

Table 1: Response to Audit Findings – Following completion of Audit undertaken 27th October 2025

CoA No	Compliance Requirement	Independent Audit Finding	Independent Audit Recommendation	Proponents Proposed Action	Proposed Due Date
Non- Compliances (identified in audit period)					
	No non-compliances were identified by the Auditor or reported within the audit period by Sydney Water or John Holland Group				
Recommendations/ Observations					
E20	<p>The Rehabilitation Management Plan required under Condition E19 must be prepared in consultation with EHG and submitted to the Planning Secretary for approval one month before the commencement of construction in the RBM 12 red-hatched lands. The plan must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) removal of all equipment, materials and environmental controls from site; (b) where like-for-like re-vegetation is not possible (for example, to minimise risk to pipelines from tree roots), consider vegetation suited to the infrastructure requirements and environmental conditions; (c) return disturbed areas to preconstruction ground level where practical; (d) rehabilitate areas of native vegetation removal to the 	<p>At the time of the Audit and as observed during the site inspection, rehabilitation of the RBM 12 lands has been undertaken.</p> <p>Section 6.4 of the RMP required under Condition E19 notes the following:</p> <p>“Audits (both internal and external) undertaken to assess the effectiveness of environmental controls, compliance with this RMP and other relevant approvals, licenses and guidelines. An annual review of this plan will be undertaken and documented by a SQP to reflect any feedback from monitoring activities and any changes to management responses. Audit requirements are detailed in Section 3.9 of the CEMP”</p> <p>Section 6.5 of the RMP notes the following:</p> <p>Six monthly reports are required to provide documentation of the progress of the rehabilitation in the RBM12 impacted corridor. This is in accordance with CoA E20 (i), which requires six-monthly summary progress reports over the</p>	<p>Undertake an internal audit of the RMP during the next Audit period and provide findings of the Audit to CPHR with the initial 6 monthly report.</p>	<p>JHG will undertake audit of the RBM12 RMP and will prepare initial report, due within 6 months of the completion of the RBM12 planting, which after several trials of guards, was not completed until July 25.</p>	31/01/26

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	<p>highest ecological condition possible;</p> <p>(e) in areas of native vegetation removal, reuse felled vegetation (logs and tree-hollows) and other habitat features such as rocks and boulders to increase habitat values;</p> <p>(f) in areas of native vegetation removal, use locally sourced (local provenance) tube stock only. All species installed are to be locally indigenous and suitable and characteristic of the Plant Community Type (PCT) that would have originally occurred at the site;</p> <p>(g) where possible, reuse stockpiled vegetation as part of rehabilitation works;</p> <p>(h) where open trenching of waterways is required, enhance aquatic habitat and restore creeks to an improved state; and</p> <p>(i) preparation of six-monthly summary progress report(s) over the revegetation maintenance period, for submission to EHG for comment until EHG is satisfied that the vegetation is established.</p>	<p>maintenance period be submitted to BCS for comment until BCS is satisfied that vegetation is sufficiently established at which time the maintenance period will end.</p> <p>The first six monthly report to EHG (now CPHR) is due to be submitted within the next audit period. A meeting with CPHR had occurred during the Audit period to discuss the rehabilitation of the RBM 12 activities undertaken to date. It was noted that CPHR raised some issues to SWC/JHG regarding the rehabilitation activities undertaken and consistency with the RBM-12 RMP.</p>			

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E117	Rehabilitation and revegetation of the riparian corridor and banks of watercourses impacted by Stage 1 of the CSSI must be commenced within three months of the completion of the watercourse Work and any other Work required in the riparian corridor.	As observed during the Audit site inspection, rehabilitation works at South Creek (along pipelines) have been completed however some of the plantings and their protective structures have been displaced. It was noted during the site inspection that this was due to farm animals and that the team were working through this issue with the farm owner. Replacement trees have been periodically installed.	<p>It is noted that this is an issue that will require ongoing management to ensure long term rehabilitation outcomes are achieved.</p> <p>In addition to the ongoing management actions planned by JHG, it is recommended redundant structures are removed to avoid them from being washed into South Creek.</p>	Redundant guards have been removed from this area. Landscaping subcontractor will continue to monitor the area in line with the Pipelines Rehabilitation Management Plan and will undertake maintenance and further actions as required.	Completed Dec 2025