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Dear Mr Borrelli

**Inland Rail – Narrabri to North Star (SSI 7474)  
Operational Staging Report**

I refer to the Narrabri to North Star Phase 1 Operational Staging Report (Revision 0, dated 10 September 2021) which was submitted to the Planning Secretary for approval in accordance with Condition A11 SSI-7474.

The Department has carefully reviewed the Operational Staging Report and is satisfied that it:

- sets out how the construction and interim operation of the whole of the CSSI will be staged,
- specifies the compliance requirements during the interim operation of CSSI,
- considers the cumulative impacts of the interim operation of the CSSI, and
- meets the requirements of the conditions of approval.

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary I approve the Narrabri to North Star Phase 1 Operational Staging Report (Revision 0, dated 10 September 2021) in accordance with Condition A11 SSI-7474.

I note that the definition of 'Operation' under the SSI 7474 conditions of approval refers to the Narrabri to North Star project and not the wider Inland Rail project. You are requested to update the relevant sections of the Operational Staging Report where 'Operation' has been interpreted as the wider Inland Rail project e.g. the Compliance Reporting Requirements; to reflect this definition.

While I also note that the Compliance Reporting Requirements under Conditions A31-34 would not be triggered by the interim operation of the CSSI, you are reminded of your obligations to carry out an Independent Audits in accordance with the *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements* as required by Condition A36.

Please ensure that the approved plan is placed on the project website at the earliest convenience.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Matthew Todd-Jones at [Matthew.Todd-Jones@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Matthew.Todd-Jones@planning.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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As nominee of the Planning Secretary