Department of Planning and Environment



Sydney Gateway Road Project Transport for NSW

via Major Projects Portal

Attention: Vincent Newton, Project Director

30/05/2022

Dear Mr Newton

Sydney Gateway Road Project (SSI 9737) Agreement to Independent Auditors

I refer to your submission (SSI-9737-PA-91) nominating additional independent auditors to undertake the Independent Audits for the Sydney Gateway Road Project (SSI 9737).

The Department of Planning and Environment (the department) has reviewed the additional nominations and information you have provided and is satisfied that these auditors are suitably qualified, experienced and independent.

In accordance with Condition A31 of SSI 9737 and the *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements* (DPIE, 2020), the Planning Secretary has agreed to the following audit team from Wolfpeak:

- Mr Steve Fermio, as auditor;
- Mr Derek Low, as auditor;
- Mr Peter Hatton, as auditor;
- Mr Ibrahim Awad, as auditor; and
- Ms Ann Azzopardi, as audit support.

This agreement supersedes the department's Approval of independent auditor letter dated 2 November 2021.

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

Independent audits must be prepared, undertaken and finalised in accordance with the *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements* (DPIE, 2020). 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. Further, the department notes that some of the Exemplar Global certifications for the above auditors may expire before the final audit for this project has been completed. Please note that agreement to the above

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auditors is conditional upon them maintaining certification as a lead or principal auditor with a relevant industry body.

Notwithstanding the agreement for the above listed auditors for this Project, each respective project approval or consent requires a request for the agreement to the auditor or audit team be submitted to the department, for consideration of the Planning Secretary. Each request is reviewed and depending on the complexity of future projects, the suitability of a proposed auditor or audit team will be considered.

Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact compliance@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Rob Sherry Team Leader Compliance - Government Projects Compliance

As nominee of the Planning Secretary