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Acronyms and abbreviations

APZ Asset Protection Zone

BFMC Bushfire Management Committee

BFDP Bushfire danger period

BFRMP Bushfire Risk Management Plan

CEMP Construction Environmental Management Plan

the Development the Rye Park Wind Farm

DPE (NSW) Department of Planning and Environment

ECO Emergency Control Organisation

EMS Environmental Management Strategy

EIS **Environmental Impact Statement**

EPC Engineering Procurement Construction

ERSED Erosion and Sediment

Environmental Work Methods Statement EWMS

ESCP Erosion and Sediment Control Plan

FMP Fire Management Plan

HSEQ Health Safety and Environment and Quality **HSSE** Health, Safety, Security and Environment **LEMC** Local Emergency Management Committee

MP Management Plan

NCC National Construction Code

NSW NPWS NSW National Parks and Wildlife Services

NSW RFS NSW Rural Fire Service

NSW **New South Wales** OSOM oversize overmass

SoC Statement of Commitment

The proponent Rye Park Renewable Energy Pty Ltd

TMP Traffic Management Plan WTG Wind Turbine Generator

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Developer Definition

This document applies to all sites, employees and activities of Rye Park Renewable Energy Pty Ltd (herein referred to as The Developer).

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Background

The Rye Park Wind Farm (the Development) is located to the west of Rye Park, to the north-west of Yass and south-east of Boorowa, in New South Wales (NSW).

Development Consent (SSD 6693) was granted by the NSW Planning Assessment Commission (PAC, now known as the Independent Planning Commission), on 22 May 2017, and modification approved 15 April 2021. A further modification to the Development Consent was approved by a delegate of the Minister on 23 September 2022.

The developed layout will be refined through the detailed design / construction stages. It is noted that micro-siting of the wind turbines is permitted under Schedule 2 Condition 8 of SSD 66936.

The final layout, including ground disturbance is shown on the final layout plans prepared in accordance with Schedule 2 Condition 11 and Schedule of SSD 66936.

1.2. Purpose of the Emergency Plan

The purpose of the Emergency Plan is to identify fire risks and preventative controls of the Development and all procedures that would be implemented if a fire occurs on site, or in the vicinity of the site. The Emergency Plan applies to the construction, operational and decommissioning phases of the Development.

In particular, this Emergency Plan:

- Describes relevant fire risks, controls, and emergency procedures for the Development.
- Describes the fire and emergency related roles and responsibilities of all key personnel involved.
- Outlines a monitoring regime to check the adequacy of controls as they are implemented.

This Emergency Plan is a subplan of the EMS for the Development and is applicable to all staff and sub-contractors associated with the Development.

Table 7-1 Emergency plan - Schedule 3 Condition 34 of SSD-6693 (as modified)

| Requirement | Where addressed |
|--|--------------------------------|
| Prior to commencing construction, the Applicant must develop and implement a comprehensive Emergency Plan and detailed emergency procedures for the development, to the satisfaction of FRNSW and the RFS. The Applicant must keep two copies of the plan on-site in a prominent position adjacent to the site entry points at all times. The Plan must: | This Emergency Plan |
| (a) Be consistent with the Department's Hazardous Industry Planning Advisory Paper No. 1, 'Emergency Planning' and RFS's Planning for Bushfire Protection 2019 (or equivalent); | |
| (b) Identify the fire risks and hazards and detailed measures for the development to prevent or mitigate fires igniting; | Section 4.2 |
| (c) List works that should not be carried out during a total fire ban; | Section 4.4.1 Section 4.4.2 |

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| Require | ement | Where addressed |
|----------|---|-------------------------------|
| (d) | Include availability of fire suppression equipment, access and water; | Section 4.4 |
| (e) | Include procedures for the storage and maintenance of any flammable materials; | Section 4.4.9 |
| (f) | Detail access provisions for emergency vehicles and contact details for both a primary and alternative site contact who may be reached 24/7 in the event of an emergency; | Appendix A |
| (g) | Include a figure showing site infrastructure, Asset Protection Zone and the firefighting water supply; | Figure 3 Figure 4 |
| (h) | Include location of hazards (physical, chemical and electrical) that may impact on firefighting operations and procedures to manage identified hazards during firefighting operations; | Figure 3, Figure 4, Section 4 |
| (i) | Include details of the location, management and maintenance of the Asset Protection Zone and who is responsible for the maintenance and management of the Asset Protection Zone; | Section 4.4.6 |
| (j) | Include bushfire emergency management planning; and | Appendix B Appendix C |
| (k) • | Include details of how the RFS would be notified, and procedures that would be implemented, in the event that: there is a fire on-site or in the vicinity of the site, there are any activities on site that would have the potential to ignite surrounding vegetation, or there are any proposed activities to be carried out during a bushfire danger period. | Appendix D |

1.3. Legislative and other fire management requirements

Legislation relevant to fire management and emergency response includes:

Rural Fires Act 1997.

1.3.1. Guidelines and standards

The main guidelines, specifications and policy documents relevant to this Emergency Plan include:

- Planning for Bush Fire Protection (PBP) Guidelines (RFS, 2019),
- Development Planning: A guide to developing a Bush Fire Emergency Management and Evacuation Plan (NSW RFS 2014),
- Department of Planning Hazardous Industry Planning Advisory Paper No. 1, 'Emergency Planning' (2011)
- AS1940-2004: The storage and handling of flammable and combustible liquids.
- AS4777-2015: Grid Connection of Energy Systems via Inverters,
- AS3959-2018: Construction of buildings in bushfire prone areas,
- National Construction Code (NCC), and
- ISSC 3 Guideline for Managing Vegetation Near Power Lines.

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1.4. Application of the Emergency Plan

This Emergency Plan applies to all employees, contractors and visitors during the construction, operation and decommissioning of the Development, as described in SSD 6693 and EPBC 2020/8837.

The EMS identifies the key personnel and the environmental management responsibilities for the Development.

1.5. Aims and objectives of the Emergency Plan

The key objective of the Emergency Plan is to identify the fire risks and controls associated with the Development and identify procedures that are to be implemented in case of a fire on site or in the vicinity of the site. Specific objectives include:

- Secure the health, safety and welfare of all personnel on site,
- Contain an emergency,
- · Protect property, plant, equipment and the environment, and
- Manage the recovery and resumption of normal operations.

To achieve this objective, the proponent will:

- Ensure appropriate controls and procedures are implemented during operations to minimise fire risks.
- Ensure appropriate measures are implemented to address the mitigation measures detailed in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Development Consent, and
- Ensure appropriate measures are implemented to comply with all relevant legislation and other requirements as described in Section 1.3 of this Emergency Plan

This Emergency Plan is one of a series of management plans prepared for the Development. The HMP is to be implemented in conjunction with the other management plans, including (but not limited to) the Environmental Management Strategy (EMS), as relevant. Copies of all management plans prepared in accordance with SSD-6693 can be accessed via the Development's website (www.ryeparkwf.com.au).

