

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

Our ref: SSI-9406-PA-50

Your ref: 6-0000-220-EEC-00-LT-0044

Inland Rail Pty Ltd
via Major Projects Portal

17 October 2025

Attention: Conrad Strachan, Project Director

Inland Rail – Illabo to Stockinbingal (SSI-9406) – approval of the Box Gum Restoration Plan Condition E35

Dear Conrad,

I refer to your submission, lodged 16 September 2025 submitting the:

- the Inland Rail to Stockinbingal Box Gum Restoration Plan (2-0001-220-EAP-00-RP-0073_2, 13 October 2025);
- evidence of consultation with CPHR (CPHR Consultation Comments Register (Close Out)_SSI-9406-PA-50.xls); and
- the Department's correspondence (SSI-9406-PA-46, dated 16 September 2025) agreeing to extend the timeframe for applying for a Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement till 31 January 2026.

I note the:

- Box Gum Woodland Restoration Plan has been prepared by a team of qualified and experienced ecologists to manage existing Box Gum Woodland, increase its extent and improve connectivity within and across the site.
- The Plan has been prepared as part of the package to seek agreement for a Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement and has been prepared in consultation with CPHR. The Department has previously agreed to an extension for applying for a Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement till 31 January 2026.
- Actions within the Plan, including reporting, are planned to commence from the date of the Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement.
- Condition E35 requires the Box Gum Woodland Restoration Plan to be implemented and made publicly available.

As nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the Box Gum Woodland Restoration Plan in accordance with condition E35. To ensure the Box Gum Woodland Restoration Plan will be

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implemented, the Department requires the Box Gum Woodland Restoration Plan to be implemented:

- from 1 February 2026, where an application for a Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement has not been made by 31st January 2026; or
- the date of the Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement, where an application for a Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement has been made prior to the 31 January 2026.

Any revisions made to the Box Gum Restoration Plan must be submitted to the Planning Secretary for approval, in accordance with Condition E35, to ensure there are no inconsistencies with the plan that has been approved by the Planning Secretary and the one required by the Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement.

If you wish to discuss this, please contact Belinda Scott, Team leader, or myself.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex McGuirk".

Alex McGuirk

Principal Planning Officer, Freight Assessments

As nominee of the Planning Secretary