

Department of Planning and Environment

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Dear Mr Gill

**Newcastle Inner City Bypass (SSI-6888)
Auditor endorsement request**

Reference is made to your post approval matter, SSI-6888-PA-86, request for the Secretary's approval of suitably qualified, experienced, and independent persons to prepare Independent Audits for the Newcastle Inner City Bypass (NICB), submitted as required by Schedule 2, Part A, Condition A35 of SSI-6888 as modified (the approval) to the Department of Planning and Environment (the department) on 24 August 2022.

The department has reviewed the nominations and information you have provided and is satisfied that these experts are suitably qualified, experienced, and independent. In accordance with Schedule 2, Part A, Condition A35 of the approval and the department's *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (2018)*, the Planning Secretary has agreed to the following audit team:

- Ms Annabelle Tungol – Lead Auditor
- Mr Peter Hatton – Auditor
- Mr Steve Fermio – Auditor and Peer Review.

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

The Independent Audit must be prepared, undertaken, and finalised in accordance with the conditions of approval, the Independent Audit Program R5 (or the latest revision), and the department's *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (2018)*. Failure to meet these requirements will require revision and resubmission.

The department reserves the right to request an alternate auditor or audit team for future audits.

Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Joel Curran, Senior Compliance Officer on 02 4904 2702 or compliance@planning.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely



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As nominee of the Planning Secretary