

NSW Planning ref: MP05_0195-PA-19

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Sent via the Major Projects Portal only

Subject: Colongra Power Station - Approval of audit team

Dear Mr. Thompson

I refer to your post approval matter, MP05_0195-PA-19, requesting the Planning Secretary's approval of suitably qualified, experienced, and independent person/s to conduct an Independent Audit of the Colongra Power Station, submitted as required by Condition 3.8 of MP05_0195 as modified (**consent**) to NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (**NSW Planning**) on 18 August 2025.

NSW Planning 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 Condition 3.8 of the consent and the NSW Planning, *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (2020)*, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I endorse the following independent audit team:

- Ben Bracken from BBEEnviro Pty Ltd - lead auditor
- Maurice Pignatelli from OptimeE Pty Ltd – assistant auditor

Please ensure this correspondence is appended to the Independent Audit Report.

The Independent Audit must be prepared, undertaken, and finalised in accordance with the conditions of consent and the *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (2020)*. Failure to meet these requirements will require revision and resubmission.

NSW Planning reserves the right to request an alternate auditor or audit team for future audits.

Please note, the Lead Auditor must attend the site inspection/s.

Notwithstanding the endorsement of the above independent audit team for the project, each respective project approval or consent requires a request for endorsement of the independent auditor or audit team be submitted to NSW Planning, for consideration of the Planning Secretary. Each request is reviewed and depending on the complexity of future projects, the suitability of a proposed auditor or audit team will be considered.

Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Julia Pope, Team Leader Compliance Metro on 0448229658 or email compliance@planning.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J Pope".

Julia Pope
Team Leader Compliance Metro
As nominee of the Planning Secretary