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Dear Mr Borrelli

Narrabri to North Star (SSI 7474) Flood Design Verification Report (FDVR) – Extension Request

I refer to your letter dated 22 December 2021 requesting an extension to the timeframe for the resubmission of the Narrabri to North Star Flood Design Verification Report (FDVR), incorporating feedback from DPIE Environment, Energy and Science, Transport for NSW and Narrabri Shire Council, which is required by Condition E28 of SSI 7474.

I note that Condition E28 requires that compliance with Quantitative Design Limits (QDLs) must be demonstrated in the FDVR and that it must submitted to the Planning Secretary for information at least one month prior to commencement of construction of permanent works that may impact on flooding. I also note that Condition A5 requires that any document prepared under the conditions of approval requiring consultation with identified parties must contain an outline of the issues raised during consultation and how they have been addressed, or reasons why they have not been addressed.

It is also noted that the Department previously granted an extension to this timeframe on 11 November 2021, bringing the date for resubmission of the FDVR to 17 January 2022.

I understand that consultation with Transport for NSW, DPIE Environment, Energy and Science and Narrabri Shire Council is still ongoing and there are comments and feedback yet to be adequately addressed and incorporated into the FDVR. I acknowledge that ARTC is committed to working closely with these parties to address the issues raised during consultation as evidenced by ongoing meetings and workshops to date and planned.

Based on the information provided, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve an extension of the timeframe for the resubmission of the Narrabri to North Star Flood Design Verification Report. The new submission date for the updated FDVR is 4 February 2022.

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

Yours sincerely

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As nominee of the Planning Secretary