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Dear Mr Lippett

Inland Rail - North Star to NSW/Queensland Border (SSI-9371)
Response to Submissions

The exhibition of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the above proposal ended on 6 October 2020. All submissions received by the Department during the exhibition of the proposal are available on the Department's website at:

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/10221>

The Department requires that you provide a Response to Submissions that addresses the issues identified in the submissions from members of the public, interest groups and government agencies. The Department strongly encourages you to consult with these government agencies during the preparation of the Response to Submissions. In addition, the Department requires you to also address in the Response to Submissions further requests for information on hydrology and flooding, noise and vibration, air quality, biodiversity and social impacts.

Should components of the proposal be amended to improve the design of the proposal, respond to issues raised in submissions or reduce the impacts of the project, ARTC must outline these changes to the proposal in an Amendment Report with any amended SSI application. The Department may exhibit and seek public comments on the Amendment Report.

Under Section 5.17 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, the Planning Secretary may require a Preferred Infrastructure Report be submitted. The Department may exhibit the Preferred Infrastructure Report.

If you have any questions, please contact Belinda Scott, who can be contacted on 8217 2080/ at belinda.scott@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Glenn Snow'.

Glenn Snow
Director
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as delegate for the Planning Secretary

