

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure



Reference: MP06_0220-PA-23

Armidale Regional Council
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Sent via the Major Projects Portal only

SUBJECT: ARMIDALE WASTE FACILITY – RESPONSE TO SPECIAL CONSIDERATION OF AUDITOR APPROVAL

Dear Mrs Lado,

I refer to your recent request (MP06_0220-PA-23) sent to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (**Department**) concerning the outcome of its assessment of your lead auditor nomination required under Schedule 5, Condition 8 of MP06_0220, as modified (the **Consent**) which was submitted through Post Approval reference MP06_0220-PA-22.

Your latest submission does not provide any new information beyond what was considered in the original assessment, whilst I acknowledge the issues associated with procurement the Department's position concerning the matter remains unchanged from that presented in its letter of 28 April 2026.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Department's letter of the 28 April 2026 did not require that the lead auditor have landfill-specific experience, nor did it limit consideration to auditors with landfill-only experience. The letter instead noted that a lead auditor with a consistent track record of conducting lead audits of State Significant Developments and/or State Significant Infrastructure is preferred.

Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Phillip Rose, (Senior Compliance Officer) on 02 6670 8657 or email compliance@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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As nominee of the Planning Secretary