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Subject: Inland Rail Albury to Illabo (SSI - 10055) Condition E108(d) Urban Design and Landscape Plan Exclusions

Dear Mr Clark

I refer to your submission dated 20 November 2024 requesting the Planning Secretary's approval of the following elements' exclusion from the Urban Design and Landscape Plan (UDLP) under condition E108(d) of the CSSI approval:

1. Track works:
 - track slews (lateral movement),
 - reconfiguration of existing tracks (including removal of obsolete elements),
 - lowering of tracks (to increase vertical clearances).
2. Structure modifications:
 - signalling modifications,
 - replacement/removal of existing utilities,
 - relocation/provision of new power supply and/or associated infrastructure including gantries but excluding bridges and pedestrian structures).
3. Drainage structures:
 - culverts,
 - drainage channel.

The Department recognises that the proposed exclusions provide the additional vertical and horizontal clearance that is the core purpose of the CSSI, and in the case of the drainage structures, mitigate its potential impacts. The Department accepts that the design of these project elements is primarily driven by engineering and rail safety requirements.

However, these works also raise design considerations for related landscaping and built infrastructure, such as retaining walls and landscaping of reconfigured rail embankments. The Department is unable to support the request to exclude the requested items from consideration in the UDLP at this time and in advance of the UDLP's submission but recommends that Inland Rail continue to consult with the Department about how to represent the requested items in the UDLP.

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

Yours sincerely

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Alexander Scott

Director, Freight Assessments,

as nominee of the Planning Secretary