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Dear Alex,

CSSI 10055 Albury to Illabo Project Locomotive Noise Control Program Report Minister's Condition of Approval E85

I refer to the Minister's Conditions of Approval (**MCoA**) issued for the Critical State Significant Infrastructure (**CSSI**) Project No. 10055 Albury to Illabo (**A2I**), on 8 October 2024, and specifically MCoA E85 which requires the proponent to prepare a Locomotive Noise Control Program (**LNCP**) Report to be submitted and approved by the Planning Secretary to be used in the Operational Noise and Vibration Review (**ONVR**), as required by Condition E89.

Inland Rail Pty Ltd (**IRPL**) has prepared a LNCP Report (5-0069-210-EEC-00-RP-0001 dated 23 May 2025) and submitted to satisfy the requirements of MCoA E85.

Following review of the Department's comments and requested actions, IRPL proposes to provide the following supplementary information outside of the LNCP Report, prior to producing the draft ONVR:

- ▶ **Alternative Locomotive Classes** - A review of potential alternative locomotive classes where identified classes in the LNCP report are not proposed to participate.
- ▶ **Sensitivity Analysis** - A sensitivity analysis (showing LAeq and LAmix) of the Nord2000 algorithm for different ground types D, E, F, and G at a selection of receivers.
- ▶ **Modelling Assumptions** - A consolidated summary of modelling assumptions used in the LNCP Report and recommendations for consideration in the ONVR.
- ▶ **Review of Concept Barriers** - A review of the concept barriers identified in the PIR, based on the outcomes of the LNCP Report.
- ▶ **Fleet Data Update** - Updated FY24 and FY25 fleet data confirming the proportion of legacy locomotives.

Further to the above, IRPL notes the following commitments will be addressed in the ONVR:

- ▶ **Participating Locomotives** - Final number of locomotives participating in the treatment program.

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- Contingencies and Additional Mitigation - Program management contingencies and additional mitigation measures.

IRPL considers that the LNCP Report satisfies the requirements of MCoA E85 and proposes that the supplementary information listed above be provided separately to support DPHI's review and decision-making prior to finalisation of the ONVR. These supplementary materials will not alter the LNCP Report but will inform the ONVR and associated commitments.

IRPL notes that DPHI will be able to assess all noise mitigation measures, including the LNCP, in its entirety within the ONVR, which will define IRPL's commitments for noise mitigation for the A2I project.

If you wish to discuss any of the above further, please contact Ian Irwin, Environment Manager at iirwin@inlandrail.com.au on 0411 175 609 or myself at mclark@inlandrail.com.au on 0414 757 817.

Yours sincerely



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