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Your ref: 6-0000-210-EEC-00-LT-0153

Inland Rail Pty Ltd
via Major Projects Portal

3 June 2026

Attention: Ian Irwin, Environment Manager

Subject: Inland Rail Illabo to Stockinbingal (SSI - 9406) Blast Management Strategy

Dear Mr Irwin

I refer to your submission requesting approval of the Blast Management Strategy (BMS, Revision 1.2, dated 27 May 2026) as required by condition E10.

I note the BMS generally includes the information required by condition E10 and has been endorsed by a suitably qualified and experienced person as required by condition E11.

While the BMS broadly responds to the information required by the conditions of approval, it does not include or adequately provide an avenue for consulting with utility asset owners or managers. This is particularly relevant to cutting 16, which is approximately 90 metres from Telstra infrastructure. To ensure that sufficient consultation is undertaken regarding utility assets in proximity to blast sites, I issue a direction to amend the BMS and resubmit for the Planning Secretary's approval, on the terms set out in Attachment 1.

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the Blast Management Strategy, Revision 1.2 dated 27 May 2026.

Please ensure you make the document publicly available on the project website at the earliest convenience.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Jess Athas, Team Leader, or myself.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Scott", enclosed within a large, loopy oval shape.

Alexander Scott
Director
Freight Assessments
As nominee of the Planning Secretary

Attachment 1

Planning Secretary’s Direction

As nominee of the Planning Secretary, I direct ARTC as follows in Table 1:

Table 1: Directions

	Direction
1	You must update the Blast Management Strategy to provide greater certainty about the circumstances in which you will consult with utilities asset owners prior to blasting and the processes through which that consultation will occur
2	You must consult with the relevant utility asset owners for assets located near cutting 16
3	You must not undertake any blasting at cutting 16 until the updated Blast Management Strategy has been approved by the Planning Secretary
4	You must implement the approved Blast Management Strategy during construction

In this direction, terms and expressions have the following meanings in Table 2:

Table 2: Definitions

Term or Expression	Meaning
DPHI	The NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure
Project	All works and activities approved under SSI-9406
Project approval	Instrument of approval SSI-9406 dated 4 September 2024
Submit to DPHI	The lodgement of a document to DPHI using the NSW Major Projects Planning Portal.