

Mr Peter Borrelli
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09/05/2022

Dear Mr Borrelli,

Narrabri to North Star (SSI 7474)
Conditions E13 – Operational Noise and Vibration Review

I refer to the Narrabri to North Star Operational Noise and Vibration Review (ONVR), Revision H dated March 2022 submitted to the Planning Secretary for approval in accordance with Condition E13 of SSI 7474. I also acknowledge your response to the Department's requests for further information.

I note that the ONVR:

- has been reviewed by ARTC and no issues have been raised,
- was prepared in consultation with the Environment Protection Authority and sensitive receivers,
- was reviewed and endorsed by acoustic expert Steven Walker of WSP, and
- contains the relevant information required by the conditions of approval.

I also note that the ONVR contains modelling for Phase 2 of the project. This phase will be subject to a separate State Significant Infrastructure assessment and has not been approved under SSI 7474. The stage will include a road underpass in Moree between Alice Street and the Mehi River. The impact of this underpass on traffic noise will need to be assessed as part of the Phase 2 project. The current ONVR cannot be relied upon for that phase of the project.

As nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the Narrabri to North Star Operational Noise and Vibration Review (Revision H, dated March 2022) under Condition E13 of SSI 7474 but only as it applies to the stages of the project that are approved under that SSI.

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

Please ensure that you make the ONVR, including appendices, publicly available on your project website.

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

Yours sincerely

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Acting Director

Infrastructure Management

As nominee of the Planning Secretary