

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

Our Reference: SSI-8863-PA-1224

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Subject: Western Harbour Tunnel & Warringah Freeway Upgrade (SSI-8863) – Air Quality Independent Reviewer (AQIR) review of the in-tunnel ventilation outlet design (Condition E20(c))

Dear Mr Cooper,

I refer to the verification letter prepared by the Air Quality Independent Reviewer (AQIR) submitted to the Department for information in accordance with condition E20(c) of SSI-8863.

I note that the AQIR's letter verifies that the ventilation system design has been optimised to achieve effective and responsive treatment of in-tunnel air quality and efficient energy consumption.

Accordingly, the Department has filed the AQIR's verification letter, Reference 23.1052.L7V1 dated 15 May 2025, for our information under Condition E20(c) of SSI-8863.

Please note that if there are any inconsistencies between the AQIR's verification letter and the conditions of approval, the requirements of the conditions of approval will prevail.

Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Katherine Klouda at [Katherine.klouda@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Katherine.klouda@planning.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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As nominee of the Planning Secretary

