

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

Reference: SSD-9255-PA-78

Tim Greenaway
Project Director
ACEN Australia Pty Ltd

14/01/2026

Sent via the Major Projects Portal only

Subject: New England Solar Farm – Construction Stages 2a & 3a Independent Auditor Nomination

Dear Mr Greenaway,

I refer to your request for the Planning Secretary's approval of a suitably qualified, experienced, and independent person to conduct an Independent Audit of the New England Solar Farm (the **Project**). The nomination request was submitted as required by Schedule 4, Condition 11A of SSD-9255 as modified (the **Consent**) to NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (the **Department**) on 23 December 2025.

The Department has reviewed the independent auditor nomination and based on the information you have provided is satisfied that the proposed person is suitably qualified, experienced, and independent.

Consequently, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the appointment of Shonelle Gleeson-Wiley from Moss Environmental Pty Limited as Lead Auditor, for the construction Independent Audits for Stages 2a & 3a.

Please note:

- This correspondence must be appended to the Independent Audit Report.
- The Independent Audit must be prepared, undertaken, and finalised in accordance with the conditions of Consent, the Department's *2020 Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (IAPAR)* and the written Direction issued by the Department to ACEN Australia on 14 April 2025. Failure to meet these requirements will require revision and resubmission.
- The above auditor is approved for the duration of construction and the initial operational audit of the development; however, the Department reserves the right to request an alternate auditor or audit team at any time.
- Any change to the auditor or auditor roles must be approved by the Planning Secretary prior to the audit commencing.
- The Lead Auditor must attend the site inspection component of the audit.

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Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Astrid Christensen, Senior Compliance Officer, on 9274 6170 or email compliance@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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As nominee of the Planning Secretary