

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

Our ref: SSD-9835-PA-XXX

Venues NSW

Via Major Projects Portal

Attention: Aleks Kukolj, Superintendent – Venues NSW

23 February 2024

Subject: SSD 9835 - Precinct Village and Carpark (PV&C) (MOD 7)

Independent Audit timing extension request

Dear Aleks,

I refer to your email dated 15 February 2024 requesting the Planning Secretary's agreement to extend the timeframe for undertaking the second independent audit for the construction of the Precinct Village and Carpark (PV&C) redevelopment approved under Modification 7 (Mod 7) of the Sydney Football Stadium Stage 2 (SSD 9835).

The current request, which was received via email, has been actioned (this response) however please note such requests are required to be lodged via the Major Projects Portal in the future.

The initial independent audit for the construction of the PV&C was submitted to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (NSW Planning) on 27 October 2023 and covered the audit period from 16 June 2023 to 31 August 2023 (SSD-9835-PA-182).

NSW Planning understands Stage 1 Early Works for the PV&C were completed in December 2023 and that Venues NSW have not yet appointed a contractor for the remainder of works (Stage 2 Civil Works, Stage 3 Main Works, and Stage 4 Façade, Landscape and Public Domain). Venues have advised that a head contractor is expected to be appointed in early March 2024, with construction works for Stage 2 to commence late March 2024.

Condition A46(b) of SSD 9835 Mod 7 states “*subsequent Independent Audits of construction must be undertaken at six-month intervals from the date of the initial construction Independent Audit*”

In considering this request, NSW Planning has also considered the PV&C Compliance and Monitoring Program (SSD-9835-PA-167) and the PV&C Staging Report (SSD-9835-PA-159).

NSW Planning has not identified concerns with the requested extension based on the current works, recent community complaints and the scope of work under the staging report. Consequently, I can

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advise that under Condition A48 of SSD 9835 Mod 7, the Planning Secretary requires the second independent audit for the construction of the PV&C to be undertaken by 10 June 2024 (*agreeing to the extended timeframe as requested*).

NSW Planning requests that the auditor nomination required under Condition A44 of SSD 9835 Mod 7 be submitted as soon as possible and that the agreed auditors submit the audit scope consultation to compliance@planning.nsw.gov.au no later than two weeks prior to the audit.

Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Nicholas Kumar, Senior Compliance Officer.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Sherry".

Rob Sherry

Team Leader Compliance – Government Projects

As delegate of the Planning Secretary