

NSW Planning ref: SSD-7228-PA-16

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Sent via the Major Projects Portal only

Subject: The Sydney Zoo - 2024 Independent Environmental Audit Report

Dear Mr Burgess

I refer to your submission of the 2024 Independent Environmental Audit (**IEA**) Report and Response to Audit Recommendations (**RAR**), SSD-7228-PA-16, for the period of 9 December 2019 to 17 April 2024, submitted as required by Schedule 2, Condition D12 of SSD-7228 as modified (**consent**) for the Sydney Zoo (**project**), to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (**NSW Planning**) on 2 August 2024.

NSW Planning considers the IEA report and RAR to generally satisfy the reporting requirements of the consent. Please note that acceptance of this report is not an endorsement of the compliance status of the project.

The non-compliances identified with implementation of the Operational Environmental Management Plan and sub-plans (**OEMP**) relating to waste management under Condition D6, (Geosyntec IDs G214, G219 and G220) will be assessed further in accordance with the NSW Planning Compliance Policy and further correspondence may be sent to you in relation to these matters.

The remaining non-compliances with C32C (ID G72), D11 (ID G106) and the other identified non-compliances with the OEMP (IDs G200, G227 and G228) have been assessed with NSW Planning on this occasion determining to record the breaches with no further enforcement action proposed. However, please note that recording these breaches does not preclude NSW Planning from taking an alternative enforcement action, should it become apparent that an alternative response is more appropriate.

As the non-compliance identified with Condition C32B (ID G71) has been considered previously and a breach recorded as per the letter issued on 12 August 2022, NSW Planning considers the matter to be closed and makes no further comment.



Please include a status update for all actions provided in the RAR in the next Annual Review and IEA report, until all actions are completed.

As required by Schedule 2, Condition D13(a)(vii) of the consent, please ensure that a copy of the IEA report and RAR are publicly available on the project's website.

Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Samuel Condon, Senior Compliance Officer on (02) 8275 1169 or email <u>compliance@planning.nsw.gov.au</u>

Yours sincerely

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