



Mr Chris Buscall  
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Dear Mr Buscall

**Snowy 2.0 - Main Works - CSSI-9687  
Independent Environmental Audit #1 2020**

Reference is made to the Independent Environmental Audit (IEA) #1 and Response to Recommendations for Snowy 2.0 - Main Works (the Project), prepared by Dickson Consulting Pty Ltd as required by Schedule 4 condition 9 of CSSI 9687 (the consent) and submitted to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (the Department) on 20 June 2021.

The Department considers that the IEA report generally satisfies the reporting requirements of the consent. Please note that acceptance of this report is not endorsement of the compliance status of the project.

The three non-compliances identified in the IEA and the late submission of the IEA have been assessed in accordance with the Department's Compliance Policy and have been recorded. Please note that recording of the non-compliances does not preclude the Department from taking alternative enforcement action in the future, should it become apparent that an alternative response is more appropriate.

Of concern are the incidents where the Department was not notified immediately after the proponent was made aware of an incident. It is noted a reminder letter was issued to the proponent by the Department on 8 February 2021 in relation to this matter. This letter serves as a further reminder to report incidents immediately after becoming aware and non-compliances within 7 days as per Schedule 4 condition 6 and 7 respectively.

Lastly please ensure that the IEA and Response to Recommendations are uploaded to the website in accordance with Schedule 4 condition 12 within 14 days of this letter.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Michael Wood on 0459890661.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. O'Reilly', enclosed in a light grey rectangular box.

Katrina O'Reilly  
Team Leader - Compliance  
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As nominee of the Planning Secretary