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2. OVERVIEW OF THE DEVELOPMENT

The main components of the Development are as follows:

- 66 wind turbines, each with:
 - a capacity to generate up to approximately 6 MW
 - three blades mounted on a tubular steel tower, with a combined height of blade and tower limited to a maximum tip height of 200 metres
 - crane hardstand area, and related turbine lay down area.
- A new 33 kV wind farm collection substation in the northern section of the Development.
- A new 330 kV wind farm connection substation located adjacent to the existing TransGrid 330 kV transmission line in the southern section of the Development.
- A temporary construction compound at the northern section of the Development.
- A temporary construction compound to facilitate the upgrades on the TransGrid owned existing 330kV Transmission Line at the southern section of the Development.
- A new overhead powerline approximately 30 km in length, rated at up to 330 kV (nominal) capacity, running north-south along the length of the wind farm between the two substations. The powerline would be mounted on a single pole type structure and will either be single-circuit or double-circuit as required.
- Underground and overhead 33 kV electrical cabling linking the wind turbines to the on-site collection substations and connection substation.
- Operation and maintenance facility incorporating a control room and equipment storage at the northern section of the Development.
- Temporary concrete batching plants and construction facilities.
- Access tracks required for each wind turbine and the related ancillary facilities above.
- Minor upgrades to local roads, as required for the delivery of the wind turbines.
- Up to six temporary meteorological masts and up to six permanent monitoring masts for wind speed verification, weather and general monitoring purposes. The permanent monitoring masts may be either static guyed or un-guyed structures and will be to a minimum height of the wind turbine hubs (119 m).

The general location of the development is shown on Figure 1.

The various components are manufactured overseas and will be shipped to the Port of Newcastle (Port) and subsequently transported from the Port to the Development by oversize overmass (OSOM) vehicles.

The transport route for OSOM vehicles is divided into two sections, being:

- From the Port to Rye Park Township. These routes typically use the State's major arterial road network from the Port to the Development site via Gunning (Route 1 in accordance with SSD-6693)
- From Boorowa to the Rye Park Wind Farm. Being Trucking Yard Road, Long Street, Boorowa-Rye Park Road, Grassy Creek Road, Rye Park-Dalton Road, Trucking Yard Road, Dillon Street, Long Street, Rye Park Road, Grassy Creek Road, Yass/Gunning Street and Rye Park/Dalton Road. With access to the Development via Sit entry points 2, 10 and 12.

The application of this Emergency Plan is applicable to the OSOM transport route described in point two above.

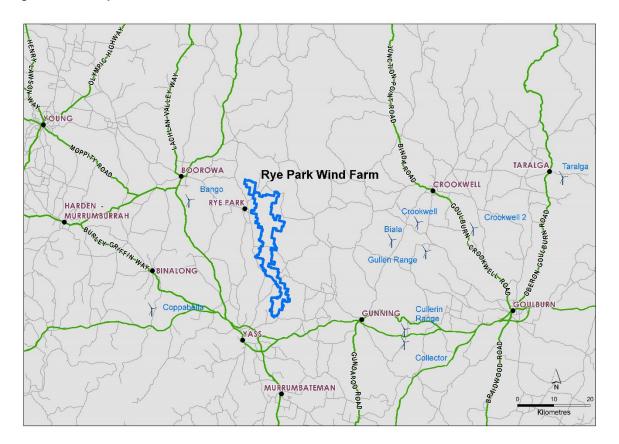
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Figure 1 - Development Location



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3. AGENCY CONSULTATION

Throughout the preparation of the Emergency Plan, both the New South Wales Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) and Fire & Rescue New South Wales (FRNSW) were consulted. A summary of feedback is provided below. Evidence of agency consultation is included in Appendix E.

3.1. NSW Rural Fire Service

A submission was received from the NSW RFS on 25 January 2021, recommended that the Emergency Plan as a minimum should include:

In addition to the details below, a draft Fire Management Plan (FMP) should be prepared for the proposed Development and provided to the local NSW RFS District Office for comment. Any return comment from the District should be adopted into an amended FMP.

As a minimum, the FMP should include:

- 24-hour emergency contact details including alternative telephone contact,
- Site infrastructure plan,
- Firefighting 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 firefighting operations and procedures to manage identified hazards during the firefighting operations,
- Mitigation measures designed to prevent a fire occurring within the site, and prevent a fire from escaping the site and developing into a bush/grass fire risk to the surrounding area, and
- Such additional matters as required by the NSW RFS District Office.

Following determination of Modification 1 on 15 April 2021, NSW RFS were consulted on 22 April 2021. A submission was received from NSW RFS on 13 May 2021. The NSW RFS sought specific contact details for District zones to be included in Appendix E.

3.2. Fire & Rescue NSW

A submission was received from the FRNSW on 6 April 2021. FRNSW outlined they had no specific comments or requirements that must be addressed at this time. FRNSW recommended that the NSW RFS be consulted in regard to the Development as it is located within their fire district.

Following determination of Modification 1 on 15 April 2021, FRNSW were consulted on 22 April 2021. A submission was received from FRNSW on 14 May 2021. FRNSW outlined that they will not provide comment on the Emergency Plan as the location sits within the NSW RFS jurisdiction.

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4. RISKS AND CONTROLS

4.1. Existing Environment

The Development is within the areas of operation of the Southern Tablelands Bush Fire Management Committee (BFMC) and South West Slopes BFMC. A Bushfire Risk Management Plan (BFRMP) has been established for each of these jurisdictions (Southern Tablelands BFMC 2018, South West Slopes BFMC 2018). The Southern Tablelands BFMC area is located in the southern ranges region of NSW and includes the LGA of Yass Valley, Upper Lachlan and Goulburn/Mulwaree. The South West Slopes BFMC area is located in the south-west region of NSW and includes the LGA of Hilltops and Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council.

The annual Bush Fire Danger Period (BFDP) in the Southern Tablelands BFMC and South West Slopes BFMC areas generally commences October 1 and concludes March 31/April 30. The typical / average climate in the Southern Tablelands BFMC and South West Slopes BFMC areas is characterised by warm to hot summers and cool winters, with peak rainfall generally occurring during winter and spring. The area experiences yearly temperatures from about -5 degrees Celsius (in the winter months of June, July and August) to 35-37 degrees Celsius in the summer months (December, January and February) although colder and higher temperatures are not uncommon.

As both BFMCs cover a large area, which is both large and diverse, rainfall varies considerably. Some areas experience average rainfall of approximately 800 mm to 1000 mm per year, whereas some areas experience a lower average annual rainfall (e.g., 600 mm in the north of the Upper Lachlan Shire towards the Abercrombie River). Generally, it can be stated that rainfall is both unreliable and at its lowest during summer months, resulting in substantial curing of pastoral and grazing land which covers a large proportion of the area.

Prevailing weather conditions associated with the bush fire season in the Southern Tablelands BFMC area are north/north westerly winds, although in late afternoons southerly and easterly winds may occur for short periods. Lightning strikes during storms occur frequently in the bush fire season (Southern Tablelands BFMC 2018, South West Slopes BFMC 2018).

The Southern Tablelands BFMC area has an average of 265 fires per year (Southern Tablelands BFMC 2018) of which 5 are considered major fires. The South West Slopes BFMC have on average 97 fires per year, of which 2 are considered major fires. The main sources of ignition in the Southern Tablelands BFMC and South West Slopes BFMC areas are Lightning, human error (i.e. via harvesting, use of power tools, legal burning off, illegal burning off and improper disposal of ignition sources) and arson.

