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Dear Alex

CSSI 10055 Albury to Illabo Project
Fauna Connectivity Strategy
Minister's Condition of Approval A7

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), 8 October 2024, and specifically MCoA A7 which requires the proponent to seek approval from the Planning Secretary to modify a specified timeframe for an action taken under the terms of the approval.

I refer to your correspondence SSI-10055-PA-156 dated 17 February 2026 extending the date of the FCS (MCoA E31) to the 8 May 2026 and provide the following information to support further extension to the 24 June 2026.

- A copy of the draft Fauna Connectivity Strategy (FCS) Revision E was provided to CPHR on 9 December 2025 for consultation. Following the receipt of comments from CPHR, the strategy was updated and Revision F was resubmitted to CPHR for consultation on 27 March 2026.
- Monthly update meetings have been held monthly including on the 23 January 2026, 27 February 2026 and 24 March 2026. Following discussions in the 24 March 2026 monthly workshop, these meetings will be held as required.
- Consultation with landowners has commenced with Albury City Council (ACC) regarding the viability of Sloane's Froglet habitat construction on ACC-owned and managed private property or road reserve in the vicinity of the Billy Hughes Bridge enhancement site. IRPL are currently preparing an initial proposal for ACC consideration. Consultation will be ongoing between the parties, with next session in series currently scheduled for 23rd April 2026.
- The project is seeking to finalise the FCS prior to the conclusion of the consultation with stakeholders on the connectivity measures noting that the plan contains a contingency strategy in the event that measures are refused by stakeholders.

To enable continuation of construction, whilst the FCS is progressed and finalised, IRPL respectfully requests approval from the Planning Secretary in accordance with Condition A7 to modify the specified timeframe of MCoA E31 to the 24 June 2026.

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Yours sincerely



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