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Subject: Narrabri to North Star, Phase 1 (CSSI-7474) Time Extension Request Level Crossing Performance Report (E46) and Operational Noise Compliance Report (E16)

Dear Mr. Borrelli

I refer to your letter dated 24 July 2024 requesting a 2-year extension from 2026 to 2028 for the submission of the:

- Operational Noise Compliance Report required by condition E16.
- Level Crossing Performance Report required by condition E46.

I note that the ARTC Inland Rail's "*delayed operations means rail traffic is not anticipated to increase until all sections of Inland Rail are complete and hence there would be no changed impacts to the transport network and connectivity nor operational noise.*"

I further note that this request is consistent with the advisory notes to these conditions that suggest Inland Rail request extensions if timeframes for Inland Rail's completion change. I therefore consider that an extension of 2 years to 2028 is appropriate for submission of the:

- Operational Noise Compliance Report required by condition E16
- Level Crossing Performance Report required by condition E46.

The Department requests that if rail operations and impacts to traffic or noise increase significantly prior to 2028 that the project consult with the Department.

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary I approve the time extension to satisfy the requirements of Conditions E16 and E46 by 2 years to 31 December 2028.

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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As nominee of the Planning Secretary