

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

Reference: DA98/35-PA-30

Katie Bryant

Risk, Compliance & Auditing Superintendent

Larvotto Resources Limited

Hillgrove Mines Pty Ltd

23/04/2026

Sent via the Major Projects Portal only

Subject: Hillgrove Mine (DA98/35) - Independent Auditor Nomination 2026

Dear Ms Bryant,

I refer to your request for the Planning Secretary's approval of suitably qualified, experienced, and independent person/s to conduct an Independent Audit of the Hillgrove Mine (the **Project**). The request was submitted as required by Schedule 2, Condition 10 of DA98/35 as modified (the **Approval**) to NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (the **Department**) on 10 April 2026.

The Department has reviewed the independent auditor nominations and based on the information you have provided is satisfied that the proposed person(s) are suitably qualified, experienced, and independent.

In accordance with Schedule 2, Condition 10 of the Approval and the Department's *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements* (2026) (the **IAPAR**), as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I endorse the following independent audit team from GeoLINK:

- Simon Williams (Lead Auditor)
- Lauren Buchanan (Auditor)
- Shannon Waddy (Auditor)
- Jessica Gilroy (Auditor)

Please note:

- This correspondence must be appended to the Independent Audit Report.
- The Independent Audit must be prepared, undertaken, and finalised in accordance with the conditions of Approval and the Department's 2026 *IAPAR*. Failure to meet these requirements will require revision and resubmission.
- The above audit team is approved for the current operational audit only. Additional approval must be sought from the Planning Secretary for future audits of the development.

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- Any change to the audit team must be approved by the Planning Secretary prior to the audit commencing.
- The Lead Auditor must attend the site inspection component of the audit.
- The audit period is the day after the site inspection date of the previous audit, to the final site inspection date of the current audit.

Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Astrid Christensen, Senior Compliance Officer, on 9274 6170 or email compliance@planning.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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As nominee of the Planning Secretary