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Your ref: 6-0000-220-EEC-00-LT-0086

Inland Rail Pty Ltd
via Major Projects Portal

6 May 2026

Attention: Harry Mercer, Project Director

Inland Rail – Illabo to Stockinbingal (SSI-9406) – request for extension regarding Flood Design Verification Report

Dear Harry,

I refer to your letter dated 30 April 2026 requesting a further extension of time to obtain Planning Secretary's approval of the Flood Design Verification Report (**FDVR**) for the Inland Rail Illabo to Stockinbingal (SSI-9406) project in accordance with condition A9 until 30 June 2026.

The Planning Secretary has already agreed, as set out in letters dated 12 March 2026 (**Attachment 1**) and 20 April 2026 (**Attachment 2**), to some permanent works that may impact on flooding prior to approval of the FDVR.

As nominee of the Planning Secretary, I agree to update item 1 in the letter dated 12 March 2026 to read:

1. extend the date for submission of the FDVR until 30 June 2026.

I acknowledge Inland Rail's intention to revisit the classification of pipes and/or culverts in the letter dated 20 April 2026 prior to approval of the FDVR. The Department is not currently in a position to reconsider those classifications but is open to further discussions on that matter.

The Department notes that discussions about the FDVR's compliance with conditions of approval are ongoing and welcomes further discussions and revisions of the FDVR to close out remaining matters.

If you wish to discuss this, please contact me on 0488 044 819 or alexander.scott@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

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Alexander Scott

Director, Freight Assessments

As nominee of the Planning Secretary

Attached

1. FDVR extension agreement, 12 March 2026
2. FDVR extension agreement, 20 April 2026.

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Inland Rail Pty Ltd
via Major Projects Portal

12 March 2026

Attention: Harry Mercer, Project Director

Inland Rail – Illabo to Stockinbingal (SSI-9406) – request for extension regarding Flood Design Verification Report

Dear Mr Mercer,

I refer to your letter dated 10 March 2026 requesting an extension of time to obtain Planning Secretary's approval of the Flood Design Verification Report (FDVR) for the Inland Rail Illabo to Stockinbingal project (the project) in accordance with condition A9 until 8 May 2026. The effect of this would be that Inland Rail Pty Ltd (IRPL) would commence permanent works that may impact on flooding prior to the Planning Secretary's approval of the FDVR.

As nominee of the Planning Secretary, I agree to

1. extend the date for submission of the FDVR until 8 May 2026;
2. allow the following works to commence prior to the Planning Secretary's approval of the FDVR:
 - a. topsoil stripping;
 - b. bulk earthworks;
 - c. foundation treatment;
 - d. bridge piling works; and
 - e. base slabs for culverts (noting that this work would occur at the risk of IRPL needing to replace slabs if the approved FDVR requires changes to the location of configuration of culverts); and
3. allow low risk culverts and/or pipes (including their base slabs) to be installed prior to the Planning Secretary's approval of the FDVR subject to IRPL demonstrating to the Planning Secretary's satisfaction that the culverts and/or pipes in question meet the low risk criteria provided in Attachment 2. Please note that the Planning Secretary's decision about whether particular culverts and/or pipes are low risk is final.

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

The Department accepts that these works are unlikely to be determinative of the project's final flood performance and, in the interest of facilitating the project's progression, is prepared to allow these works to commence prior to the approval of the FDVR.

I do not agree to the installation of culverts and/or pipes (including their base slabs) that are not low risk to occur prior to the approval of the FDVR. As these works are likely to determine the project's flood performance, the Department does not consider that it would be appropriate to allow these works to occur prior to the approval of the FDVR, which ultimately documents the project's approved flood performance.

To clarify the works that are excluded from this approval, my agreement to extend the date for submission of the FDVR is subject to the Planning Secretary's direction provided in Attachment 1.

The Department notes that discussions about the FDVR's compliance with conditions of approval are ongoing and welcomes further discussions and revisions of the FDVR to close out remaining matters.

