

## **FOLLOW UP OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL'S 2013 FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORTS**

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Mr Jonathan O'Dea MP  
Chair  
Public Accounts Committee  
Parliament of New South Wales  
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Dear Mr O'Dea

I refer to your correspondence of 22 May 2014 regarding the Auditor General's 2013 financial audit reports to Parliament.

Please find enclosed the response from the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) to a repeat recommendation made in the Auditor General's report regarding OEH reporting compliance by NSW budget dependent agencies with the National Australian Built Environment Rating System (NABERS) in its annual report.

OEH rejects the recommendation on the basis that the requirement to report this compliance is no longer active, owing to the expiration of the relevant policy. It is, however, proposed that OEH report on government performance against NABERS targets in accordance with any new policy requirements.

If you have any further questions on this matter please contact me or have your officers contact Mr [REDACTED], Director Metropolitan Branch, Regional Operations Group on [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

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**VERRY BAILEY**  
**Chief Executive**

Enclosure

# **Recommendation from Auditor-General's 2013 Financial Audit Reports**

<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	<b>ACCEPTED OR REJECTED</b>	<b>ACTIONS TAKEN</b>	<b>DUE DATE</b>	<b>STATUS</b> (completed, on track, delayed) <b>and COMMENT</b>	<b>RESPONSIBILITY</b> (Section of agency responsible for implementation)
<p>1 The Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) should report compliance by NSW budget dependent agencies with the National Australian Built Environment Rating System (NABERS) in its annual report.</p>	<p>Rejected – the requirement to report this compliance is no longer active. The five year Government Sustainability Policy was approved in 2008 and has now expired. The original audit recommendation was based on the targets in the now expired policy.</p>	<p>Action 22 of the NSW Energy Efficiency Action Plan (EEAP) tasks OEH with bringing forward a Government Resource Efficiency Policy (GREP). The new policy is yet to be adopted by Government. It is proposed that OEH reporting of NSW government performance against any NABERS targets be in accordance with this new policy, once approved.</p>	<p>Pending adoption of the policy.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>The internal OEH responsibility for reporting will be determined on adoption of the GREP.</p>