The NSW RFS has a number of local Rural Fire brigades in nearby towns and villages, the closest includes 1410 Laidlaw Street, Yass. The closest Fire and Rescue NSW stations are located at 90 Meehan Street, Yass and 70 Pudman Street, Boorowa.

The Development generally comprises a combination of exposed windy ridges and cleared grazing land due to a predominant land use of commercial agriculture occurring over many decades. Throughout the Development area, remnant stands of vegetation occur as paddock trees or larger scattered patches

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of forest and woodland on lower slope. It is acknowledged that forested areas are more extensive on the ridge tops. Regional vegetation mapping identifies Dry Sclerophyll Forest and Grassy Woodland vegetation as the predominant classification of wooded vegetation within the Development area. All categories of grassland, cured cropping, forests and woodland vegetation present a hazard (a combustible fuel) throughout the landscape.

Existing bushfire hazards present within the Development area include, but is not limited to unmanaged vegetation, agricultural activities and presence of overhead transmission lines.

The Development site has bushfire prone land mapped throughout the Development area (NSW RFS, 2009), refer to Figure 2. Mapping of bushfire prone land has largely been triggered due to presence of remnant stands of vegetation located throughout the Development site.

The Development site has a number of natural watercourses that traverse the landscape within and or nearby to the Development.

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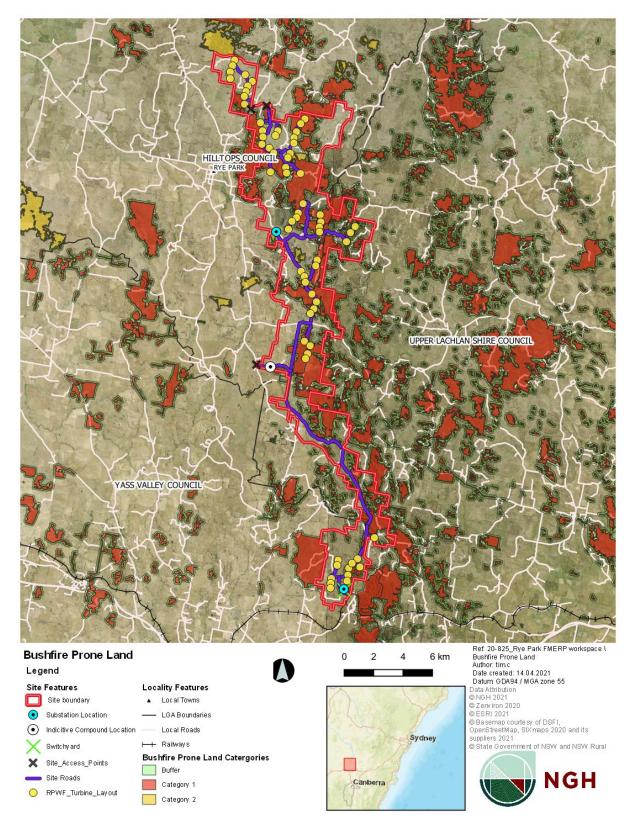


Figure 2 Regional Bush fire prone land mapping

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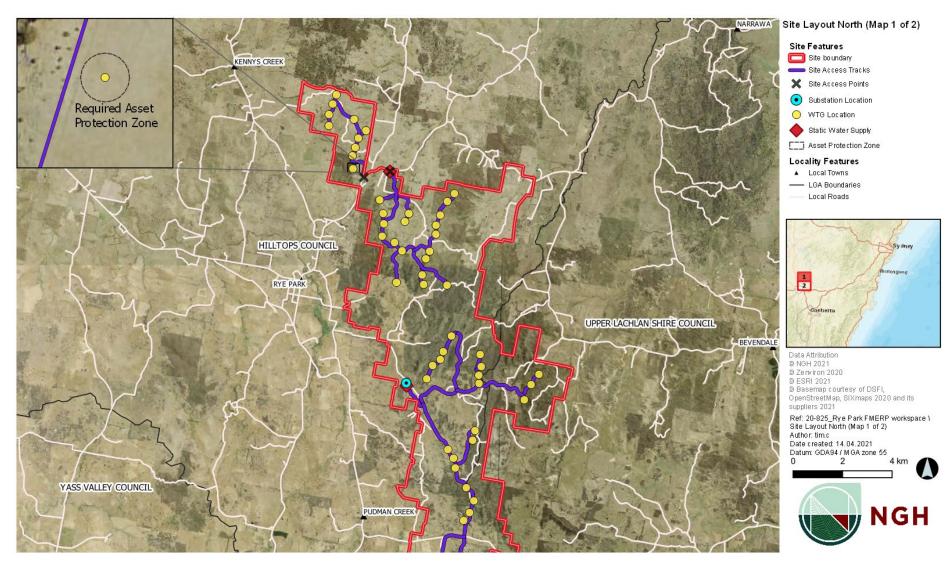


Figure 3 Site Location (North)

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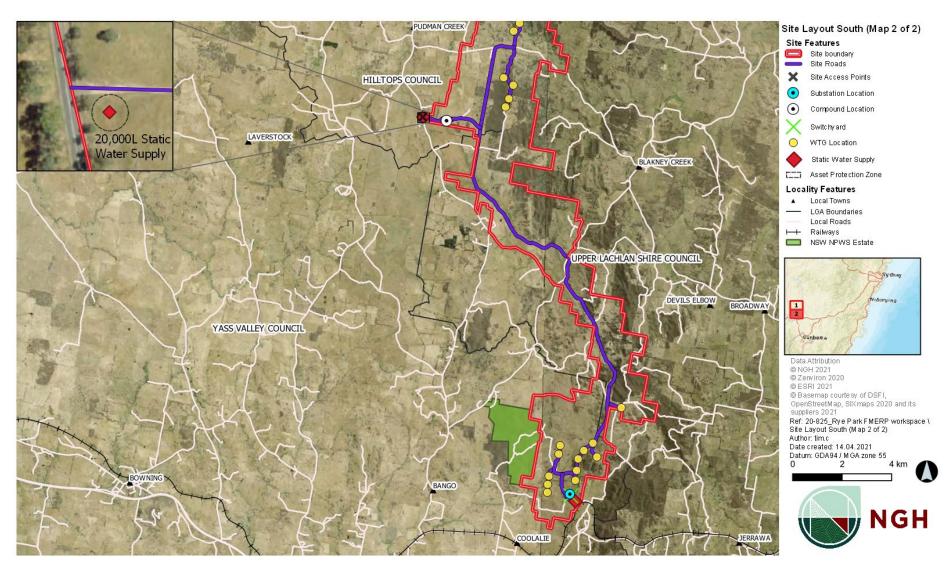


Figure 4 Site Location (South)

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4.2. Identification of fire risks

Potential bushfire (including grass fire) hazards relate to the risk of the Development's infrastructure causing a bushfire and the risk of any bushfires affecting the site. This could include:

- Hot works activities such as welding, soldering, grinding and use of a blow torch. Hot works activities such as welding, soldering, grinding and use of a blow torch has the ability to cause ignition of surrounding combustible materials,
- · Sparks and contact ignition from vehicles in long combustible vegetation. Earthworks may provide a source of heat which, when combined with combustible material, can create a fire through hot engines/exhausts or by creating a spark when steel attachments contact rock,
- Smoking and careless disposal of cigarettes,
- Use of petrol-powered tools,
- Operating plant fitted with power hydraulics (i.e. earthworks, machine operation) on land containing combustible material,
- Electrical faults or storm damage during operation of the transmission line, and
- Ignition of chemicals and hazardous materials.

