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Subject: Flood Design Verification Report for Narrabri to North Star (Condition E28 of SSI 7474)

Dear Mr Borrelli

I refer to your submission dated 6 July 2022, of the Flood Design Verification Report (Revision 0, July 2022). I also acknowledge your response to the Department's review comments and requests for additional information.

I note the Flood Design Verification Report:

- Has been prepared in consultation with Transport for NSW (TfNSW), Narrabri Shire Council and DPE Biodiversity, Conservation and Science Directorate;
- Has undergone an independent peer review and the flood modelling was found to be generally appropriate;
- Contains the information required by the conditions of approval.

I also note that consultation with TfNSW remains ongoing and that ARTC is working closely with TfNSW to resolve remaining issues. I further note that consultation with some landholders is also ongoing and ARTC is continuing to consult with landholders to reach final agreements regarding mitigation measures and scour protection.

You are reminded that Condition E32 requires ARTC to prepare Flood Review Reports within three months after the first defined flood event for the first 15 years of operation. This condition also states that a copy of the Flood Review Report must be submitted to the Planning Secretary, EES and the relevant councils within three months of finalising the report.

You are also reminded that if there is any inconsistency between the approved document and the conditions of approval, then the requirements of the conditions of approval prevail.

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

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Grant Brown at grant.brown@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Athas', written in a cursive style.

Jessica Athas

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