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17/02/2026

Subject: Calala BESS – Fire Safety Study

Dear Mr Prent,

I refer to your submission requesting review and approval of the Fire Safety Study in accordance with Schedule 2, Condition B30 of the Development Consent for the Calala BESS Project (SSD- 52786213).

I note the Fire Safety Study:

- has been prepared to the satisfaction of FRNSW; and
- contains the information required by the conditions of approval.

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the Fire Safety Study (Rev 2023-227.1-V1.2, dated 19 December 2025).

Additionally, FRNSW note in their correspondence (28 January 2026):

1. All relevant stakeholders, including as a minimum the owner, operator and insurers, need to be made aware of the following:
 - a. In the event of a significant fire involving a BESS unit, FRNSW may be unable to intervene given the hazards associated with the BESS, including potential electricity risks, explosion potential, toxic gases, etc.
 - b. In the event FRNSW are required to respond to an incident, there is the potential that incidents involving BESS units can be protracted.
2. FRNSW note that a potential incident at a BESS facility may be deemed a “hazardous material incident” in accordance with Section 3 of the Fire and Rescue NSW Act 1989 No 192.
3. That automated notification of a fire event will be achieved as per the agreed email chain between FRNSW and Equis included as Appendix U to the FSS.

You are reminded that if there are any inconsistencies between the Fire Safety Study and the conditions of approval, the conditions prevail.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Keren Halliday on 02 8289 6444.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Iwan Davies'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter 'I' being particularly large and stylized.

Iwan Davies
Director
Energy Assessments

As nominee of the Planning Secretary