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Your ref: 6-0000-210-EEC-S0-LT-0100

Mr Malcolm Clark
Inland Rail Pty Ltd
via Major Projects Portal

13 January 2026

Attention: Ian Irwin, Environment Manager

Subject: Inland Rail Albury to Illabo (SSI - 10055) Extension request, Fauna Connectivity Strategy A7 E31

Dear Mr. Clark

I refer to your submission requesting an extension, as allowed by condition A7, to the submission timing of the Fauna Connectivity Strategy required by condition E31.

I have considered your further justification that development of the mitigation measures and negotiations with relevant stakeholders has taken longer than expected.

As nominee of the Planning Secretary I approve your extension request, as allowed by condition A7, to the submission timing of the Fauna Connectivity Strategy required by condition E31 to 27 February 2026. Further extensions may be granted where the following evidence of progress with the relevant stakeholders is provided.

I require that you:

- submit a draft of the proposed strategy to CPHR to consult on the technical efficacy of the proposed concept/strategy by 31 January 2026,
- conduct a monthly update meeting with the Department commencing in January 2026, to facilitate the development of the Fauna Connectivity Strategy, and
- provide evidence of consultation with the landowners indicating a willingness to participate in delivery of the strategy.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Scott Cooper, Senior Planning Officer, or myself.

Yours sincerely



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As nominee of the Planning Secretary