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Industry Assessments
NSW Department of Planning and Environment
GPO Box 39
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11 May 2021

Dear Assessor,

**Southern Highlands Regional Shooting Complex (MP 06_0232 Mod 5)
Condition of Approval A11 (a) & (b) 'Independent Auditing'**

We seek the Secretary's acknowledgement that the Annual Independent Audit has been completed for 2019-2020. As stated in the Audit, it was delayed due to COVID restrictions on travelling.

I refer to Major Project Approval (MP 06_02320) granted by the former Minister for Planning for the Southern Highlands Regional Shooting Complex (SHRSC), specifically to the Condition of Approval A11 'Independent Auditing'.

This Audit completes the requirement of A11 (a) and has recommended ongoing operational hours A11 (b).

Condition A11 (c) requires the audit to be submitted to the Secretary, together with any response to recommendations contained in the audit. The Audit has identified improvement opportunities at 3.3.5, for the purpose of A11 (c), our responses are below.

1) Agreed: The Office of Sport has been visited by and has been working with recommendations received from Adam Hook, from Biodiversity Conservation Trust (BCT) after the 2019 Wattle Ridge Fire and subsequent heavy rainfall. The Office of Sport has been sending a copy of the Annual Environmental report required under the Conservation Agreement to BCT for comments. BCT has assisted with recommendations for erosion control after the heavy rains followed the fires. The Office of Sport will continue with this engagement.

2) Agreed: There have been no fire management activities in 2020-2021 as the entire site has been completely burnt out by the 2019 Green Wattle Ridge fire. Dangerous trees were removed from the roadside by a qualified arborist. The RFS has been invited to the evacuation training on site on 24th June 2021. APZ's have been maintained.

3) Agreed: Soil & water tests and site inspections for lead contamination are undertaken quarterly by an independent consultant. Recommendations from the consultant are implemented. The Office of Sport record every attendee and an estimate of the lead they have shot.



4) Agreed: The Office of Sport continue to work on recommendations quarterly from the Soil and Water monitoring reports. Ground limestone has been applied as identified in the March 2020 report.

5) Agreed. The Office of sport will recommend that trend analysis commences in the annual Reports.

6) Agreed: The Office of Sport engage a contracted landscaper to manually treat weeds on site. The Conservation Agreement is onerous in its requirement to hand cut and treat weeds; the Office of Sport will meet with the Biodiversity Conservation Trust to review the agreement.

7) Agreed: The Office of Sport, now familiar with what is required by the auditor, have started to archive photos of maintenance and meetings to assist with the audit process.

Part 3.4 of this Audit has recommended ongoing operational hours as per Condition A11 (b). The Office of Sport agree with this recommendation.

This audit report and this response to the audit requirements will be posted on the SHRSC website as per Condition E5.

Thanking you in advance for your review of the 2019-2020 Compliance Audit

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robyn Ginger".

Robyn Ginger

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