4.3. Site familiarisation

Following site establishment and prior to commencement of operation, local emergency services will be invited to familiarise themselves with the site. During the site visit, the local emergency services will be provided with copies of the site layout plans.

The site familiarisation process will improve awareness site specific features, such as the location of physical, chemical and electrical hazards, static 20,000L water tanks (identified in Figure 3 and Figure 4) that may impact on firefighting operations.

4.4. Controlling fire risks

Fire danger levels will be communicated to all workers on a daily basis at pre-start meetings during construction.

Condition 34 of Schedule 3 of the Development Consent requires an emergency plan to be developed prior to construction outlining emergency procedures to control fire risks for the Development. Implementation of the measures outlined above in Sections 4.4.1 to 4.4.9 would provide a reasonable level of protection to significantly reduce the risk of ignition occurring from within the site.

For any fires that are located outside of the Development, the measures incorporated into the Emergency Plan provide emergency service responders with improved access and availability of water supply throughout the landscape.

4.4.1. Hot works

The following control measures must be implemented to mitigate the risk of fire during hot work activities:

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- All combustible materials must be removed or safeguarded (i.e. isolated),
- A suitable fire extinguisher must be located within 10m of the hot work being carried out,
- Signs must be erected at all access points to where hot work is being performed,
- Adequate flameproof material barricades (e.g. welding screens) must be positioned to protect adjacent work areas, and
- Designated spotter used during hot works activities
- Should essential hot work need to be undertaken within an environment subject to a Total Fire Ban, a formal exemption must be obtained from the NSW RFS.

4.4.2. Operating plant on land containing combustible material

The following control measures must be implemented during severe, extreme or catastrophic fire danger ratings to mitigate the risk of fire during earthwork activities:

- Consideration is given to separating combustible material (i.e. dry grass, bushland) from operating plant through the creation of fire breaks or pre-stripping work areas during favourable weather conditions; where permissible and practicable,
- Where combustible material and an ignition source cannot be separated, and an activity could start a fire, ensure:
 - o The combustible material is saturated or doused with water prior to activities commencing,
 - Placement of hot material (such as broken rock) is onto a stripped area and separated from combustible material,
 - A fire watch (i.e. spotter) is ready to respond to extinguish a fire should it start, and
 - A suitable water source is close by and accessible to use in response to a fire.
- On days of "Total Fire Ban" or "Harvest Ban", hot work, trenching and land clearing with machinery must cease: Unless approval has been obtained from the NSW RFS. Hot work, trenching and land clearing with machinery must not recommence until the Total Fire Ban or Harvest Ban is lifted

All mobile plant and machinery must be serviced as recommended by manufacturers. Unless risk assessed or the driver is in proximity, machinery and mobile plant must be switched off when unattended.

Any mobile plant used for excavation, trenching, or a similar tractor, must be:

- Free from faults and mechanical defects which could cause a fire, and
- Fitted with a properly maintained spark arrestor which complies with AS1019:2000 Internal combustion engines - spark emission control devices unless fitted with a turbocharger or an exhaust aspirated air cleaner.

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4.4.3. Smoking

Where smoking is permitted on site, designated smoking areas must be established that are located away from any combustible material and are equipped with appropriate cigarette bins and fire suppression equipment.

4.4.4. Building fire risk controls, maintenance and materials

Buildings on site will be constructed of low combustibility or non-combustible materials suitable for buildings of classes 5 to 8 and 10 in accordance with the NCC. All electrical components will be designed and managed to minimise potential for ignition. Where practicable, electrical services associated with any site buildings would be provided by means of an underground connection.

4.4.5. Network shut down procedure

Power during construction would be provided by generators, thus a network shutdown procedure is not required during construction.

There is low fire risk during operation, as the buildings will be constructed of low-combustibility or noncombustible materials. In the event of a fire, the AC circuit breaker in the substation would be closed remotely by operational staff. The wind farm operator would also be able to shut off the supply from outside the site if required. In addition, each WTG can be remotely shutdown. On site and/or remote personnel would coordinate with FRNSW and RFS to manage fire emergencies.

4.4.6. Asset protection zones (Fuel hazard management)

In accordance with Section 8.3.5 of PBP guidelines, an APZ, no less than 10 m in width would be provided, thus providing a defendable space around key infrastructure, including:

- WTGs,
- Substations (including any ancillary buildings or structures),
- Operational and maintenance compound, and
- Locations where on-site water supply is available to facilitate protection of nearby buildings and/or infrastructure or is otherwise is available for use by responding emergency services.

Temporary construction facilities shall also incorporate the provision of a temporary APZ, which include:

- Main and secondary construction compound, and
- Concrete batching plant

APZs shall be established at the respective location of work, at the appropriate time, prior to commencement of activities, and maintained for the life of that component. APZs provided around key infrastructure shall be maintained for the life of the Development, for construction, operation, and decommissioning phases. Maintenance of APZs would be the responsibility of the contractor undertaking the relevant (construction or decommissioning) works and the wind farm operator, throughout the operational phase of the Development.

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APZs must provide a tree canopy cover of less than 15% located greater than 2 m from any part of the roofline of a building or critical infrastructure. Trees must have lower limbs removed up to a height of 2 m above the ground. The understorey should be managed (mowed) to treat all shrubs and grasses on an annual basis in advance of the fire season.

The presence of trees or shrubs in an area designated as an APZ, would be managed to adhere to specifications identified in Appendix 4 of PBP. Grassland fuel hazard is a function of grass height and cover, with variation according to curing and species fuel characteristics. Where present, grass fuel would be monitored and managed using mechanical means to mow to maintain safe fuel levels. Grass height within the APZ will be maintained at or below 10 cm throughout the construction, operation and decommissioning phases of Development.

The overhead powerlines at the site will be managed by maintaining appropriate vegetation clearances to minimise potential ignition risks, in accordance with the ISSC 3 Guideline for Managing Vegetation Near Power Lines.

4.4.7. Access

Firefighting vehicles will be able to use the wind farm access track network to assist with firefighting. The access track network will provide safe, all-weather access to key infrastructure. Property Access and Internal Access arrangements should comply with the specifications of Table 7.4a of PBP. Access tracks will be provided and maintained at all times to meet the following specifications:

- Access roads are two-wheel drive, all-weather roads,
- The capacity of road surfaces and any bridges/causeways is sufficient to carry fully loaded firefighting vehicles (up to 23 tonnes),
- There is suitable access for a Category 1 fire appliance to within 4m of the static water supply
- Minimum 4 m carriageway width,
- A minimum vertical clearance of 4 m to any overhanging obstructions, including tree branches,
- Access roads must provide a suitable turning area in accordance with Appendix 3,
- Curves have a minimum inner radius of 6m and are minimal in number to allow for rapid access and egress,
- The minimum distance between inner and outer curves is 6 m, and
- The crossfall is not more than 10 degrees.

4.4.8. Water Supply

In accordance with Table 5.3d of PBP, a water supply no less than 20,000 litres shall be provided to improve bushfire protection measures and/or to act as a static water supply for emergency services. Static water supply shall be provided upon commencement of works and remain present for construction, operational and decommissioning phases.

