

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

NSW Planning ref: SSD-44034342-PA-1

Kathryn Saunders
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Health Infrastructure
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21 February 2024

Sent via the Major Projects Portal only

Subject: Westmead Integrated Mental Health Complex- Independent auditor agreement

Dear Ms Saunders

Reference is made to your post approval request, SSD-44034342-PA-1, for the Planning Secretary's approval of suitably qualified, experienced, and independent person to conduct an Independent Audit of the Westmead Integrated Mental Health Complex, submitted as required by Condition C42 of SSD 44034342 (the "**Consent**") to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure ("**NSW Planning**") on 8 February 2024.

NSW Planning has reviewed the independent auditor nominations and based on the information you have provided and in this instance is satisfied that Ms Barbara Pater is suitably qualified, experienced, and independent.

In accordance with Condition C42 of the Consent and the *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements* (2020), as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I agree to the following independent lead auditor:

- Ms Barbara Pater (of the APP Group).

It is noted that Ms Pater's Exemplar Global certification as a lead Environmental Management Systems Auditor is about to expire on 21 June 2024. Please note that agreement is conditional upon Ms Pater maintaining her current Exemplar Global certification.

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.

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

Notwithstanding the endorsement of the above independent auditor 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 Alfarid Hussain via email at compliance@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Sherry", with a large circular flourish at the end.

Rob Sherry

Team Leader Compliance- Government Projects

As nominee of the Planning Secretary