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Dear Alex

CSSI 10054 Narrabri to North Star SP2

Minister's Condition of Approval E25

Planning Secretary Approval – Independent Peer Reviewer Hydrology

I refer to the Minister's Conditions of Approval (**MCoA**) issued for the Critical State Significant Infrastructure (**CSSI**) Project No. 10054 Narrabri to North Star Separable Portion 2 (**N2NS SP2**), on 4 December 2025, and specifically MCoA E25 which requires the peer review under MCoA E24 to be undertaken by a suitably qualified and experienced hydrologist who has extensive experience in flood modelling including with the hydrological and hydraulic software used for the model. This hydrologist must be independent of the Proponent and the organisation(s) that prepared the flood model for the documents listed in MCoA A1 and be approved by the Planning Secretary.

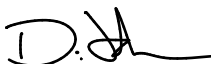
Inland Rail Pty Ltd (**IRPL**) is seeking approval from the Planning Secretary to engage Darren Lyons as the Independent Peer Reviewer Hydrology services.

Supporting documentation is provided as **Attachment 1**, detailing the credentials of the proposed suitably qualified and experienced hydrologist, pursuant to MCoA A17 and E25.

Additionally, a declaration of independence is provided in **Attachment 2**.

If you wish to discuss any of the above further, please contact Ian Irwin, Program Environment Manager at IIRwin@ARTC.com.au or on 0411 175 609, or myself DIsbister@ARTC.com.au or on 0411 731 844.

Yours sincerely



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Attachments

Attachment 1 – CV Darren Lyons

Attachment 2 – Declarations of Independence