Water supply requirements shall comply with Table 7.4a of PBP, which include, but is not limited to the following specifications.

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- A connection for firefighting purposes is located within the Inner Protection Area (IPA) or nonhazard side and away from the structure; 65 mm Storz outlet with a ball valve is fitted to the outlet,
- Ball valve and pipes are adequate for water flow and are metal,
- Supply pipes from tank to ball valve have the same bore size to ensure flow volume,
- A hardened ground surface for truck access is supplied within 4 m,
- Above-ground tanks are manufactured from concrete or metal, and
- Unobstructed access can be provided at all times.

Water supply would be provided throughout the site (with appropriate signage), in an accessible position at the following locations (refer to Figure 3 and Figure 4):

- Access North and South, and
- Substations North and South

Rainwater tanks installed beside site buildings for staff amenities would also include a 65 mm Storz fitting.

Flammable and hazardous materials 4.4.9.

Flammable liquids and/or hazardous materials shall be appropriately stored on site to the specifications of the manufacturer's requirements, and a hazardous chemical register maintained. A Safety Data Sheet (SDS) will be readily available for each product. Storage of flammable liquids will be in accordance with AS1940: Flammable Liquids Storage and Handling.

Substations shall be bunded to contain any hazardous fluids in the event of a major leak or fire. Regular inspections of the bunded area shall occur. In the event of a major leak or fire in the substation, FRNSW, the lead agency for hazardous materials incidents would attend once the incident is reported.

In the event of significant contamination, the affected area will be barricaded, and personnel removed from the vicinity. Emergency services will be contacted to provide assistance and a handover given by the Chief Warden where necessary. In the event of minor spills such as lubricants and oils, the decontamination actions as outlined in Table 1-2 below would be undertaken.

As identified in Appendix B the Chief Warden and the Area Warden are responsible for shutting down plant and/or equipment as necessary and if it is deemed safe to do so.

Decontamination would be implemented as soon as practicable.

Sources of chemical contamination at the site and decontamination actions are detailed in Table 1-2.

Table 1-2 Contamination sources and corrective actions

| Chemical | Source | Cause | Consequence | Decontamination |
|----------|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| Fuels | Vehicles, machinery, generators | Mechanical failure Human error during transfer | Fire (if ignited) Injury/fatality | Establish a defendable boundary for firefighting by relocating equipment and vehicles to a safe distance. |

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| Chemical | Source | Cause | Consequence | Decontamination |
|------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|--|---|
| | | | Soil/surface water/groundwater contamination | Use appropriate PPE. Spill clean-up using absorbent material. Excavation of contaminated soil and disposal at a licensed waste disposal facility. |
| Lubricants and oils | Machinery | Human error during transfer | Injury/fatality Soil/surface water/groundwater contamination | Use appropriate PPE. Spill clean-up using absorbent material. Excavation of contaminated soil and disposal at a licensed waste disposal facility. |

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5. IMPLEMENTATION AND OPERATION

5.1. Structure and responsibility

5.1.1. Emergency Management Team

The roles relevant to this Emergency Plan and their responsibilities are detailed in Table 1-3. Specific roles and responsibilities during an emergency event are detailed in Appendix B.1. The roles will be implemented in alignment with the Development's EMS.

The Development must nominate project personnel who are acting in the following roles, during each phase of the Development. Project personnel must be communicated to all contractors and staff, as part of pre-start meetings. Details of key project personnel (Site Manager and Health, Safety, Environment and Quality Office) would be provided to emergency response agencies upon any changes to personnel arrangements throughout the duration of the Development.

Table 1-3 Emergency Plan roles and responsibilities

| Roles | Responsibilities |
|--|--|
| EPC Project Manager | Ensure that the Emergency Plan is developed, review and approved. Ensure that the hazard identification and risk management activities include emergency situations. Ensure that the emergency control organisation is established and maintains the requirements associated with this Emergency Plan. |
| EPC Health, Safety, Environment and Quality Officer (HSEQ) | Emergency Planning Committee member. Review procedures and organise test evacuations. Report emergencies as per Incident Management Procedure. Ensure that emergency equipment inspections are completed as per requirements. Coordinate Emergency Team meetings. Ensure the Site Emergency Procedure is up to date and communicated adequately to all site personnel. Plan and facilitate emergency evacuation trials. Plan and arrange training for Emergency Wardens as required. Liaise with Chief Emergency Warden and assist as required. Provide advice to the Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) as required. Monitor changes in the work environment which may require the Emergency Plan to be updated. Ensure the ERP is in compliance with this procedure and also AS3745 Planning for Emergencies in Facilities. Provide advice to the LEMC as required. |

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| Roles | Responsibilities |
|---|---|
| Chief Warden | The Chief Wardens' primary responsibility is to respond and co-ordinate the Emergency Control Organisation (ECO) as a whole in managing any emergency event until Emergency Services arrive. Initial actions of the Chief Warden Proceed to scene/ area. Evaluate the extent of the emergency. Activate any alarms as required and request Emergency Services. If safe to do so respond to any fire or spill and attempt to prevent escalation of incident. Coordinate area wardens to initiate evacuation and area sweeps. Shut down plant/ equipment as necessary and if safe to do so. Ongoing actions of the Chief Warden Continue to coordinate and manage emergency until Emergency Services arrive on site. Ensure the flow of up-to-date information is maintained at regular intervals with Area Warden. Liaise with emergency services. Concluding actions of the Chief Warden Prior to standing down ensure all ongoing and outstanding matters and obligations are completed. Facilitate post incident review or investigation process. Complete the log of events for the Project/Operations Manager and the LEMC to review the effectiveness of the emergency. |
| Fire Warden Emergency Control Organisation | Assist the Chief Warden in responding to any emergency event until Emergency Services arrive. Ensure copies of sign on sheets are placed in the assembly point boxes each day after pre-start. During an emergency evacuation collect the visitors register and sign on sheets and conduct a head count at the muster point. Report head count status to the Chief Warden. "All persons accounted for" or "persons unaccounted for" giving details of missing persons. Undertake training and familiarisation required to fulfil allocated role in the event of an emergency. |
| | event of an emergency. Fulfil specified duties in the event of an emergency, or an emergency drill. |
| Area Warden | Initial actions of the Area Warden Proceed to scene/ area. Evaluate the extent of the Emergency. If safe to do so respond to any fire or spill and attempt to prevent escalation of incident. Shut down plant/ equipment as necessary and if safe to do so. |

