

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

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Sydney Metro West
via Major Projects Portal

11 July 2024

Attention: Ben Armstrong, Director Environment, Sustainability & Planning

Subject: Sydney Metro West (SSI-10038 & SSI-19238057) – independent audit program

Dear Ben,

I refer to your letter dated 14 June 2024 and related submissions regarding the updated Sydney Metro West Stage 1 (SSI-10038, as modified) & Stage 2 (SSI-19238057, as modified) independent audit program. As you are aware, the combined Sydney Metro West independent audit program (WolfPeak, rev 5.1, 11 December 2023) was approved by the Department of Planning and Environment (now Planning, Housing and Infrastructure; **NSW Planning**) until 30 June 2024 (our ref. SSI-10038-PA-511) and is subject to continuous improvement.

NSW Planning has been consulted on the updated program (WolfPeak, rev 5.3, 8 July 2024) and supports the proposed refinements and the proposed increase in audit effort from five days to six days. As such, the updated program relevantly identifies that independent audits would:

- be preceded by submission of a scoping statement each December and June (s6, Table 4)
- be carried out each February and August with the audit reports submitted each April and October (s6, Table 4)
- involve up to six days of audit effort (s7.2.1)
- focus on matters with material risk as informed by the environmental impact statements (Stage 1 chapter 28 & Stage 2 chapter 24), construction and design activities undertaken in the relevant audit period, Sydney Metro complaint and incidents registers, findings from independent reports, and consultation with NSW Planning and other parties (s7.2.2).

As nominee of the Planning Secretary, under Stage 1 condition A39.1 and Stage 2 condition A41, I approve the Sydney Metro West independent audit program (WolfPeak, rev 5.3, 8 July 2024) until 30 June 2025. As such this program must be implemented for the fifth and sixth Sydney Metro West independent audits.

Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact me or Rob Sherry, Team Leader Compliance.

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex McGuirk".

Alex McGuirk

A/Team Leader Compliance

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As nominee of the Planning Secretary