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Dear Joel,

**RE: New Maitland Hospital
Response to Independent Audit Report (under SSI 9775 Stage 2 Conditions, SC2 C37)**

In accordance with Clause SC2 C34 of the State Significant Infrastructure (SSI) consent 9775, Health Infrastructure has received the 3rd Independent Audit Report (IAR) from NGH Environmental and provides this response under Clause SC2 C38.

We have reviewed the IAR and note that the Independent Auditor, NHG Environmental, has identified 3 Non-Conforming conditions to which we provide the following responses:

Clause No.	Non-Conforming Conditions	Response
SC2-A24 (iv) & (ix)	<i>Access to Information</i> The reporting on the environmental performance of the development must be made publicly available following the 60-day period required by B35 and C37. Review of the website found that the February 2020 Audit report and the compliance report have been made publicly available following the 60-day period required by B35 and C37. However, the Audit report prepared in August 2020 was not available on the website as at 21/01/2021 as required by this part of this condition.	Implemented, HI will provide IAR's (August 2020 & January 2021) on the public website ASAP.
SC2-A31 (b)	<i>Revision of Strategies, Plans and Programs</i> DPIE should be notified of reviews of the CEMP and other documentation in line within the three-month timeframe requirement of this condition. Notification of the review of the strategies to the secretary occurred on the 6 April 2020. A further revision of Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) was undertaken in response to incidents that occurred in May 2020, however the DPIE was not notified of this revision. The CEMP has been reviewed in response to these triggers, however DPIE was not notified of the review. It is noted	Implemented, HI's construction contractor will notify DPIE of reviews of the CEMP and other documentation in line with the requirements of this condition.

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	that little or no change to the CEMP was required as a result of any of these events.	
SC2-C37(c)	<i>Independent Environmental Audit</i> Each Independent Audit Report and response to it must be publicly available 60 days after submission to the Planning Secretary. The audit found that at the time of the audit, the second audit was not available on the website as required by this condition. The Project team should make the audit report available on the website ASAP.	Implemented , HI will provide IAR's (August 2020 & January 2021) on the public website ASAP.

The IAR also identified one opportunity for improvement. This opportunity is not required to be implemented, although Health Infrastructure has reviewed the opportunity outlined below.

Clause No.	Opportunity	Response
SC2-A24 (vii)	There have been no complaints to date. However, the audit noted no complaints register on the website as required by this condition.	Implemented , HI has provided a Complaints Register on the public website and will update it on a monthly basis.

Conclusion

Based on our review, the Independent Audit results represent a well-managed project in general per conditions set out by the SSI 9775 Stage 2 Consent. NGH Environmental has identified 2 Non-Conforming conditions relating to Access to Information & 1 Non-Conforming condition related to the Revision of Strategies, Plans and Programs. HI does not believe these Non-Conforming conditions present any risk or breach of consent to the development. HI has reviewed and implemented the Opportunities for Improvement identified by the Auditor.

Please contact the undersigned if you require further information.

Yours sincerely,



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