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| Roles | Responsibilities |
|----------------------|--|
| | Activate any alarms if required. |
| | Evacuate personnel and casualties (where required). |
| | Provide for first aid/medical assistance and / or coordinate first aiders |
| | within team. |
| | Notify and provide a situation report to the Chief Warden providing a |
| | description of the incident and providing details of: |
| | Threats, injuries, fatalities. |
| | Environmental threat and damage. |
| | Equipment threat and damage. |
| | Actions taken. |
| | Any further support required at site. |
| | Assist the Chief Warden in appropriate plan of action to contain the |
| | immediate situation. |
| | Ongoing actions of the Area Warden |
| | Continue to review and respond to emergency until the Chief Warden |
| | arrives on site to manage the emergency. |
| | Ensure the flow of up-to-date information is maintained at regular intervals |
| | to the Chief Warden. |
| | Assist emergency services at the scene. |
| | Account for all personnel within their area (including contractors and |
| | visitors) at muster point. |
| | Control access to the emergency site and implement restrictions on |
| | normal operations as appropriate until the Chief Warden arrives on site to |
| | manage the emergency. |
| | Concluding actions of the Area Warden |
| | Prior to standing down ensure all ongoing and outstanding matters and |
| | obligations are completed. |
| Emergency Log Keeper | Ongoing actions of the Emergency Log Keeper |
| | Keep a timeline record of events / communications during an emergency |
| | event. Continually review the incident log for accuracy and if recording by |
| | electronic means, ensure that the data being entered is saved or backed |
| | up. |
| | As requested, copy or print off log sheets for interested parties and mark |
| | the log sheet as an uncontrolled copy. |
| | As this recording role is critical – The log keeper must not get involved in |
| | any activities other than on this checklist. |
| | |
| | Clarify any confusion of events/actions as soon as apparent. Stand Down Actions of the Emergency Log Keeper. |
| | Stand Down Actions of the Emergency Log Keeper Under the direction of the Chief Warden, help coordinate past incident. |
| | Under the direction of the Chief Warden, help coordinate post incident review or investigation process. |
| | review or investigation process. |
| | Complete the log of events for the Chief Warden. |

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| Roles | Responsibilities |
|---------------------------|---|
| | On advice from the Chief Warden, complete all necessary log keeping and administration requirements. Participate in the debrief. Ensure all information received is filed correctly. |
| Emergency Services | The role of Emergency Services is to provide the supporting resources to assist in the management of the emergency. |
| All Staff and Contractors | Perform all duties in a manner which will ensure their own and others safety. Comply with the responsibilities assigned under relevant legislation. Comply with all site safety rules and procedures. Remain alert at all times to potential fire hazards. Participate in the identification and elimination of hazards. Immediately report any dangerous occurrence, injury, hazard or defective equipment. Maintain knowledge of how to implement safe work practices using the hazard identification, risk assessment and risk control techniques. Maintain knowledge of emergency response procedures, including evacuation protocols and bushfire action statements. Actively participating in safety meetings and programs, including training. Actively participating in rehabilitation programs. |
| First Aid Personnel | Initial actions of First Aid Personnel Under the direction of the Chief Warden or Area Warden: Proceed to scene with relevant Area Warden. Evaluate the extent of any injuries. Administer first aid (first aid personnel only, and only where safe to do so); or Assess if injured personnel can be evacuated safely. Ongoing actions of First Aid Personnel Evacuate and attend any injuries at muster points. Notify Emergency Services of any remaining personnel, and location, within building. Provide details to Emergency Services of suspected injuries. Assist Emergency Services onsite where required with ongoing treatment of injuries. |

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5.2. Training awareness and competence

All site personnel including sub-contractors will be instructed of the correct response to an occurrence, or emergency evacuation in accordance with the various procedures outlined in the appendices to this Emergency Plan, in particular:

- Emergency contacts,
- Emergency Response Diagram,
- Emergency Evacuation Protocol, and
- **Emergency Services Contact Instruction.**

Project personnel will be trained to respond appropriately to fire emergencies, in accordance with the following:

- The site must nominate at least two Fire Wardens who have completed an appropriate recognized training course through an accredited Registered Training Organisation (or country equivalent),
- At least 1 Fire Warden must be available on each shift,
- Workers who may be required to respond to or extinguish a fire (e.g., mobile plant operators, fire watchers, electricians) should be trained in the use of relevant firefighting equipment, and
- Consideration will be given to engaging local firefighting authorities to conduct awareness sessions or training courses.

An evacuation drill will be undertaken annually prior to the bushfire season to ensure understanding of roles and procedures.

5.2.1. Pre-start meetings

Staff and contractors will attend pre-start meetings at the beginning of each shift, which will include, but not be limited to:

- Daily fire risk rating and predicted weather, including heat index, maximum predicted temperature, and wind speeds,
- · Recent fire events on or in the vicinity of the site, and
- Specific fire risks relevant to the day's activities.

5.3. Emergency communication

Radio and/or mobile telephone communications will be the main means of communications in the event of an emergency. A detailed communications strategy incorporating use of mobile phones and radio use (type, channels and call-signs) will be established and implemented.

The Chief Warden shall be in control of radio communications during an emergency. In the event of an emergency, persons not involved in the emergency shall maintain radio silence to allow radio communications between the Chief Warden and other services/ personnel involved in the emergency to flow uninterrupted.

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A pre-start register will be kept on site. This will be used to notify emergency response personnel and provide accountability of onsite personnel during the event of an emergency.

5.4. Site access

Security measures for the site will ensure local Emergency Services are able to always access the site. Local emergency services, including the LEMC, will be consulted to establish the best method of ensuring access.

5.5. Bushfire Action Plan

The purpose of the bushfire action plan is to outline preparation, response and recovery stages and associated triggers and actions for contractors to adhere to, if a fire is present in the landscape.

Table 1-4 Emergency Plan Bushfire Action Plan

| Stage | Trigger | Action |
|-------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Preparation | Prior to bushfire season | Ensure all personnel are trained in emergency procedures and roles and responsibilities. |
| | At start of bushfire season | Ensure all fire control measures are in place. |
| | | Ensure buildings are prepared to limit impact of a bushfire. |
| Response | Bushfire approaches | Alert emergency services. |
| | | Initiate evacuation procedure (Refer Appendix B). |
| | Fire front impacts site | Remain at refuge. |
| Recovery | After fire front has passed | Check with emergency services that it is safe to return to site before doing so. |
| | | Complete post-fire report (Refer Section 6.2). |

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6. MONITORING, REPORTING AND AUDITING

6.1. Auditing

Audits (both internal and external) will be undertaken to assess the effectiveness of environmental controls, compliance with this sub plan and other relevant approvals, licenses and guidelines.

Emergency management must be included within any major environmental audit of impacts undertaken during the construction phase.

Audit requirements are detailed in the EMS and must comply with the Development Consent Schedule 5 Conditions 11 to 16 as outlined below in Table .

Table 6-1 Auditing - Development Consent requirements as per Schedule 5 Conditions 11 to 16.

| Development Consent Schedule 5 Condition | Compliance requirement |
|--|---|
| 11 | Independent Audits of the development must be conducted and carried out in accordance with the Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (2020) to the following frequency: (a) within 3 months of commencing construction; and (b) within 3 months of commencement of operations. |
| 12 | Proposed independent auditors must be agreed to in writing by the Planning Secretary prior to the commencement of an Independent Audit. |
| 13 | The Planning Secretary may require the initial and subsequent Independent Audits to be undertaken at different times to those specified in condition 11 of Schedule 4 upon giving at least 4 weeks' notice to the Applicant of the date upon which the audit must be commenced. |
| 14 | In accordance with the specific requirements in the Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (2020), the Applicant must: (a) review and respond to each Independent Audit Report prepared under condition 11 of Schedule 4 of this consent, or condition 13 of Schedule 4 where notice is given by the Planning Secretary; (b) submit the response to the Planning Secretary; and |

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| Development Consent Schedule 5 Condition | Compliance requirement |
|--|---|
| | (c) make each Independent Audit Report, and response to it, publicly available within 60 days of submission to the Planning Secretary. unless otherwise agreed by the Planning Secretary. |
| 15 | Independent Audit Reports and the Applicant's response to audit findings must be submitted to the Planning Secretary within 2 months of undertaking the independent audit site inspection as outlined in the Independent Audit Post Approvals Requirements (2020) unless otherwise agreed by the Planning Secretary. |
| 16 | Notwithstanding the requirements of the Independent Audit Post Approvals Requirements (2020), the Planning Secretary may approve a request for ongoing independent operational audits to be ceased, where it has been demonstrated to the Planning Secretary's satisfaction that independent operational audits have demonstrated operational compliance. |

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6.2. Emergency Plan monitoring and reporting

Monitoring will be undertaken to ensure the fire management program is achieving the required outcomes. This allows for an adaptive management approach and will enable the identification of issues and any remedial actions or adjustments to the Emergency Plan.

