

## Department of Planning and Environment

Our ref: SSI-9364-PA-227

Transport for NSW

via Major Projects Portal

16 October 2023

Attention: Ms Deanne Forrest, Project Director, Transport for NSW

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**Subject:** M12 Motorway (West & Central) – nomination of independent auditor

Dear Deanne

I refer to your letter dated 22 September 2023 (PA-227) requesting the Planning Secretary's agreement to suitably qualified, experienced, and independent persons as independent environmental auditors of the M12 Motorway (West & Central) (SSI-9364).

NSW Planning has reviewed the information you have provided against the *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (2020)*. NSW Planning is satisfied that Ms Nilda Soto is certified with Exemplar Global as lead auditor in environmental management systems, is suitably experienced in state significant projects and has supplied a declaration of independence.

Consequently, I can advise that under Condition A38 of SSI-9364, the Planning Secretary has agreed to the following auditor:

- Ms Nilda Soto, The APP Group

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

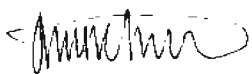
This agreement supersedes all previous agreements under Condition A38 of SSI-9364 for the M12 Motorway (West & Central).

The Independent Audit must be prepared, undertaken, and finalised in accordance with the *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (2020)*. Failure to meet these requirements will require revision and resubmission.

NSW Planning reserves the right to request an alternate auditor or audit team for future audits.

Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Alex Sands, Senior Compliance Officer, or Damien Smith, Senior Compliance Officer, via email at [compliance@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:compliance@planning.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,



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*As nominee of the Planning Secretary*