

HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE

Independent Environmental Audit – Proponent review and response

New Tweed Valley Hospital – SSD 10353

02 February 2024

Declaration

This Proponent review and response has been prepared for NSW Health Infrastructure (**HI**) in response to an Independent Audit, including the recommendations and opportunities for improvement identified in the final Audit Report. The response to each of the audit findings is included as outlined in the *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements* (*May 2020*).

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1. Introduction

1.1 Project Application Number and Project Name

New Tweed Valley Hospital - SSD 10353

1.2 Site Address

771 Cudgen Road, Cudgen, NSW

1.3 Project Contact Details					
Proponent	NSW Health Infrastructure				
Client Representative					
Contractor	Lendlease Construction				

1.4 Independent Auditor

SNC-Lavalin Atkins

1.5 Independent Audit Date

Audit period 6 June 2023 to 27 November 2023.

Audit Site Inspection Date: 27 November 2023.

2. Proponent response

The Independent Environmental Audit for the Stage 2 works at New Tweed Valley Hospital (January 2024, SNC-Lavalin Atkins, Report 5196018) was prepared by from SNC-Lavalin Atkins.

The Audit Report dated 22 January 2024 was received on 22 January 2024 for an audit site inspection completed on 27 November 2023. The audit report has been reviewed and the response to the audit findings are listed in the below table.

In relation to non-compliances, the response sets out the action and the completion timing. In relation to observations and opportunities identified for improvement, the actions are also set out or the reason for not implementing any measures in response.

Please note the below table contains a list of the three (3) non-compliances as determined in Audit (5196018).

Consent Condition No.	Requirement (exact wording from consent)	Independent Audit Findings and Recommendations	Compliance Status	Unique Identification on Noncompliance	Proponent Response & Timing
A25	At least 48 hours before the commencement of construction until the completion of all works under this consent, or such other time as agreed in writing by the Planning Secretary, the Applicant must: Make the following information and documents (as they are obtained or approved) publicly available on its website: a) the documents referred to in condition A2 of this consent; b) regular reporting on the environmental performance of the development in accordance with the reporting arrangements in any plans or programs approved under the conditions of this consent; c) a comprehensive summary of the monitoring results of the development, reported in accordance with the specifications in any conditions of this consent, or any approved plans and programs; d) a summary of the current stage and progress of the development; e) contact details to enquire about the development or to make a complaint; f) a complaints register, updated monthly; g) audit reports prepared as part of any independent audit of the development and the Applicant's response to the recommendations in any audit report; h) any other matter required by the Planning Secretary; and keep such information up to date, to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary.	The environmental monitoring reports (noise, dust and vibration) had not been placed on the project website at the time of the audit. Recommendation Update the project website to include the monitoring reports for the audit period and keep the website up to date.	Administrative Non - Compliance		The required reports for the audit period have been issued to the contractor and are under review for this period (July - December 2023). The reports will be issued and uploaded to the project website by the end of February 2024.
A32	Within three months of: a) the submission of a compliance report under condition A35; b) the submission of an incident report under condition A27; c) the submission of an Independent Audit under condition C44; d) the approval of any modification of the conditions of this consent; or	While the management plans were reviewed following the previous audit (with no changes made), the Department weren't notified of the review, therefore compliance with this condition has not been achieved. Recommendation	Administrative Non - Compliance		The contractor will ensure that Health Infrastructure (HI) are issued a notice that the review is being undertaken, for HI to issue to DPE via the portal.

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	e) the issue of a direction of the Planning Secretary under condition A2 which requires a review, the strategies, plans and programs required under this consent must be reviewed, and the Planning Secretary and the Certifier must be notified in writing that a review is being carried out.	Ensure any remaining notifications and provision of information is provided to the Department within the timeframes required by the conditions.			
C8	The Applicant must carry out the construction of the development in accordance with the most recent version of: a) the approved CEMP (including Sub-Plans); and b) the Stage 2 BMP (including Sub-Plans if any).	Section 3.4 of the Traffic and Pedestrian Management Plan notes that "all personnel shall park within the designated parking area in site". As noted in section 4.6 below, a complaint was received on 27/7/23 relating to construction worker parking in the Aquatic Centre carpark on Cudgen Road. The Auditor notes that the event that led to the complaint was during the peak construction period and during the audit site inspection on 27/8/23 there were ample empty carparking spaces on site with no construction vehicles observed to be parked in the aquatic centre carpark. As the peak construction period has now passed, with a significantly reduced workforce, the risk of further incident is low. Therefore, there are no additional recommendations proposed by the Auditor in addition to the actions taken by Lend Lease as documented in the response to the complaint.	Non-Compliant		The requirements of the consent have been reinforced with contractors to ensure no parking in the aquatic centre parking. In addition, the project's new multideck carpark is now available for workforce to use until the opening of the hospital in May 2024. There is no longer a parking issue at the site with ample worker parking available.