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Dear Alex,

CSSI 747 Narrabri to North Star, Phase 1 (N2NS) Project

Request to Extend Permitted Time to Meet Flood Information Sharing Obligations Ministers Condition of Approval E34 and A6

I refer to the Ministers Conditions of Approval (**MCoA**) issued for the Critical State Significant Infrastructure (**CSSI**) Project No 7474 Narrabri to North Star, Phase 1 on 13 August 2020 (**N2NS Planning Approval**), and specifically MCoA E34 requiring ARTC (now Inland Rail Pty Ltd (**IRPL**)) to meet the flood information sharing obligations within six (6) months upon request.

As required by **MCoA** E34, **IRPL** wrote to Moree Plains Shire Council (**MPSC**), Narrabri Shire Council (**NSC**), Gwydir Shire Council (**GSC**), Transport for NSW (**TfNSW**), Environment, Energy and Science Group of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (**EES**) and State Emergency Services (**SES**) to inform them that the below information had been generated as part of the **N2NS Planning Approval** and to seek their advice on what information they would like to receive.

1. Flood Design Verification Report;
2. Flood Emergency Response Plan (FERP);
3. Flood Emergency Risks Beyond the Rail Corridor Report
4. Flood Models (including RORB hydrology and TUFLOW hydraulic models) and associated output / results files for the following six flood models that cover the N2NS Phase 1 corridor:
 - a. NAMOI01 model from rail chainage 575km to 592.5km *
 - b. GWYDIR01 model from rail chainage 592.5km to 619km *
 - c. GWYDIR02 model from rail chainage 619km to 666km *
 - d. GWYDIR03 model from rail chainage 682km to 709km
 - e. MACINTYRE01 model from rail chainage 709km to 727km
 - f. MACINTYRE02 model from rail chainage 727km to 760.460km
5. Geographical Information System (GIS) Map Package;
6. Works as Executed information; and
7. As built survey data, consisting of data points, strings and DTM/TIN.

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IRPL received requests to obtain all the above listed flood information from **MPSC** and **SES** on 30 April 2024, **EES** on 23 May 2024 and **TfNSW** on 28 May 2024. While **NSC** and **GSC** are yet to respond **IRPL** intends to issue them the complete data set as is being provided to all other stakeholders.

To ensure compliance with MCoA E34, **IRPL** are required to provide the flood information within six months upon a request, which would require information to be provided on or before 30 October 2024 for **MPSC** and **SES** and 23 and 28 November 2024 respectively for **EES** and **TfNSW**.

While compilation of the above flood information is well advanced (items 1 – 4 above are complete), completion of items 5 GIS; 6 Works as Executed information; and 7 As Built Survey data is taking longer than originally anticipated due to data continuing to be received from our Contractor and then having to be verified by **IRPL**, and also simply as a result of the significant volume of data that has been generated by the project over 176km in length. Additionally due to the number of terra bytes of data involved, all data once verified, is being copied to a master external hard drive and will then be copied six (6) times to separate external hard drives for each agency to ensure all stakeholders have the same verified data from a 'single source of truth'.

Noting the required timeframes above to meet the flood information sharing obligations under **MCoA** E34, in accordance with the provisions of **MCoA** 6, **IRPL** formally seeks the agreement from the Planning Secretary to extend the timeframe to meet **IRPL's** flood information sharing obligations by an additional 8 weeks through to 24 December 2024.

In the meantime, **IRPL** and its contractor will continue to prioritise finalisation of the remaining required flood sharing data. We will continue to keep the **Department** updated and will endeavour to issue the flood sharing data as soon as practical.

If the requested extension is granted by the **Department**, **IRPL** will provide an update to each of the councils (**MPSC**, **NSC**, **GSC**), **TfNSW**, **EES** and **SES** to ensure they are aware of the revised timeframe for receiving the flood information.

If you wish to discuss any of the above further, please contact Tina Stewart, Head of Environment on tstewart@inlandrail.com.au or 0438 339 075 or myself on pborrelli@inlandrail.com.au or 0407 254 363

Yours sincerely



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