

NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



The Secretary Department of Planning and Environment GPO Box 39 Sydney NSW 2001 Your reference: SSD 8895 Our reference: D17/4399

27 August 2018

Attention: Tatsiana Bandaruk

Dear Sir/Madam,

Wellington North Solar Farm – Environment Impact Statement Exhibition

Reference is made to correspondence dated 14 August 2018 seeking comments on the draft Environmental Impact Assessment prepared in relation to 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 information provided and advises that the following conditions be attached to any consent granted:

- 1. A Bush Fire Management Plan (BFMP) shall be prepared in consultation with NSW RFS District Fire Control Centre. The BFMP shall include:
 - 24/7 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 fire fighting operations and procedures to manage identified hazards during fire fighting operations;
 - Such additional matters as required by the NSW RFS District Office (Plan review and update).
- Asset Protection Zone with a minimum width of 10 metres shall be maintained around all solar plant equipment and associated buildings 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 suitably located along a property access road to the development within the APZ.

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4. To allow for emergency service personnel to undertake property protection activities the proposed perimeter access track shall comply with the requirements for fire trails in accordance with Section 4.1.3(3) of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2006.*

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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