Independent Audit Declaration Form

Project Name:	Western Sydney Green Gas Project
Consent Number:	SSD 10313 – Mod 1
Description of Project:	A 5-year trial involving the production and storage of hydrogen gas, injection of hydrogen gas into the gas distribution network; and supplying hydrogen gas for bus refuelling and power generation back into the electricity grid
Project Address:	194-202 Chandos Road, Horsley Park
Proponent:	Jemena Gas Networks (NSW) Limited
Date:	11 October 2022

I declare that:

i. I am not related to any proponent, owner, operator or other entity involved in the delivery of the project. Such a relationship includes that of employer/employee, a business partnership, sharing a common employer, a contractual arrangement outside an Independent Audit, or that of a spouse, partner, sibling, parent, or child;

ii. I do not have any pecuniary interest in the project, proponent or related entities. Such an interest includes where there is a reasonable likelihood or expectation of financial gain (other than being reimbursed for performing the audit) or loss to the auditor, or their spouse, partner, sibling, parent, or child;

iii. I have not provided services (not including independent reviews or auditing) to the project with the result that the audit work performed by themselves or their company, except as otherwise declared to the Department prior to the audit;

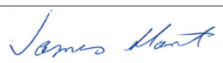
iv. I am not an Environmental Representative for the project; and

v. I will not accept any inducement, commission, gift or any other benefit from auditee organisations, their employees or any interested party, or knowingly allow colleagues to do so.

Notes:

a) Under section 10.6 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* a person must not include false or misleading information (or provide information for inclusion in) in a report of monitoring data or an audit report produced to the Minister in connection with an audit if the person knows that the information is false or misleading in a material respect. The proponent of an approved project must not fail to include information in (or provide information for inclusion in) a report of monitoring data or an audit report produced to the Minister in connection with an audit if the person knows that the information is materially relevant to the monitoring or audit. The maximum penalty is, in the case of a corporation, $1 million and for an individual, $250,000; and

b) The *Crimes Act 1900* contains other offences relating to false and misleading information: section 307B (giving false or misleading information – maximum penalty 2 years imprisonment or 200 penalty units, or both).

Name of Auditor:	James Hart
Signature:	
Qualification:	Lead Environmental Auditor
Company:	James Hart Consulting