

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

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Inland Rail Pty Ltd
via Major Projects Portal

18 July 2025

Attention: Luke Ryalls, Senior Environmental Advisor

Inland Rail – Illabo to Stockinbingal (SSI-9406) – approval of hydrologist

Dear Luke,

I refer to your letter dated 24 June 2025, and additional information provided 11 July 2025, requesting the Planning Secretary's approval under condition E50 of the Inland Rail Illabo to Stockinbingal infrastructure approval (SSI-9406; **Approval**) of a suitably qualified and experienced hydrologist to independently peer review flood modelling undertaken under condition E48.

I note that Mr Bahman Esfandiar:

- is suitably qualified and is a chartered professional engineer (civil), but appears to have limited Australian and Tuflow experience
- has provided a declaration of independence, and that the construction contractor, John Holland, has clarified the engineering services provided by Kellogg Brown & Root Pty Ltd.

As nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve Mr Esfandiar under condition A50. As set out in conditions E51, E52 and E53, Mr Esfandiar must review the flood modelling and prepare a report which must be appended to the flood design verification report. I note that the Planning Secretary's review of the flood design verification report under condition E66 of the Approval may include reviewing the flood modelling upon which the flood design verification report is based.

If you wish to discuss this, please contact Ms Alex McGuirk, Principal Planning Officer, or myself.

Yours sincerely,



Alexander Scott

Director Freight Team

As nominee of the Planning Secretary