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Inland Rail Pty Ltd
via Major Projects Portal

26 March 2026

Attention: David Isbister, Area Director

Subject: **Narrabri to North Star Phase 2 (CSSI-10054) Independent Peer Reviewer – Hydrology E25**

Dear Mr Isbister,

I refer to your submission dated 12 March 2026, requesting approval of Darren Lyons as the Independent Peer Reviewer – Hydrology, as required by Condition E25 of the CSSI-10054 approval.

I note the submission:

- provides the curriculum vitae of Darren Lyons, demonstrating that the nominee is suitably qualified and experienced in hydrology and flood modelling, including with the hydrological and hydraulic software used for the project;
- includes a signed declaration of independence confirming that the nominee is independent of the Proponent and the organisation(s) that prepared the flood model for the documents listed in Condition A1.

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve Darren Lyons as the Independent Peer Reviewer – Hydrology for the purposes of Condition E25 of CSSI-10054.

You are reminded that if there are any inconsistencies between the approved nomination and the conditions of approval, the conditions prevail.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact myself at scott.cooper@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



Belinda Scott
Team Leader
Freight Assessment and Management
As nominee of the Planning Secretary