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Alexander Scott
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Dear Alex,

**CSSI 9046 Illabo to Stockinbingal Project
Independent Appointment – Hydrology Peer Reviewer
Minister’s Condition of Approval A19 and E50**

I refer to the Minister’s Conditions of Approval (**MCoA**) issued for the Critical State Significant Infrastructure (**CSSI**) Project No. 9046 Illabo to Stockinbingal, on 4 September 2024, and specifically MCoA A19 which requires the Proponent to seek approval of an independent appointment from the Planning Secretary.

Inland Rail seeks the Planning Secretary’s approval Bahman Esfandiar as the Independent Peer Reviewer of Hydraulic and Hydrological Modelling as required in MCoA E50. Bahman is a suitably qualified and experienced Principal Water Resource Engineer with suitable experience in the water industry. IRPL also provides a response to the Department, advising that KBR is providing proof engineering services to the project and demonstrates how the expert review of the flood modelling remains independent.

If you wish to discuss any of the above further, please contact Luke Ryalls, Senior Environmental Advisor – Compliance at LRyalls@InlandRail.com.au on 0408 404 368 or myself at CStrachan@InlandRail.com.au on 0448 552 941

Yours sincerely



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Attachment 1 – Bahman Esfandiar CV and Statement of Independence

Attachment 2 - Letter addressing KBR services to the project

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