

NSW Planning ref: SSI-9717-PA-42
Mr Andrew Buttigieg
Project Manager - Snowy 2.0 Transmission Connection
The Trustee for the NSW Electricity Networks Operations Trust
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15/02/2024

**Subject: Snowy 2.0 - Transmission Connection – Independent Environmental Audit -
alternate auditors approval**

Dear Mr Buttigieg

Reference is made to your post approval matter, SSI-9717-PA-42, requesting the Planning Secretary's approval of an additional and an alternate suitably qualified, experienced, and independent persons to assist in the Independent Environmental Audit (IEA) of the Snowy 2.0 - Transmission Connection - submitted as required by C10 of SSI 9717 (the approval) to NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (NSW Planning) on 14 February 2024.

NSW Planning notes that Mr James Graham is unable to participate in the IEA due to personal reasons.

NSW Planning has reviewed Mr Graham's replacement auditor nomination and based on the information you have provided is satisfied that Mr Jacob Manners (Principal Ecologist and Accredited BAM Assessor) is suitably qualified, experienced, and independent. In addition, NSW Planning have reviewed Mr Joshua Wheatley (Environmental Consultant) information, as assistant auditor to Mr Daniel Sullivan and is satisfied he is suitably qualified, experienced, and independent. Consequently, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the appointment of Mr Manners and Mr Wheatley as part of the IEA team.

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

Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact me on 0429400261 or email compliance@planning.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely



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As nominee of the Planning Secretary