

## **NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE**



The Secretary Department of Planning and Environment GPO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001 Your reference: S Our reference: D

SSD 8703 D17/3125

24 July 2018

## Attention: Natasha Homsey

Dear Madam,

## PART 3A – State Significant Development – Springdale Solar Farm – Yass Valley

Reference is made to correspondence dated 13 July 2018 seeking comments in relation to bush fire protection for the above State Significant Development in accordance with sections 4.40 and 4.15 the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.* 

The New South Wales Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) has reviewed the environmental assessment and the following conditions are recommended:

- 1. A Fire Management Plan (FMP) shall be prepared for the proposed facility in consultation with the local NSW RFS District Office. 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 and their continued maintenance
- location of hazards (physical, chemical and electrical) that will impact on the fire fighting operations and procedures to manage identified hazards during the fire fighting operations
- such additional matters as required by the NSW RFS District Office.
- 2. The entire solar array development footprint shall be managed as an asset protection zone as outlined within section 4.1.3 of "Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2006" and the NSW RFS document "Standards for asset protection zones".
- 3. A 10 metre defendable space, managed as an asset protection zone, shall be provided around the perimeter of the solar array development site to allow for emergency service personnel to undertake property protection activities.

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4. 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 asset protection zone.

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

Yours sincerely,

Martha Dotter A/Team Leader Development Assessment and Planning