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Subject: Inland Rail Albury to Illabo (SSI - 10055) Condition C6, C10 Construction Biodiversity Management Sub-Plan Stage A

Dear Mr. Clark

I refer to your submission dated 13 December 2024, requesting approval of the Construction Biodiversity Management Sub-plan Stage A (the plan), revision 0, dated 10 December 2024 as required by Condition C6. I also acknowledge your response to the Department's review comments and request for additional information.

I note:

- The plan has been developed in consultation with the Biodiversity, Conservation and Science Group (BCS) of the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water and councils; and
- The plan has been endorsed by the ER.

The Department supports BCS' recommendation that a Sloane's Froglet Management Plan is implemented for construction at the Billy Hughes Bridge site as required by Condition E26 and requires that this plan is incorporated into the Biodiversity Management Plan for Stage B of the project.

The Department also reminds you of BCS' requirement to conduct baseline monitoring under Condition E29; and to develop a Fauna Connectivity Strategy as described in Condition E31 prior to the Stage B construction.

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the Construction Biodiversity Management Sub-Plan Stage A, revision 0, dated 10 December 2024. Please note that a separate Planning Secretary's approval will be required for the Biodiversity Management Plan for Stage B of the project.

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

Please ensure you make the document publicly available on the project website at the earliest convenience.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Max Obiakor at Max.Obiakor@dpie.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Scott', with a large, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Alexander Scott
Director
Freight Assessments