

NSW Planning ref: SSI-10035-PA-51

Megan Haberley
Senior Manager, Environmental & Sustainability
Transport for NSW

07 April 2025 Sent via the Major Projects Portal only

Subject: Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2 - A40 - Independent Audit #1 - Extension Request

Dear Megan,

I refer to your letter dated 1 April 2025 requesting the Planning Secretary's agreement to extend the timeframe for undertaking the initial independent audit for the construction of Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2 (**Project**). The request was made under Condition A9 and A40 of the state significant infrastructure approval SSI 10035 (**Approval**).

NSW Planning notes Transport for NSW (**TfNSW**) has indicated new procurement policies have resulted in an unexpected delay in procuring the independent auditors.

Condition A9 of the Approval states "*Any action required to be undertaken within a timeframe specified in or under the terms of this approval may be undertaken within a different timeframe agreed in writing with the Planning Secretary*".

Condition A40 of the Approval states "*The Planning Secretary may require the initial and subsequent Independent Audits to be undertaken at different times to those specified in Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (DPIE, 2020), upon giving at least four (4) weeks' notice (or timing as stipulated by the Planning Secretary) to the Proponent of the date upon which the audit must be commenced*".

In accordance with Schedule 2, Conditions A9 and A40 of the Approval, the Planning Secretary has granted an extension of time until 31 August 2025 for the initial construction independent audit.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Sherry".

Rob Sherry
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As nominee of the Planning Secretary