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Dear Mr Graham

**Hitchcock Road Sand Project (PA 06_0104)
Independent Environmental Audit 2020**

Reference is made to the Independent Environmental Audit (IEA) report [and Response to Audit Recommendations (RAR)] for the Hitchcock Road Sand Project, prepared as required by Schedule 5 condition 6 of PA 06_0104 and submitted to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (the Department) on 09 September 2020.

The Department considers that the IEA report generally satisfies the reporting requirements of the consent/approval. Please note that acceptance of this report is not endorsement of the compliance status of the project. Non-compliances identified in the IEA will be assessed in accordance with the Department's Compliance Policy. Further correspondence may be sent in relation to the identified non-compliances.

Please note, the Department understands the sites Environmental Management Strategy (EMS) and Management Plans were proposed to be updated during the 2019-2020 Annual Environmental Management Review (AEMR) reporting period, however that period has now passed. As per the Auditors recommendations outlined in Section 4 and 5 of the IEA (and Item 8 of the Independent Environmental Action Plan – Sept 2020), the Department requests that the EMS and Management Plans be reviewed and updated as a priority regardless of the status of the current modification application.

Further, the Department supports the recommendation (item no.9) for planting of the screen bund on the southern boundary to provide stabilisation and an additional visual barrier.

Please provide the department with a copy of the updated plans by **4 February 2021**, including photographic evidence of the bund screen plantings, and the corrective actions undertaken for non-compliances (2&3) relating to boundary markers and sediment fences.

The Department considers the remaining recommendations (1-7, 10 and 11) made by the independent auditor to be reasonable and you should make steps to implement the proposed improvements on site providing an update in the next Annual Review / Annual Environmental Management Report.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Angie Hollister, Senior Compliance Officer on (07) 6670 8654.

Yours sincerely

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

Shelley McPhee
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As nominee of the Planning Secretary