

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

Our ref: SSI-9406-PA-107

Your ref: 6-0000-220-EEC-00-LT-0102

Inland Rail Pty Ltd
via Major Projects Portal

31 July 2026

Attention: Chris Rodgers, Inland Rail Project Director – Illabo to Stockinbingal

Inland Rail – Illabo to Stockinbingal (SSI-9406) – request for extension regarding Flood Design Verification Report and appendices

Dear Chris,

I refer to your letter dated 28 July 2026 requesting a further extension of time to obtain Planning Secretary's approval of the Flood Design Verification Report (**FDVR**) for the Inland Rail Illabo to Stockinbingal (SSI-9406) project in accordance with condition A9 until 30 September 2026.

Your letter also requests an extension to submit two FDVR appendices, the Operational Erosion Monitoring and Mitigation Program (**OEMMP**) and the Flood Emergency Response Plan (**FERP**), until 30 November 2026.

The Planning Secretary has already agreed, as set out in our letter dated 22 July 2026 and preceding letters, to permanent works that may impact on flooding prior to approval of the FDVR except for pipes and/or culverts affecting Stockinbingal village (noting that MD-R3-0400 may be installed prior to approval of the FDVR).

I acknowledge that Inland Rail submitted FVDR rev D on 29 June 2026. However, I am unable to approve the FDVR, including the OEMMP, while work to clearly and consistently identify and quantify design limit exceedances remains ongoing. I further acknowledge that updates to the OEMMP and the FERP appended to FDVR rev D may be required following approval of the FDVR.

As nominee of the Planning Secretary, I there agree to:

1. extend the date for submission of the FDVR until 30 September 2026
2. extend the date for submission of the OEMMP until 30 November 2026
3. extend the date for submission of the FERP until 30 November 2026.

You are reminded that under the Planning Secretary's letter dated 11 December 2025 (**Attachment 1**), written agreements with road authorities must be provided before the FDVR is approved. Written agreements with landowners must be provided prior to operation, however the Department requires a monthly update following any approval of the FDVR.

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The Department notes that discussions about the FDVR's compliance with conditions of approval are ongoing and welcomes further discussions and revisions of the FDVR to close out remaining matters.

If you wish to discuss this, please contact me on 0488 044 819 or alexander.scott@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

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Alexander Scott

Director, Freight Assessments

As nominee of the Planning Secretary

Attached

1. FDVR extension agreement, 11 December 2025.

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Our ref: SSI-9406-PA-55

Your ref: 6-0000-220-EEC-00-LT-0058

Inland Rail Pty Ltd
via Major Projects Portal

11 December 2025

Attention: Conrad Strachan, Project Director

Inland Rail – Illabo to Stockinbingal (SSI-9406) – request for extension regarding Flood Design Verification Report

Dear Mr Strachan,

I refer to your letter, dated 8 December 2025, requesting extensions in accordance with condition A9 to the Flood Design Verification Report inclusions required under conditions E65(d), (f) and (j) of the Inland Rail Illabo to Stockinbingal infrastructure approval (SSI-9406). I note that an Interim Flood Design Verification Report (FDVR) (condition E67) is not intended to be provided.

The FDVR must detail flood behaviour and demonstrate compliance with the performance requirements set out in conditions E54 to E58 (condition E64) with specific inclusions relevantly set out in conditions E65, E73 and E74.

Your letter proposes submission of an incomplete Flood Design Verification Report with the following to be provided prior to operation:

- written landowner and roads authority agreements (condition E58(c) and E58(d)) required where Quantitative Design Limits will be exceeded (condition E55) as these agreements may take up to 18 months to be finalised and may include property acquisition
- design and/or mitigation measures to address adverse impacts to existing erosion (condition E65(f)) as design/ mitigation measures may require landowner agreement and may take up to 18 months to finalise
- Operational Erosion Monitoring and Mitigation Program (conditions E65(j), E68 to E70) completion of the design and construction of mitigation measures and any agreements for mitigation measures outside of the rail corridor

The Department notes that seeking agreement from landowners and roads authorities may require additional time to complete. However, non-compliances on roads may affect road user safety and Inland Rail does not have the option of compulsorily acquiring the land in question in the event that an agreement cannot be reached. As such, agreements for addressing non-compliances with roads authorities must be resolved prior to submission of the FDVR for approval.

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Further, the Department expects the FDVR, when submitted for approval will include:

- all relevant information about QDL exceedances and
- identify proposed options to mitigate the impact, while also noting that landowner agreements or finalisation of land acquisition processes are pending.

As nominee of the Planning Secretary, I agree to defer the requirement for:

- written agreements with landowners until prior to operation as they relate to condition E65(d), E58(d), E65(f) and E65(j). As noted in condition E65(d) written agreements may be provided to the Planning Secretary separately.
- implementation of identified mitigation measures as identified in the OEMMP as they relate to condition E70(a) until prior to operation.

I do not agree to defer the requirement for written agreements with roads authorities in accordance with conditions E65(d), E58(d), E65(f) and E65(j). Details of these agreements must be provided with the FDVR.

The Department requires monthly updates on the number of outstanding landowner agreements and their status following any approval of the FDVR.

If you wish to discuss this, please contact me on 0488 044 819 or alexander.scott@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Scott", with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Alexander Scott

Director, Freight Assessments

As nominee of the Planning Secretary