

9 May 2025

NSW Department of Planning, Infrastructure & Housing
Director Resource Assessments
Attention: Steve O'Donoghue

Dear Steve,

**SSI 12590060 – Hunter Power Project: Snowy Hydro's Response to the March 2025
Independent Environmental Audit Findings**

Ken Holmes of Barnett & May was engaged by Snowy Hydro to conduct the September 2024 Independent Audit of the Hunter Power Project as required by Conditions C15 to C19.

The audit, undertaken in accordance with the Department's Independent Audit Post Approval Guidelines (May 2020), covered the period from 4 September 2024 to 10 March 2025 and did not identify any non-compliances. The Independent Environmental Audit Report dated 9 May 2025 is attached. The table below provides Snowy Hydro's response to the recommendations contained in the Independent Environmental Audit Report.

With reference to Condition C5, no revisions to the suite of approved Management Plans will be required as a result of this Independent Environmental Audit.

Yours sincerely,

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Daryl Young
Project Director
Hunter Power Project

Condition Number	Compliance Requirement	IEA Finding	IEA Recommendation	Proposed Action	Proposed Action Due Date
N/A	N/A	N/A	Review all approval conditions relating to the Planning Consent, EPBC Approval and EPL, identify and close out any construction related obligations, develop a schedule and action plan with assigned responsibility for delivering the obligations for both commissioning and operational phases.	This was completed in July 2024 as a part of our Operational Readiness process.	Closed
N/A	N/A	N/A	Review and retire any construction related environmental management plans and communicate this to DPHI prior to the commencement of operations. Remove retired plans from the Project website.	As a part of the transition from the construction/commissioning phase of the Project to the operational phase, all environmental management plans will be retired or updated as required and the website updated accordingly.	During transition from construction/commissioning to operations.
N/A	N/A	N/A	Review the Project's Environmental Protection Licence (EPL 21627) and seek to vary the licence to remove any construction related conditions.	As a part of the transition from the construction/commissioning phase of the project to the operational phase, the Project's EPL will be reviewed and a variation sought to remove construction related conditions.	During transition from construction/commissioning to operations.
N/A	N/A	N/A	Review and update the Project Pollution Incident Response Management Plan to account for operational project risks.	As a part of the transition from the construction/commissioning phase of the Project to the operational phase, all environmental management plans will be retired or updated as required and the website updated accordingly.	During transition from construction/commissioning to operations.
N/A	N/A	N/A	Induct any new personnel or organisations into the action plan, to ensure they are aware of their operational compliance obligations.	This has been occurring since July 2024 as a part of the Operational Readiness process.	Ongoing