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Dear Mr McCluskey

**Chatswood Education Precinct (SSD-9483)**  
**Additional Nomination of Independent Environmental Auditor**

I refer to your request (SSD-9483-PA-11) nominating Mr Nicholas Ballard as suitably qualified, experienced, and independent person to undertake the independent audit in accordance with Condition C40 of SSD-9483 for the Chatswood Education Precinct.

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (Department) has reviewed the nomination and information you have provided against the *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements* (May 2020), specifically section 3.1. The Department is satisfied that the nominee is certified with Exemplar Global as either principal or lead auditors in environmental management systems, are suitably experienced in state significant developments and have supplied declarations of independence.

Consequently, I can advise that the Planning Secretary confirms the approval of the following independent auditor for the Project:

- Mr Nicholas Ballard

As per condition C41 of SSD-9483, independent audits must be conducted and carried out in accordance with the *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements* (May 2020).

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.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Ania Dorocinska, Senior Compliance Officer, on 02 9274 6225 or via [compliance@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:compliance@planning.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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

Rob Sherry  
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As nominee of the Planning Secretary