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Dear Mick

FCNSW asked ARTC to present in a meeting, the information from the preferred infrastructure report Narromine to Narrabri EXH-47680458 (PIR) that affected State forests.

The comments below are in response to that meeting held 9 September 2022.

1. Additional land take would be necessary to install Drainage Control Areas (DCAs).
  - a. ARTC provided spatial data which showed the DCAs would remain part of the operational footprint. Can ARTC confirm that the maintenance of these engineered structures will be the responsibility of ARTC for life of project?
2. Mobile accommodation facilities are now proposed for general compounds.
  - a. FCNSW would expect a bushfire management plan from ARTC to address camp evacuation procedures and restriction of use parameters which consider the Australian Fire Danger Rating System. The plan should consider accommodation alternatives in anticipation that weather conditions or closed State forests restrict access/traffic movement.
3. Fauna connectivity strategy (Technical Report 01 – *Appendix J Preliminary fauna connectivity strategy*).
  - a. Will any fauna furniture, canopy bridges, fauna fencing etc persists on land beyond the operational footprint? If so does ARTC commit to maintenance responsibilities of this infrastructure for the life of the project (including trees supporting ropes - section 4.2.5)?
  - b. FCNSW requests the spatial data of fauna fencing, bridges and other connectivity measures.
  - c. Section 4.3.1 references the new stock fence to be built in Cumbil State Forest. ARTC to acknowledge that this fence's purpose is for livestock containment and unrelated to managing native fauna passage.
  - d. Have ARTC considered potential fence damage caused by windthrow/branch drop? Will ARTC be maintaining the condition of vegetation on both sides of any fence to prevent infrastructure damage?
  - e. ARTC to acknowledge that Before/After and Control/Impact (BACI) monitoring programs planned on State forest tenure are conducted after consultation with, and approval from Forestry Corporation.



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Sincerely

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