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Dear Mr Borelli

**Inland Rail Narrabri to North Star (SSI 7474)  
Extension Request – Ecosystem and Species Credit Requirements – Conditions E19 and E24**

I refer to your letter dated 2 November 2021 requesting an extension to the timeframe for the submission of reporting on amendments to the ecosystem and species credit requirements and the final construction footprint for the Narrabri to North Star Phase 1 project, required under Conditions E19 and E24, respectively, of CSSI 7474.

I note that under Conditions E19 and E24 this information is to be submitted to the Planning Secretary within six (6) months of the commencement of construction (being 10 October 2021), or as agreed to by the Planning Secretary. I also note that the Department previously granted extension of this timeframe, bringing the agreed date to 10 November 2021 to submit this information.

I understand that the revised Construction Impact Zone (CIZ) incorporates vegetation clearance areas which were not included in the approved SPIR boundary and that following feedback from DPIE Environment, Energy and Science (EES) and the Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment (DAWE) the environmental impact of these areas needs to be assessed. I note that you require an extension to the timeframes under Conditions E19 and E24 to allow sufficient time to appropriately review and assess these areas in order to properly address and close out the feedback from EES and DAWE.

I consider that adequate justification has been provided for the extension of the time request to satisfy Conditions E19 and E24. Therefore, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve an extension of the timeframe, with the requirements of Conditions E19 and E24 to be met by 17 January 2022.

If you have any further queries or require clarification on this matter, please contact Grant Brown at [grant.brown@dpie.nsw.gov.au](mailto:grant.brown@dpie.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,



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As nominee of the Planning Secretary