

**Proponent Response to
Independent Audit 6
Findings**

**Upgrades to Chatswood
Public School & Chatswood
High School**

State Significant Development (SSD) 9483

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Project Name and Project Application Number

Upgrades to Chatswood Public School and Chatswood High School (SSD 9483)

Site Address

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Proponent Response to Independent Audit 6 Findings (Rev 2.0)

Date

12 June 2024

Contact Details

Proponent	School Infrastructure NSW
Client Representative	Johnstaff Projects
Managing Contractor	Richard Crookes Constructions

Independent Audit Date

9 May 2024

Independent Auditor

WolfPeak

Proponent Response

Table 1 below details that no Condition of Consent was classified as “Non-compliant” during the Independent Environmental Audit 6 commenced on 9 May 2024. In this instance the proponent has therefore not needed to provide a detailed action plan to be undertaken, refer Table 1 on the next page.

Table 2 below details an observation and recommendations provided by the Independent Auditor in the Independent Audit Report 6 as well as two observations outstanding from Independent Environmental Audit 5. The proponent has provided responses and relevant actions to be undertaken, where required, in the table.

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Table 1 – Non-Compliances Identified in Independent Audit Report 6 Rev 2.0 (4 June 2024)

Condition Number (ID)	Compliance Requirement	Independent Audit Finding	Independent Audit Recommendation	Proponent's Proposed Action/Action taken/Response (as applicable)	Proposed Action Due Date
		No non-compliances recorded.			

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Table 2 – Observations Identified – Status of previously open audit findings and recommendations and from Independent Audit 6 Rev 2.0 (4 June 2024)

Condition Number (ID)	Compliance Requirement	Independent Audit Finding	Independent Audit Recommendation	Proponent's Proposed Action/Action taken/Response (as applicable)	Proposed Action Due Date
A31	Compliance reports of the project must be carried out in accordance with the Compliance Reporting Post Approval Requirements.	<p>IEA 5 Observation 01: The compliance Reporting Post Approval Requirements requires Compliance Reports to be prepared within 52 weeks of commencement of operations.</p> <p>The first stage of operations commences in April 2022 (refer D1), but this pertained to ramps and stairs only.</p> <p>As per the information provided by the auditees, the commencement for use for the first teaching Buildings (S, P1 and P2) began in December 2022, while the remaining teaching spaces such as Building T, became operational on 24 April 2023, Building Q on 22 May 2023 and Building G on 31 May 2023. Consequently, the auditees considered that the Chatswood Education Precinct's operations commenced on 31 May 2023, which marks the date when the last building was handed over. Therefore, the first Compliance Report is expected to be completed before 31 May 2024.</p> <p>No Compliance Reports have been prepared to date.</p>	Prepare and submit a Compliance report in accordance with Compliance reporting Post Approval Requirements. Inform the Department of proposed timing of the first Compliance Report under condition A31.	Complete a Compliance Report and submit it to the Department of Planning before 31 May 2024. Compliance Report issued to DPHI on 30 May 2024.	Closed
E19	Waste collection must be undertaken during the hours of 7:30am to 6pm Monday to Friday.	<p>IEA 5 Observation 05: The Auditor notes that operational waste collection is occurring from waste collection areas that were in places at both schools prior to the Project being constructed (i.e.: from the locations that do not form part of the SSD). The new waste collection areas that form part of the SSD have been constructed but have not been put into use at the time of the audit.</p> <p>The Auditor observes that two separate e-mail chains indicated that waste collection under pre-existing arrangements is occurring outside the hours permitted by this condition.</p> <p>According to the e-mail from Veolia to the</p>	Require waste collection to occur during the hours of 7:30am to 6pm Monday to Friday for all waste collection from the new waste collection areas constructed as part of the project.	<p>The Department of Education is to organise for all waste collection from its' new waste collection areas between the hours of 7:30am to 6pm Monday to Friday.</p> <p>DET e-mail confirmation dated 10.04.24 forwarded from the contractor Veolia confirming collection is occurring within the hours specified by this</p>	Closed

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		<p>Department of Education, waste collection from the High School operates as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monday – takes place on a Sunday afternoon -Tuesday – Takes place on Monday afternoon -Wednesday – Takes place on Tuesday afternoon Thursday – takes place on Wednesday afternoon -Friday – takes place on a Thursday afternoon. <p>According to an e-mail from the Department of Education to Johnstaff, waste collection from the Public School occurs at approximately 04:30am each morning.</p>		condition.	
E8	<p>Upon completion of remediation works, the Applicant must manage the site in accordance with the Environmental Management Plan approved by the site auditor under condition D24 and any ongoing maintenance of remediation notice issued by EPA under the contaminated Land Management Act 1997.</p>	<p>IEA 6 Observation 01: The LTEMP specifies that for existing landscaped areas, not subject to remediation/excavation (such as outside K Block) the design is that a marker layer would be placed over the existing ground with a 100mm thick mulch cover. It was observed during the audit site inspection that the marker layer established through remediation of the High School is exposed outside of K Block due to recent rain. The school staff indicated that the heavy rain regularly washes the mulch layer off, exposing the marker layer, and that mulch needs to be pulled back or re-applied. The Auditor is of the opinion that whilst the minimum requirement of the LTEMP has been met this arrangement whereby the school staff need to regularly manage the mulch cover is not optimal.</p>	<p>The design of the treatment of the existing landscape outside of K Block should be reviewed (by SINSW and its contractors, and in consultation with the school) and potentially be updated so that the marker layer is not exposed following rain.</p>	<p>The area of mulch and marker layer has been installed as required by the LTEMP and contract requirements and currently the contractor is responsible for management of the mulch layer during the defects liability period. Additional measures will be reviewed by the School with AMU for future management of the mulch to minimize displacement in heavy rain.</p>	Closed.