Reporting requirements are listed in Table 6-5.

Table 6-5 Reporting requirements

| Reporting/ monitoring requirement | Timing |
|--|--|
| Prepare incident investigation reports for ecological burns, accidental ignitions and bushfire incidents | Immediately post-fire/incident. |
| Checklist to ensure all fire mitigation and prepared /response measures and procedures are in place. | Annually – pre- and post- fire season. |
| Report on success / failure of fire management activities/ actions. | Monthly where relevant. |
| Archiving of all fire reports, reviews, fire management actions and monitoring results. | As required. |

In the event of a fire incident, the contractor or wind farm operator (when operational) would prepare an incident report in accordance with Table 6-5.

6.3. Emergency Plan update and Amendment

During the Development, a copy of the most recent version of this plan will be stored at the main site compound.

A copy of the updated plan and changes will be distributed to all relevant stakeholders in accordance with the approved document control procedure – refer to the EMS.

The processes and plans described in the EMS may result in the need to update or revise this Plan. The Emergency Plan will also be reviewed in response to:

- an incident;
- · submission of an audit report; or
- modification to the conditions of Development Consent.

In the instance of any modification to the Development Consent the Emergency Plan would be reviewed and if revisions of the plan is required the plan would be submitted to the Secretary for approval and comply with the Development Consent Schedule 5 Condition 2 (Revision of Strategies, Plans and Programs).

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APPENDIX A SITE CHARACTERISTICS

| Facility | | |
|--|---|--|
| Facility type | Wind Turbine Farm. | |
| Location | Rye Park NSW. | |
| Size of facility | Up to 77 wind turbines, ancillary infrastructure includes substations, operation and maintenance facilities, installation of electrical infrastructure, permanent meteorological masts. | |
| Is the facility located in a bushfire prone area | Yes, the Development area is defined as bush fire prone land. See Figure 2. | |
| How it may be affected by a bushfire | Destruction of infrastructure. Harm to staff and visitors. Grazing stock on site. | |
| Are the buildings constructed against bushfire attack? | In accordance with PBP Guidelines, compound buildings will be designed and constructed commensurate with the level of bushfire risk, in accordance with the NCC. | |
| Is an APZ in place | Yes, in accordance with Section 8.3.5 and Appendix 4 of the PBP guidelines prescribing minimum APZ requirements. | |
| Staff | | |
| Number of staff on site | Up to 200 during peak construction, 10 during operations | |
| Number of staff with support needs | Assume at least one. | |
| Location of staff on site | Across the site but concentrated at the office and amenity building. | |
| Number of potential temporary occupants | Approximately 200 | |
| Access and assembly | | |
| Site access information | Northern access point: Rye Park Grassy Creek Road Southern access point: Rye Park Dalton Road | |
| Emergency assembly point | Site access near northern access point (adjacent Grassy Creek Road) and/or southern substation. Due to staged construction, specific details to be provided in Emergency Plan. | |
| Emergency Site Contact | | |
| Site Manager | Name: TBA Phone: TBA | |
| Health, Safety, Environment and Quality Officer (HSEQ) | Name: TBA Phone: TBA | |

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APPENDIX B EVACUATION PROTOCOL

In case of a fire emergency on site, the primary plan of action is evacuation. Details and protocol are described below.

B.1 Designated assembly points

In the event of a bushfire, personnel on site are to proceed to one of the designated assembly points on site, located at each compound area, refer to Figure 5Error! Reference source not found. and Figure 6.

Once all staff have assembled at the designated assembly points, transport to the off-site assembly area will commence if necessary.

B.2 Transport plan

Private vehicles will be used to transport personnel to the assembly area. All personnel will evacuate site via the closest main site access point and be transported to the assembly area located in Rye Park and/or Jerrawa, refer to Figure 5 and Figure 6.

B.3 Offsite assembly areas

| Assembly area | Primary assembly area | Alternate assembly area |
|--|--|--|
| Location | Rye Park Sporting Field (Oval), adjacent Yass Rural Fire Brigade 50-52 Yass Street, Rye Park NSW 2586 | Jerrawa Church and Carpark Western side of intersection of Coolalie Road & Jerrawa Road Jerrawa NSW 2582 |
| Is the assembly area in an area away from effects of a bushfire | Yes | Yes |
| Are amenities available | No | No |
| Can the assembly area accommodate the number of occupants? | Yes | Yes |
| Are there any personnel with support needs requiring a facility to support them? | Potentially | Potentially |

| Transportation to assembly area | Primary assembly area | Alternate assembly area |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| Route from site to assembly area | Northern assembly area - Exit site onto | Southern substation – Exit site, travel |
| | Grassy Creek Road. Travel to Rye | south towards Coolalie Road. Travel |
| | Park (generally south). | west to Jerrawa. |
| | Compound location – Exit site onto | |
| | Dalton Road. Travel to Rye Park | |
| | (north-west direction). | |
| Distance/time from site to assembly | 7.8 km / 9 minutes (from northern | 9 km / 12 minutes (from southern |
| area | assembly area) | substation) |

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| Transportation to assembly area | Primary assembly area | Alternate assembly area |
|--|--|-------------------------|
| | 15.9 km / 13 minutes (from compound location) | |
| Is the route to the assembly area through or near bushfire risk areas? | The route is through land mapped as bushfire prone. Should the route be compromised, the Southern Tablelands Local Emergency Management Committee is placed to organised detours for access, as well as other emergency management procedures for the area | |
| Is transport provided on site for all personnel? | Private vehicles will be used. | |
| Are there any personnel with support needs requiring specific transport? | Potentially. Any personnel with specific transport needs will utilise the same transport (i.e. a specialised vehicle) to depart the site. | |

