

Our ref: SSI-10051-PA-435

via Major Projects Portal

4 July 2024

Attention: Mr Hugh Chapman, Sydney Metro Director Environment, Sustainability and Planning

Subject: Sydney Metro Western Sydney Airport (SSI-10051) – approval of independent auditors

Dear Hugh,

I refer to your letters dated 12 & 26 June 2024 (your ref. SM-24-00125100 & SM-24-00133423) requesting the Planning Secretary's approval of suitably qualified, experienced, and independent persons as independent environmental auditors of the Sydney Metro - Western Sydney Airport project (SSI-10051, as modified).

Further to our letter dated 19 December 2023 regarding the fifth construction phase independent environmental audit and WolfPeak having an identified conflict of interest for the stations, systems, trains, operations and maintenance (**SSTOM**) stage delivered by the Parklife Metro consortium, the sixth construction phase independent audit is also proposed to comprise two separate audits by two separate auditors.

Independent auditors

NSW Planning has reviewed your letters against the *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements* (2020; **Independent Audit PARs**). NSW Planning is satisfied that all four nominees are certified with Exemplar Global as either lead or principal auditors in environmental management systems, are suitably experienced in state significant projects, and have supplied declarations of independence.

NSW Planning acknowledges that Ms Josephine Heltborg performs work for Healthy Buildings International, which provides environment representative services to various Sydney Metro projects, and has previously performed work for WolfPeak, which provides independent auditor services to various Sydney Metro projects, but does not consider that this would preclude her provision of independent audit services on this project at this point in time.

Consequently, I can advise that under Condition A38 of SSI-10051, the Planning Secretary has approved the following auditors for the sixth construction phase independent audit:

SSTOM stage excluded:

- Mr Derek Low, Wolfpeak, as lead auditor
- Mr Ricardo Prieto-Curiel, WolfPeak, as auditor

SSTOM stage only:

- Ms Josephine Heltborg, Morasey Environment, as lead auditor
- Mr Richard Peterson, Trigalana Environmental, as auditor.

NSW Planning reminds the lead auditor that the Independent Audit must be prepared, undertaken and finalised in accordance with the Independent Audit PARs. Failure to meet these requirements will require revision and resubmission. As this will be Ms Heltborg's first audit under the Independent Audit PARs of a Sydney Metro project, she is invited to meet with NSW Planning Compliance in the scope development.

NSW Planning reserves the right to request an alternate auditor(s) for future audits.

Independent audits and reports, and Sydney Metro response

Under Condition A36 of SSI-10051 independent audits must be conducted and carried out in accordance with the Independent Audit PARs. Under condition A40 of SSI-10051, the independent audit report and the proponent's response to audit findings must be submitted within two months of the audit site inspection, unless otherwise agreed by the Planning Secretary.

As the sixth construction phase independent environmental audit is to comprise two separate audits, please ensure that:

- the two audit inspections are carried out within a fortnight of each other and no later than 31 August 2024
- Sydney Metro, as the proponent, prepares a single response to the two audit reports, with the two audit reports and Sydney Metro's response submitted via the Major Projects Portal as a single submission within two months of the latest audit inspection.

Please ensure this correspondence is appended to each Independent Audit Report.

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

Yours sincerely,



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As nominee of the Planning Secretary