

HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE

Independent Environmental Audit No.8 – Proponent Review & Response – JHHIP

SSD-9351535, John Hunter Health & Innovation Precinct

5 January 2024

Declaration

This Proponent review and response has been prepared for NSW Health Infrastructure (HI) in response to an Independent Audit, including the recommendations and opportunities for improvement identified in the final Audit Report. The response to each of the audit findings is included as outlined in the *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (May 2020)*.

Declaration	
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1. Introduction

1.1 Project Application Number and Project Name

SSD-9351535, John Hunter Health & Innovation Precinct

1.2 Site Address

29 Kookaburra Circuit, New Lambton Heights, NSW 2305

1.3 Project Contact Details

Proponent	NSW Health Infrastructure
Client Representative	Scott Liddell
Contractor	Multiplex Constructions Pty Ltd

1.4 Independent Auditor

EMM Consulting Pty Limited

1.5 Independent Audit Date (site visit)

20 November 2025

2. Proponent Response

The Independent Audit Report (IEA) No. 8 was prepared by David Bone, from EMM Consulting Pty Ptd. The submitted Audit Report is version 1.0 and is dated 19 December 2025. The audit site inspection was completed on 20 November 2025. The audit report (version 1.0) has been reviewed and the responses to the audit findings are listed in the below table (Table 1).

The IEA reports zero (0) non-compliances and one (1) opportunity for improvement (recommendation).

A proponent response is provided herein in relation to the one (1) opportunity for improvement (recommendation) identified in the submitted IEA#8 (version 1.0).

Table 1.

IEA Opportunities for Improvement			
No.	Audit Comments	Consent wording	IAR Recommendation & Review and Response to Opportunities for Improvement
REC #7	The auditor reviewed a selection of areas as part of the site inspection and noted that the survival rate does not appear to meet the 80% target, the dominant vegetation in the areas were weeds and the potential to reach 70% cover in accordance with the planting schedules in the next 8 months appears unlikely without additional work being undertaken. Landscape planting is to be reviewed prior to Autumn 2026 to ensure the requirements of the landscaping plans can be achieved within the timeframes contained in this condition.	D5 - Prior to the commencement of operation of each stage of the development, the Applicant must submit a Plan with quantitative targets for vegetation outcomes in the revegetation areas between the road and remnant bushland in terms of survival rates; weeds present; and plant cover after a minimum period of two years	○ Landscape planting is to be reviewed prior to Autumn 2026 to ensure the requirements of the landscaping plans can be achieved within the timeframes contained in this condition