Department of Planning and Environment



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Dear Mr White

## Baiada Integrated Poultry Processing Facility (SSD-9394) Independent Environmental Audit 2021

Reference is made to your post approval matter, SSD-9394-PA-13, Independent Environmental Audit (IEA) report [and Response to Audit Recommendations (RAR)] for the Baiada Integrated Poultry Processing Facility (Baiada), submitted as required by Schedule 2, Part C, Condition C20 of SSD-9394 (the consent) to the Department of Planning and Environment (the department) on 2 February 2022. Reference is also made to your response to the department's request for more information (RFI-40065869) submitted to the department on 7 April 2022.

The department considers the IEA and RAR to generally satisfy the reporting requirements of the consent and the department's *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements* (2020). Please note that acceptance of this report is not an endorsement of the compliance status of the project.

Non-compliances identified in the IEA have been assessed in accordance with the department's Compliance Policy with the department on this occasion, determining to record the breaches (excluding the non-compliance with Schedule 2, Part B, Condition B60 of the consent) with no further enforcement action. However, please note that recording the breach does not preclude the department from taking alternative enforcement action, should it become apparent that an alternative response is more appropriate.

The non-compliance with Schedule 2, Part B, Condition B60 of the consent will be assessed in accordance with the department's Compliance Policy. Further correspondence may be sent in relation to this non-compliance. Additionally, the department does not support Baiada's proposed response to the non-compliance with Schedule 2, Part B, Condition B60 of the consent.

Under the provisions of Schedule 2, Part A, Condition A3 of the consent, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I direct Baiada to reduce the volume of Sodium Hydroxide solution stored onsite to reflect the maximum storage quantity for Sodium Hydroxide solution shown in Table 3 of the consent by **5 May 2022** or as otherwise agreed by the Planning Secretary.

Finally, please include a status update for all actions provided in the RAR in the next Compliance Report and Independent Audit, until all actions are completed.

Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Joel Curran, Acting Team Leader on 02 4904 2702 or <a href="mailto:compliance@planning.nsw.gov.au">compliance@planning.nsw.gov.au</a>

Yours sincerely

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As nominee of the Planning Secretary