

NSW Planning ref: SSI-9364-PA-356

Sheila Anderson

Senior Environment and Sustainability Manager

M12 Motorway

Transport for NSW

Sent via the Major Projects Portal only

10 October 2024

Subject: M12 Motorway (West and Central) (SSI-9364) – Agreement to additional independent auditor

Dear Sheila,

Reference is made to your submission dated 12 September 2024 (SSI-9364-PA-356) requesting the Planning Secretary's written agreement to additional suitably qualified, experienced, and independent persons as independent auditors for the M12 Motorway (West and Central) project (project) under SSI-9364, as modified (approval).

The NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (NSW Planning) has reviewed the independent auditor nominations and based on the information you have provided, and with consideration to the complexity of the relevant West and Central stages of the project, is satisfied that Annabelle Tungol is suitably qualified, experienced, and independent.

Consequently, in accordance with Schedule 2, Condition A38 of the approval and the NSW Planning, *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements* (2020) (IA PAR), as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I agree to the following additional independent auditor for the next independent audit of the project:

- Annabelle Tungol as lead auditor

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

This agreement is in addition to the independent auditor agreement letter dated 16 October 2023 (SSI-9364-PA-227) and is for the next independent audit of the project only. Further agreement from the Planning Secretary must be sought and provided for the above auditor prior to them leading any subsequent audits of the project under the conditions of approval.

The Independent Audit must be prepared, undertaken, and finalised in accordance with the conditions of approval and the IA PAR. Failure to meet these requirements will require revision and resubmission.

This agreement is subject to the above independent auditor maintaining their independence and certification as a lead environmental auditor in accordance with the IA PAR. NSW Planning also reserves the right to request an alternate auditor or audit team for future audits.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "N. Kumar".

Nicholas Kumar

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As nominee of the Planning Secretary