



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



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Your Ref: SSD 9264
Our Ref: D18/5321
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ATTENTION: Natasha Homsey

18 March 2020

Dear Ms Homsey

Agency Comment:- Environmental Impact Assessment - Tamworth Solar Farm Project (SSD 9264)

I refer to your correspondence dated 23 January 2020 seeking NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) input to the above State Significant Development proposal.

The NSW RFS understands the proposal includes:

- *construct and operate an 80 MW solar photovoltaic (PV) farm, incorporating battery storage*

The subject land is not mapped bush fire prone by Tamworth Regional Council however the NSW RFS is the primary response agency for fighting structural fires within the site.

The NSW RFS has no objection to the development proposal and recommends the following conditions be included in any approvals granted:

1. A Fire Management Plan (FMP) shall be prepared in consultation with NSW RFS Tamworth 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;

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- 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 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'.
- 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.
- 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 each of the solar array development sites including associate infrastructure.

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

Yours Sincerely



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The RFS has made getting information easier. For general information on 'Planning for Bush Fire Protection, 2006', visit the RFS web page at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au and search under 'Planning for Bush Fire Protection, 2006'.