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Inland Rail - Albury to Illabo (SSI-10055)

Dear Max

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the Inland Rail - Albury to Illabo (SSI-10055).

The NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Agriculture collaborates and partners with our stakeholders to protect and enhance the productive and sustainable use and resilience of agricultural resources and the environment.

NSW DPI has reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and requests that:

- Information be provided on what assessment has been undertaken of level crossings associated with the numerous farm tracks and private access roads in rural areas, what consultation has been conducted with affected landholders and what decisions have been made about these level crossings.
- Emergency animal disease protocols be included in site inductions and ongoing site biosecurity management, for example:
 - keep accurate records of all movements onto Inland Rail worksites adjacent to farmland,
 - do not allow people who have visited FMD infected areas within the last 7 days to work on sites adjacent to farms, or handle or feed livestock.
 - limit entry points and use clear signage to direct people away from farmland and livestock adjacent to the Inland Rail work sites.
 - ensure all footwear, clothing and equipment of anyone visiting or working on sites adjacent to farmland is free of mud, animal manure and mucus.
 - ensure there are facilities for disinfection of hands, shoes and equipment before and after movements onto worksites adjacent to farmland and or handling animal.

Should you require clarification on any of the information contained in this response, please do not hesitate to contact Lilian Parker on 0427812508 or by email at <u>landuse.ag@dpi.nsw.gov.au</u>

Yours sincerely

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