Department of Planning and Environment



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Dear Russell Brooks

## Green Gas Project - Independent Auditor Nomination (SSD-10313) Independent Auditor Nomination

I refer to your request (**SSD-10313-PA-18**) for the Secretary's approval of suitably qualified persons to prepare the Independent Auditor Nomination for the Green Gas Project - Independent Auditor Nomination (**SSD-10313**).

The Department of Planning and Environment (the **Department**) has reviewed the nominations and information you have provided and is satisfied that these experts are suitably qualified and experienced. Consequently, I can advise that the Secretary approves the appointment of an expert to prepare the Independent Audit.

In accordance with Condition C9 of SSD-10313 (the **Consent**) and the Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements, the Secretary has agreed to the following auditor:

• Mr. James Hart of James Hart Consulting

The Department is not able to endorse Ken Cameron as an Independent Auditor at this time as Mr. Cameron does not appear to meet the Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements. Mr. Cameron does not appear to be certified as a Lead Environmental Auditor and does not appear to have undertaken any audits under the 2020 Post Approval Requirements.

The Independent Audit must be prepared, undertaken and finalised in accordance with the Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements. Failure to meet these requirements will require revision and resubmission.

The Department reserves the right to request an alternate auditor or audit team for future audits.

Notwithstanding the agreement for the above-listed audit team for this Project, each respective project approval or consent requires a request for the agreement to the auditor or audit team be submitted to the department, for consideration of the 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.

The Department asks that all future requests lodged through the Major Projects Portal include a cover letter, to make it clear what is being requested.



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Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Astrid Christensen on 0456 530 457 or compliance@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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As nominee of the Planning Secretary