

## Department of Planning and Environment

Our ref: SSI-663-PA-28 & SSI-9364-PA-223

Transport for NSW

via Major Projects Portal

6 October 2023

Attention: Ms Deanne Forrest, Project Director, Transport for NSW

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**Subject:** M7 Widening and M12 Motorway (East) – nomination of independent auditor

Dear Deanne

I refer to your letter dated 15 September 2023 (PA-28 & PA-223) requesting the Planning Secretary's agreement to suitably qualified, experienced, and independent persons as independent auditors of the M7 Widening (SSI-663) and the M12 Motorway (East) (SSI-9364) projects, together known as the M7-M12 Integration Project (**the Project**).

NSW Planning has reviewed the information you have provided against the *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (2020)*. NSW Planning is satisfied that Mr Richard Peterson is certified with Exemplar Global as lead auditor in environmental management systems, is suitably experienced in the auditing of state significant infrastructure projects and has supplied a declaration of independence.

Consequently, I can advise that under Condition A26 of SSI-663 and Condition A38 of SSI-9364, the Planning Secretary has agreed to the following auditor for the initial construction phase independent audit for the Project:

- Mr Richard Peterson, Trigalana Environmental

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

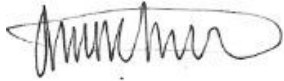
The Independent Audit must be prepared, undertaken, and finalised in accordance with the *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (2020)*. Failure to meet these requirements will require revision and resubmission.

Please note that a further auditor nomination must be made and written agreement from the Planning Secretary provided prior to undertaking any subsequent independent audits. NSW Planning will consider further auditor nominations following submission and review of the initial Independent Audit Report. NSW Planning also reserves the right to request an alternate auditor or audit team for future audits.

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Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Alex Sands, Senior Compliance Officer, for M7 Widening, or Damien Smith, Senior Compliance Officer, for M12 Motorway, via email at [compliance@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:compliance@planning.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas Minchin".

Thomas Minchin

**A/Team Leader Compliance – Government Projects**  
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*As nominee of the Planning Secretary*