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Dear Mr Browne,

Coffs Harbour Bypass - Independent Auditor Approval (SSI-7666)

I refer to your request (SSI-7666-PA-155) lodged on 15 June 2023 for the Secretary's approval of a suitably qualified person to prepare an Independent Audit for the Coffs Harbour Bypass Project ('**the Project**'), in accordance with Schedule 2, Condition A33 of State Significant Infrastructure 7474 ('**SSI-7474**' or '**the Approval**').

The Department of Planning and Environment ('**NSW Planning**') has reviewed the nominations you have provided and is satisfied that proposed Auditors are suitably qualified and experienced. Consequently, I can advise that the Secretary approves the appointment of the following:

- Sam Pathammavong, JBS&G - Lead Auditor.
- Christine Louie, JBS&G - Auditor.

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

NSW Planning notes that Christine Louie's Exemplar Global Auditor Certification expires on 25 August 2023. Please note that the approval of the auditors is conditional upon them maintaining certification as a lead or auditor with a relevant industry body. Failure to provide evidence of continued certification may result in the auditor's endorsement being removed by NSW Planning.

The Independent Audit must be prepared, undertaken and finalised in accordance with Conditions A33 - A38 of the Approval and the requirements of the *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (2020)*. Failure to meet these requirements may require the revision and resubmission of the Independent Audit report.

Notwithstanding the agreement for the above listed audit team for this Project, each respective project approval or consent requires a request for the agreement to the auditor or audit team be submitted to NSW Planning, for consideration of the 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.

Department of Planning and Environment



Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact me on 02 6670 8652.

Yours sincerely

Nick Ballard

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As nominee of the Planning Secretary