

Mr Ian Smith
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Dear Ian Smith

**Hunter Power Project (SSI-12590060)
Independent Auditor Nomination**

I refer to your request (SSI-12590060-PA-38) for the Secretary's approval of suitably qualified persons to prepare the initial Independent Audit for the Hunter Power Project, as required by condition C16 of Infrastructure Approval SSI-12590060 (the approval).

The Department of Planning and Environment (the department) has reviewed the nominations and information you have provided and is satisfied that these experts are suitably qualified and experienced.

Consequently, I can advise that the Secretary approves the appointment of **Kenneth Holmes** to prepare the initial Independent Audit, as required by condition C15 of the approval.

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

The Independent Audit must be prepared, undertaken and finalised in accordance with the *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (2020)*. Failure to meet these requirements will require revision and resubmission.

Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact me on 02 65753401 or email compliance@planning.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H Watters".

Heidi Watters
Team Leader Northern
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As nominee of the Planning Secretary