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Dear Mr Harrison

Eurobodalla Southern Storage SSD 7089 – Independent Environmental Audit

I refer to your letter of 13 February 2023 directing Council to undertake an Independent Environmental Audit of the Eurobodalla Southern Storage Construction. Please be advised that Council accepts the Audit Report provided by NGH Environmental and the identified non-compliances and recommended actions included within this report, as summarised below.

Non-compliant requirement	Proposed Response/Action
C13 – Construction Compliance Reports and a Pre-Operational Compliance Report of the project must be carried out in accordance with the Compliance Reporting Post Approval Requirements (Department 2018) or any revision as in force from time to time.	Replaced by notice referenced above. Council to undertake the next scheduled Independent Audit in accordance with the Post Approval Independent Audit Requirements (2020)
C15 – Making information and documents publicly available on Council’s website	Website to be updated to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Environmental performance and monitoring results undertaken, with an emphasis on Stage 5 progressing, and monitoring as per the conditions of the EPL being triggered. These website updates to occur at least bi-annually. - Contact details for the lodging of complaints.
Appendix 2 Item 4.5 – Informing of local residents of construction activities during the construction process.	Council to continue to provide website updates and direct written communication to affected residents at key times during construction.
Appendix 2 Item 13.1 – Develop a Landscape Management Plan during detailed design phase of the project.	Council to seek DPE approval to address this requirement through Project Rehabilitation Plans.

Further correspondence regarding the requirement for a Landscape Management Plan, as mentioned above, will be provided to the Department of Planning and Environment Water and Assessments Team.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me on 4474 1342.

Yours sincerely



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cc Mr Mark Wisely – Senior Planning Officer – Water Assessments

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