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Dear Sir/Madam

## **Environmental Impact Statement for Paling Yards Wind Farm**

I refer to your letter dated 1 April 2014 seeking key issue and assessment requirements regarding bush fire protection for the above environmental impact statement.

The following key issue and assessment requirements regarding bush fire protection shall be included in the Director-Generals environmental assessment requirements:

- At the commencement of building works and in perpetuity the property surrounding the infrastructure to a distance of 10 metres, shall be maintained as 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*.
- Provision of adequate water supplies shall be made available for fire fighting personnel.
- Access throughout the site specifically to the infrastructure shall be in accordance to 4.1.3 (2) of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection* 2006.
- A bush fire emergency management and operation plan detailing measures to prevent fires igniting during the construction phase and the operation of the wind farm, which include:
  - Work involving risk of ignition that should not be carried out during total fire bans
  - Availability of fire suppression equipment
  - Storage and maintenance of fuels and other flammable materials

- Notification of the local NSW Rural Fire Service Fire Control Centre for works proposed to be carried out during high fire danger periods to ensure weather conditions are appropriate.
- Bush fire emergency management planning

This letter is in response to a further assessment of the application submitted and supersedes our previous key issue and assessment requirements regarding bush fire protection dated 12 September 2012.

For any enquiries regarding this correspondence please contact Matthew Apps on 1300 NSW RFS.

Yours sincerely

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