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Dear Mr Blanco,

**Inland Rail Narrabri to North Star Project (SSI-7474)  
Construction Environmental Management Plan and sub plans**

I refer to your submissions requesting approval of the Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP), Construction Traffic, Transport and Access Management sub Plan (CTTAMP), Construction Noise and Vibration Management sub Plan (CNVMP), Construction Biodiversity Management sub Plan (CBMP), Construction Soil and Water Management sub Plan (CSWMP), Construction Heritage Management sub Plan (CHMP) and Construction Flood Emergency Management sub Plan (CFEMP) for Narrabri to North Star – Phase 1 (N2NS), in accordance with Condition C13 of SSI 8256.

I note that the CEMP, CTTAMP, CNVMP, CBMP, CSWMP, CHMP and CFEMP:

- have been reviewed by ARTC and no issues have been raised;
- have been prepared in consultation with relevant Councils, and agencies where required;
- have been endorsed by the Environmental Representative (ER); and
- contain the information required by the conditions of approval.

As nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the following documents listed in the table below, pursuant to conditions C1-13:

<b>Document</b>	<b>Revision and date</b>
Construction Environmental Management Plan	Revision E, dated 4 February 2021
Construction Traffic, Transport and Access Management sub Plan	Revision G, dated 18 March 2021
Construction Noise and Vibration Management sub Plan	Revision H, dated 23 March 2021
Construction Biodiversity Management sub Plan	Revision G, dated 26 March 2021
Construction Soil and Water Management sub Plan	Revision H, dated 15 March 2021
Construction Heritage Management sub Plan	Revision H, dated 29 March 2021
Construction Flood Emergency Management sub Plan	Revision I, dated 30 March 2021

I note that the ER's endorsement of the SWMP is conditional and requires that the plan be amended to make environmental monitoring results publicly available. Please update the plan with this commitment.

The approval of the CHMP is also conditional as archaeological investigations have not been completed for all areas identified by the methodology required under Condition E70 and contained in section 5.8.8 of the CHMP. As such, the Department requires that archaeological investigations must be completed at these sites before construction activities commence within the vicinity of these sites. Any information obtained from these additional investigations must be included within the CHMP within 6 months of

commencing construction. The Department requests that you provide regular updates on the progress of the investigations at 2-monthly intervals from the date of this approval.

Further, the Department's review identified that you have made attempts to consult with relevant stakeholders. However, some stakeholders have yet to provide their feedback. I note that you have made commitments to update the relevant plans as part of the 6-monthly review process, should you receive feedback. I encourage you to continue to reach out to relevant stakeholders.

I note that consultation with Transport for NSW and relevant Councils, regarding specific Traffic Management Plans is an ongoing process. I encourage you to make all reasonable attempts to incorporate their feedback into the specific Traffic Management Plans, and update the TTAMP should there be any inconsistencies between these plans and the conditions of approval.

I also request that you update any previously approved plans where the Department's review of the CEMP and sub plans has identified minor inconsistencies. Please see the Department's review tables for further guidance on how to address these inconsistencies.

You are also reminded that if there is any inconsistency between the approved CEMP, CTTAMP, CNVMP, CBMP, CSWMP, CHMP, CFEMP and the conditions of approval then the requirements of the conditions of approval will prevail.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Shelley Reed on 9873 8572 or at [shelley.reed@dpie.nsw.gov.au](mailto:shelley.reed@dpie.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jake Shackleton', written in a cursive style.

**Jake Shackleton**

A/Director - Infrastructure Management

As nominee of the Planning Secretary