. A 10 metre Asset Protection Zone (APZ) shall be provided around the proposed turbines, substation and control building to the standard of an Inner Protection Area (IPA) as outlined within section 4.1.3 and Appendix 5 of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2006* and the NSW Rural Fire Service's document *Standards for asset protection zones*.
4. An operation plan shall be prepared which details measures to prevent fires igniting during the construction phase and the operation of the wind farm including:
 - Work involving risk of ignition that should not be carried out during a total fire ban;
 - Availability of fire suppression equipment;
 - Storage and maintenance of fuels and other flammable materials; and

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- Notification of the local NSW RFS Fire Control Centre for works propose to be carried out during high fire danger periods to ensure weather conditions are appropriate.

If you have any queries regarding this advice, please contact Emma Jensen, Development Assessment and Planning Officer, on 1300 NSW RFS.

Yours sincerely,



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