

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

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Inland Rail Pty Ltd
via Major Projects Portal

15 September 2025

Attention: Ian Irwin, Program Environment Manager

Inland Rail – Illabo to Stockinbingal (SSI-9406) – extension agreement regarding final fauna Connectivity Strategy

Dear Ian,

I refer to your request, lodged 5 September 2025, requesting the Planning Secretary's agreement to extend the timeframe for submission of the final fauna Connectivity Strategy required under condition E44 of the Inland Rail Illabo to Stockinbingal infrastructure approval (SSI-9406).

I note that:

- consultation regarding operational requirements continues with the Australian Rail Track Corporation
- consultation is required with the Regional Delivery Division (previously BCS) and Fisheries
- the request is for a three-month extension from construction commencement, and that the notified construction commencement date is 9 September 2025 (PA-40)
- early construction activities, including clearing and fauna fencing, will be managed under the approved Biodiversity Management Sub-plan (PA-45).

As nominee of the Planning Secretary, I agree under condition A9 to extend until 9 December 2025 the timeframe for submission of the final fauna Connectivity Strategy required under condition E44.

If you wish to discuss this, please contact Scott Cooper, Senior Planning Officer, or myself.

Yours sincerely,



Alex McGuirk

Principal Planning Officer, Freight Assessments

As nominee of the Planning Secretary