

NSW Planning ref: SSI-9364-PA-366 & SSI-663-PA-129

Deanne Forrest

Director

M7 Widening and M12 Motorway Project

Transport for NSW

Sent via the Major Projects Portal only

16 October 2024

Subject: M12 Motorway (East) and M7 Widening - Independent auditor agreement

Dear Deanne,

I refer to your letter dated 11 October 2024 (SSI-9364-PA-366 & SSI-663-PA-129) requesting the Planning Secretary's ongoing agreement to suitably qualified, experienced, and independent persons as independent auditors for the M12 Motorway (East) (SSI-9364) and M7 Widening (SSI-663 as modified) projects, together known as the M7-M12 Integration Project (Project).

The NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (NSW Planning) has reviewed the independent auditor nominations and based on the information you have provided is satisfied that the proposed persons are suitably qualified, experienced, and independent.

In reviewing your request for the ongoing agreement to the nominated auditors, NSW Planning has considered the first aligned independent audit report for the Project prepared by the nominated auditors and submitted on 27 August 2024 (SSI-9364-PA-349 & SSI-663-PA-118).

Consequently, in accordance with Schedule 2, Condition A38 of SSI 9364 and Condition A26 of SSI 663 as modified, and the NSW Planning *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements* (2020), as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I agree to the following independent auditors:

- Richard Peterson, Trigalana Environmental, as lead auditor
- Josephine Heltborg, Morasey Environment Pty Ltd, as alternate lead auditor

This agreement applies to all construction phase audits for the Project and will require the approved auditors to submit a declaration of independence with each subsequent report.

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

This agreement supersedes any previous agreement under Condition A38 of SSI 9364 and Condition A26 of SSI 663.

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

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

Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact compliance@planning.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "N. Kumar".

Nicholas Kumar

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As nominee of the Planning Secretary