

## Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

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Inland Rail Pty Ltd  
via Major Projects Portal

1 December 2025

Attention: Ian Irwin, Environment Manager

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### Inland Rail – Illabo to Stockinbingal (SSI-9406) – approval of supplementary memorandum to Confirmation of Biodiversity Impacts of Unsurveyed Lands Report

Dear Ian,

I refer to your submission, lodged 24 October 2025 and updated 28 November 2025, of the Inland Rail – Illabo to Stockinbingal memorandum (John Holland, revision not supplied, 14/10/2025) regarding conditions E24 and E33(d).

Further to your earlier request and our letters dated 20 June and 20 August 2025 (PA-24 & 25), the memorandum supplements the Inland Rail – Illabo to Stockinbingal Assessment of Unsurveyed Area report (WSP, revision 2, 28 July 2025; **Report**) required under condition E33.

I note the memorandum was reviewed by Regional Delivery Division (**RD**) of the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water and that the updates requested in their letter dated 10 November 2025 were made on 28 November 2025. As set out in their letter, the memorandum demonstrates:

- condition E24 – impacts to Serious and Irreversible Impact (SAIL) entities have been reduced and avoided to the greatest extent possible
- condition E33 (d) – detailed design has minimised impacts to threatened ecological communities and threatened species and are appropriately mapped.

As nominee of the Planning Secretary, I am satisfied under condition E24 and I approve the memorandum under condition E33(d).

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

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Scott", with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Alexander Scott

Director, Freight Assessments

*As nominee of the Planning Secretary*