

Proponent Response to Operational Audit (3 February 2023)

The Proponent has reviewed the Draft and Final Independent Environmental Audit (inclusive of the revised Audit dated 2 February 2023) that was conducted against the requirements of State Significant Development conditions SSD-9510 for the development of Stage 1A, University of Newcastle City Campus, known as the Q Building. The Proponent has no objections to the findings, see below table for response to these findings.

Finding No.	Finding Type	Condition	Audit Findings	Audit Recommendation	Proponent Response / Actions
NC-01	Non-compliance	A2a	A non-compliance is raised against condition A2 (a) based on the non-compliances raised against conditions A18, C47, E5 and E12.	Addressing the non-compliances raised against these conditions will automatically address this non-compliance.	As below detailed below for A18, A19, B28, C47, E5, and E12.
NC-02	Non-compliance	A18	Monitoring and environmental audit have not been completed in accordance with conditions C47 and E5.	Addressing the non-compliances raised against conditions C47 and E5 and notifying DPE of the non-compliances (by submission of this audit report) will automatically address this non-compliance.	As below detailed below for C47 and E5.
NC-03	Non-compliance	A19	Two Compliance Reports and the short-term noise monitoring report have not been made available on the website.	Upload the Compliance Reports and short-term noise monitoring report to the website as soon as they are available.	Upload the Compliance Reports and short-term monitoring report once completed and detailed below for B28 and E5.
NC-04	Non-compliance	B28	A Pre-Operational Compliance Report was not completed and issued to the Department prior to commencement of operation. An Operation Compliance Report was not completed and issued to the Department within 52 weeks of commencement of operation.	A Pre-Operational Compliance Report, and an Operational Compliance Report should be actioned without delay to address this condition.	Retrospectively complete the pre-operational compliance report and operational compliance report within 8 weeks of audit acceptance by DPE response.
NC-05	Non-compliance	C47	The initial operational independent environmental audit was not completed within 52 weeks of the commencement of operation, in accordance with Independent Audit Program and the Independent Audit Post-Approval Requirements (2018)	This non-compliance is addressed following the completion of this audit.	Submission of audit to DPE before end of 2022. Upload of audit report and proponent response to the project website within 60 after submission to DPE.
NC-06	Non-compliance	E5	No short-term noise monitoring and quantitative assessment of the operational noise impacts of the operation of the building has been completed.	Conduct the short-term noise monitoring and quantitative assessment of operational noise as soon as possible at an appropriate time, to confirm compliance with operational noise limits, and submit the monitoring report to DPE.	Short-term noise monitoring and quantitative assessment of operational noise to be conducted when the building returns to normal operation next. As this is predominately a teaching building, this is planned to align with Semester 1 2023.

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NC-07	Non-compliance	E12	While initial submission to Green Building Society Australia was within 6 months after commencement of operation, on 3 September 2021, Green Star certification was obtained more than six months after commencement of operation.	Not applicable.	The proponent notes this non-compliance based on the 6-month timeframe. It is highlighted that submission to Green Star occurred within the 6-month timeframe, however final certification was received afterwards. No further action.
OFI-01	Opportunity for Improvement	D8a	Update the Green Travel Plan that covers the Q Building to append evidence of consultation with Council and Transport for NSW.	It is recommended that the Green Travel Plan that covers the Q Building be updated to append evidence of consultation with Council and Transport for NSW.	Consultation evidence to be appended to the Green Travel Plan within the next 8 business weeks.
OFI-02	Opportunity for Improvement	D8f	Update the Green Travel Plan that covers the Q Building to reflect the method of monitoring and review that the University is using.	It is recommended that the Green Travel Plan that covers the Q Building be updated to reflect the method of monitoring and review that the University is using.	Amendment to the Green Travel Plan to update method of monitoring to be undertaken within the next 8 business weeks.
OFI-03	Opportunity for Improvement	D8g	Update the Green Travel Plan that covers the Q Building to include specific examples of additional management actions that could be taken in response to failure to meet mode share targets of the plan.	It is recommended that the Green Travel Plan that covers the Q Building be updated to include specific examples of additional management actions that could be taken in response to failure to meet mode share targets of the plan.	Amendment to the Green Travel Plan to include additional management actions in response to failure to meet mode share to be undertaken within the next 8 business weeks.
OFI-04	Opportunity for Improvement	D11	Prominently display the updated Fire Safety Certificate dated 18 October 2021 in the building.	It is recommended that the updated Fire Safety Certificate dated 18 October 2021 be displayed in the building.	A superseded version of the Fire Safety Certificate is currently displayed within the building. The latest version to be displayed within the next 4 business weeks.
OFI-05	Opportunity for Improvement	D15	Update the Operational Waste Management Plan that is being implemented for the Q Building to be consistent with the submitted Operational Waste Management Plan, and include the waste monitoring and auditing that the University is conducting.	It is recommended that the Operational Waste Management Plan that is being implemented for the Q Building be updated to be consistent with the submitted Operational Waste Management Plan, and to include the waste monitoring and auditing that the University is conducting.	Amendment to the Operational Waste Management Plan to update method of waste monitoring to be undertaken within the next 8 business weeks.