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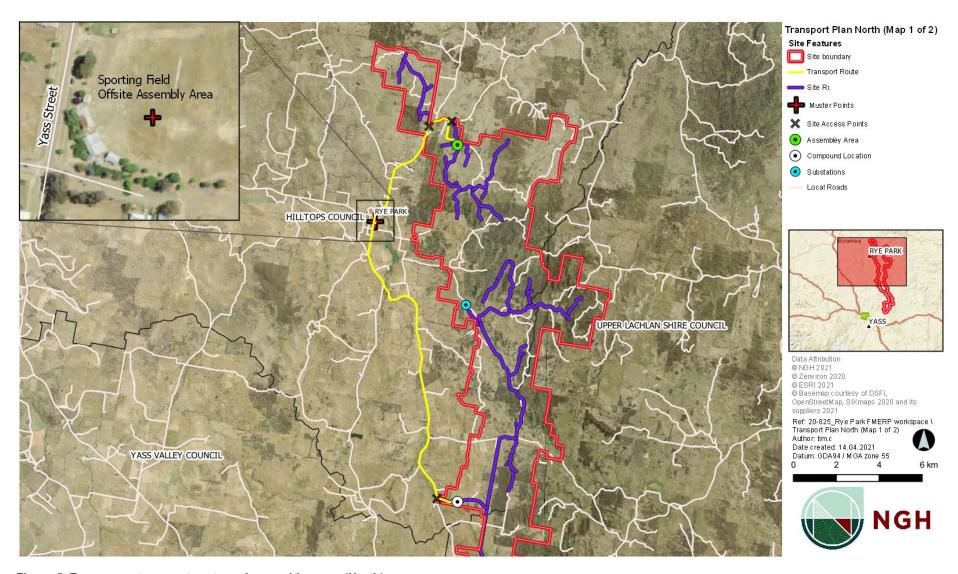


Figure 5 Emergency transport route and assembly areas (North)

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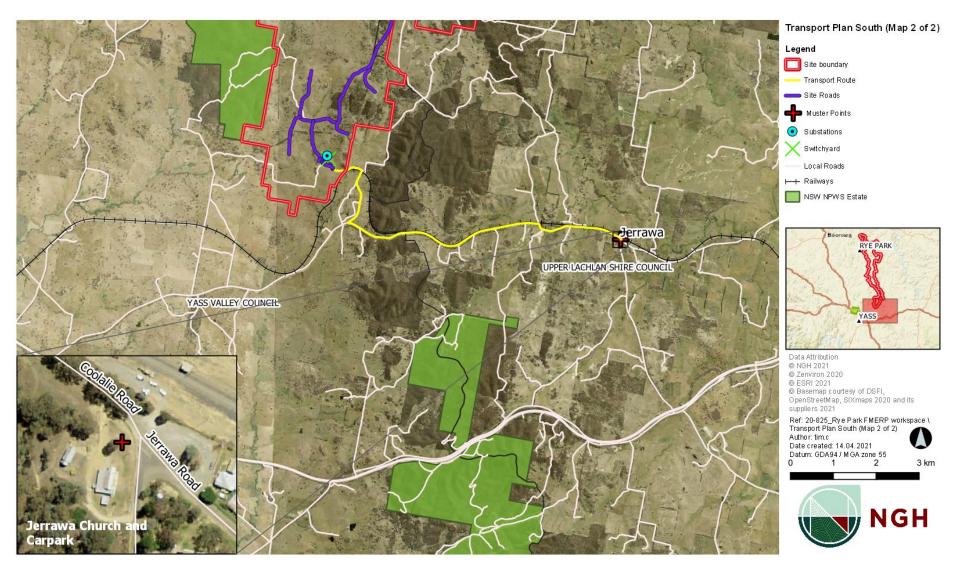


Figure 6 Emergency transport route and assembly areas (South)

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APPENDIX C EMERGENCY RESPONSE – FIRE EMERGENCY **PROCEDURE**

In case of fire on site, follow the steps below:

Emergency call on the site radio.

Notify others in the immediate area.

Notify the Chief Warden.

Call Emergency Services (000)

If safe to do so:

- Use fire extinguisher or water cart to extinguish the fire.
- Prevent the fire from spreading.
- Remove combustible materials from the path of the fire.
- Ensure the fire is completely extinguished—do not leave the area unattended.

Ensure that any equipment used in extinguishing the fire is checked and replaced as necessary.

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If the fire cannot be extinguished:

Keep the area clear of bystanders and maintain a safe distance from the fire.

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APPENDIX D **EMERGENCY CONTACTS**

| Organisation | Office/contact | Phone number |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| NSW Rural Fire Service | Yass Valley & Upper Lachlan | Business Hrs: 02 6226 3100 |
| Southern Tablelands Zone | | After Hrs: 000 |
| NSW Rural Fire Service | Boorowa & Harden | Business Hrs: 02 6386 3170 |
| South West Slopes Zone | | After Hrs: 000 |
| NSW Rural Fire Service | Bushfire information line | 1800 679 737 |
| | | 1800 NSW RFS |
| | | www.rfs.nsw.gov.au |
| Fire and Rescue NSW | Boorowa & Yass Fire Station | 000 |
| Emergency services | Ambulance | 000 |
| NSW State Emergency Services | Inquiry contact | 132 737 |
| | | www.ses.nsw.gov.au |
| Boorowa Police station | Local police | 02 6381 3700 |
| Yass Police Station | Local police | 02 6226 9399 |

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APPENDIX E CONSULTATION

| Agency Comment | Response |
|--|---|
| NSW Rural Fire Service | |
| 25 January 2021 - A draft Fire Management Plan (FMP) should be prepared for the proposed Development and provided to the local NSW RFS District Office for comment. Any return comment from the District should be adopted into an amended FMP. As a minimum, the FMP should include: 1) 24-hour emergency contact details including alternative telephone contact, 2) Site infrastructure plan, 3) Firefighting water supply plan, 4) Site access and internal road plan, 5) Construction of asset protection zones and their continued maintenance, 6) Location of hazards (physical, chemical, and electrical) that will impact on the firefighting operations and procedures to manage identified hazards during the firefighting operations, 7) Mitigation measures designed to prevent a fire occurring within the site, and prevent a fire from escaping the site and developing into a bush/grass fire risk to the surrounding area, and 8) Such additional matters as required by the NSW RFS District Office. | The Emergency Plan has been prepared with regard to the requirements specified by the NSW RFS and relevant Conditions of Consent. 1. Appendix D, including contact details for NSW Rural Fire Service, Southern Tablelands Zone, NSW Rural Fire Service, South West Slopes Zone NSW Rural Fire Service, Fire and Rescue NSW, Emergency services (ambulance), NSW State Emergency Services, Boorowa Ppolice station, Yass Police Station 2. Figure 1-3, including roads, substations, switchyards 3. Section 3.4.8, and Figures 2-3, detailing water supply provisions and access points 4. Figure 1-3, including internal road plan. Site access points shown in figure 4-5. 5. Section 3.4.6, in accordance with Section 8.3.5 of PBP guidelines 6. Section 3, including how Hot works, operating plant on land containing combustible material, and smoking hazards will be managed 7. Section 3.4, and Appendix C detailing asset protection zones and emergency response procedure |
| 13 May 2021 - The NSW RFS District Co-ordinator – Southern Tablelands Zone sought specific contact details for District zones to be included in Appendix E. No other amendments were requested. | 8. Noted Appendix E has been updated to provide contact details for Southern Tablelands Zone and South West Slopes Zone. |
| Fire & Rescue New South Wales | |
| 6 April 2021 - No specific comments or requirements that must be addressed at this time. FRNSW recommended that | Consultation occurred with the NSW RFS. |

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| Agency Comment | Response |
|---|-----------------------|
| the NSW RFS be consulted in regard to the Development as | |
| it is located within their fire district. | |
| 14 May 2021 - FRNSW outlined that they will not provide comment on the EMP as the location sits within the NSW RFS jurisdiction. | No response required. |

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