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Your reference: SSD-67667971
Our reference: DA20240923003907-SEARS-1

ATTENTION: Ellena Tsanidis

Date: Monday 23 September 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

Development Application
State Significant Development - SEARS - Electricity Generating Works
Burrendong Way Euchareena NSW 2866, (none)

I refer to your correspondence regarding the above proposal which was received by the NSW Rural Fire Service on 23/07/2024.

The New South Wales Rural Fire Service advises, that as the proposed development relates to the construction, operation and decommissioning of a Wind farm with up to 48 turbines, battery storage and associated ancillary infrastructure, on the subject site and that this is considered to be hazardous industry under S8.3.9 of the *Planning for Bushfire Protection (PBP) 2019*.

As part of the an Environmental Impact Statement, a bush fire assessment report should be incorporated being prepared by a suitably qualified person, that addresses the aim and objectives of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019* and which recommend measures to prevent a fire occurring within the site from developing into a bush/grass fire risk to the surrounding area, with specific reference to Sections Section 8.3.9 Hazardous Industry, preparation of a Fire Safety Study under the DPIE Hazardous Industry Planning and Assessment Papers (HIPAPs) and Section 8.3.10 Commercial and industrial development.

Under S8.3.9 of *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2019*, it is suggested a Fire Safety Study under the DPIE Hazardous Industry Planning and Assessment Papers (HIPAPs) should be prepared. This study should provide details of all credible fire hazards and the associated fire prevention and mitigation measures for the development. The Bush Fire Design Brief (BFDB) must address the appropriate protection measures to be provided commensurate with the bush fire hazards and associated risks.

In addition, this updated response/ letter now supersedes the earlier letter dated 4 March 2024.

For any queries regarding this correspondence, please contact Craig Casey on 1300 NSW RFS.

Yours sincerely,

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