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Dear Sheelagh,

Date 14/01/2022

SSD 6666 Hydro Remediation Project: Independent Environmental Audit

Hydro Aluminium Kurri Kurri Pty Ltd (Hydro) commissioned AQUAS Pty Ltd (AQUAS) to complete the Independent Environmental Audit (Audit) of the state significant development (SSD) 6666 (Hydro Remediation Project) in accordance with condition C13 of the development consent for SSD 6666. The Audit Report has been submitted to the Department of Planning, Industry and the Environment (the department) on 14 January 2022 via the Project Portal website.

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Condition C14 of the development consent for SSD 6666 requires Hydro to:

- (a) review and respond to each Independent Audit Report prepared under Condition C13 of this consent;*
- (b) submit the response to the Planning Secretary and any other NSW agency that requests it, together with a timetable for the implementation of the recommendations;*
- (c) implement the recommendations to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary; and*
- (d) make each Independent Audit Report and response to it publicly available no later than 60 days after submission to the Planning Secretary and notify the Planning Secretary in writing at least 7 days before this is done.*

The purpose of this letter is to address the requirements of condition C14 of the development consent for SSD 6666.

Review and respond to the Audit Report

The Audit Report concluded that *"the development proved to have strong environmental performance in compliance with the Conditions of Consent SSD-6666-Mod1 with no non-compliances raised during this audit"*. It identified a number of key strengths with environmental performance and compliance with the development consent.

The Audit Report made no recommendations for improvement. It did note *"that the RWEMP will be reviewed by December 2021 (3-months from approval of Mod 1 in September 2021), and any necessary changes made within six weeks of the review, to reflect the Modification 1 requirements to fully comply with Conditions of Consent C5 and C6"*.

Ramboll Australia Pty Ltd (Ramboll) submitted a letter on behalf of Hydro via the Project Portal on 23 December 2021 acknowledging the requirement to review the RWEMP and requesting that *"submission of the revised RWEMP (if required) be submitted within six weeks of the department's approval of the Temporary Water Treatment Plant Management Plan (Condition B19A) and Irrigation Management Plan (Condition B19C). Hydro wishes to ensure that any comments that the Department and the EPA have regarding these plans are reflected as appropriate/ required in the revised RWEMP"*.

Response submission

This submission has been submitted to the department via the Project Portal on XX January 2022. No other agencies have requested this response from Hydro.

Implementation of recommendations

The Audit Report did not include any recommendations for Hydro to implement.

Public availability of Audit Report and response

Hydro will make the Audit Report and this response available on the Project website (<https://regrowthkurrikurri.com.au/statutory-information/>) after 21 January 2022. We request that the department consider this letter the written notification required to be submitted to the department at least seven days prior to its public availability as required by condition C14(d) of the development consent for SSD 6666.

Please feel free to give me a call if you wish to discuss.

Yours sincerely



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