If you wish to discuss this, please contact me on 0488 044 819 or alexander.scott@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

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Director, Freight Assessments

As nominee of the Planning Secretary

Attachment 1

Planning Secretary’s Direction

As nominee of the Planning Secretary, I direct Inland Rail Pty Ltd in accordance with Condition A4 of the Infrastructure Approval SSI-9406, as follows in Table 1:

Table 1: Directions

	Direction
1	<p>You must demonstrate to the Planning Secretary’s satisfaction that low risk pipes and/or culverts (including base slabs) meet the criteria provided in Attachment 2 at least 7 days (excluding public holidays) prior to installing any low-risk pipes and/or culverts.</p> <p>Your submission via the Major Projects Portal must be set out in a table and include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - location and structure id of each culvert or pipe considered to be low risk and; - consideration of the criteria in Attachment 2 with supportive information.
2	<p>You must obtain the Planning Secretary’s approval of the Flood Design Verification Report prior to installing any non-low risk pipes and/or culverts (including base slabs).</p>

Attachment 2

Low risk pipes and/or culverts criteria

1. Work outside of Stockinbingal village or work outside catchments that influence flows through Stockinbingal village;
2. 50% blockage assessment (Condition E48) shows no change to QDL exceedances (QDL-Condition E55/E56 and Appendix B, Schedule 1);
3. Default erosive threshold value (ETV) (Condition E60) the default ETV is used to determine velocity QDL exceedances;
4. Skewed culverts: the culvert is not skewed or approval has been obtained for the Planning Secretary with geomorphologist report (Condition E82); and
5. If at a known QDL exceedance location, written agreement with the affected party/ies has been finalised (Condition E58).

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Inland Rail Pty Ltd
via Major Projects Portal

20 April 2026

Attention: Harry Mercer, Project Director

Inland Rail – Illabo to Stockinbingal (SSI-9406) – permanent works prior to approval of Flood Design Verification Report

Dear Harry,

I refer to your response to the Planning Secretary's extension agreement and direction, dated 12 March 2026, which sets out five criteria that must be met for Inland Rail Illabo to Stockinbingal (SSI-9406) pipe and/or culvert construction to commence prior to obtaining Planning Secretary's approval of the Flood Design Verification Report (FDVR) under condition E66. I refer specifically to the following supporting information:

- Culvert list and 1% AEP peak flood depth maps (Figures 1.1 to 1.12) provided 10 and 13 April 2026
- 1% AEP maps provided 18 March 2026 for 50% culvert blockage, and for 25% $h > 600\text{mm}$ / $50\% \leq 600\text{mm}$ culvert blockage (afflux Figures 5.1 to 5.9, velocity Figures 37.1 to 37.9, duration Figures 21.1 to 21.9, hazard Figures 29.1 to 29.9).

Based on the information provided:

- 36 pipes and/or culverts, including eight within Stockinbingal village, do not meet one or more of the criteria, refer Attachment 1
- 59 pipes and/or culverts meet all five criteria, refer Attachment 2.

As you are aware, the project's flood performance must be documented in the FDVR and the extended timeframe for FDVR submission is 8 May 2026. The pipes and/or culverts identified in Attachment 1 do not meet the criteria established in the Planning Secretary's letter of 12 March 2026 and therefore must not be installed prior to obtaining FDVR approval.

The pipes and/or culverts identified in Attachment 2 meet the criteria established in the Planning Secretary's letter of 12 March 2026. Therefore, in addition to the works identified in the extension agreement dated 12 March 2026, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I agree that pipes and/or culverts identified in Attachment 2 may be installed prior to FDVR approval.

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

Permanent works that may impact on flooding that are not identified in either the extension agreement dated 12 March 2026 or Attachment 2 cannot commence construction until the FDVR is approved by the Planning Secretary. Should you wish to request further FDVR extension(s), the request must be made promptly and must be justified in relation to environmental performance.

The Department notes that discussions about the FDVR's compliance with conditions of approval are ongoing and welcomes further discussions and revisions of the FDVR to close out remaining matters.

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Director, Freight Assessments

As nominee of the Planning Secretary

Attachment 1: Pipes and/or culverts that must not be installed prior to FDVR approval

Structure ID	Configuration	Criterion 2	Criterion 3	Criterion 4	Criterion 5
E7-RA-419050	2x 600mm	-	Not met	-	-
E7-RA-423060	30x 750mm	-	Not met	-	Met
E2-RD-423080	4x 900mm	-	Not met	-	Met
E2-RD-425720	30x 900mm	-	Not met	-	Met
E2-RD-425810	10x 900mm	-	Not met	-	Met
E7-RA-425840	60x 1050mm	Not met	Not met	-	Met
E7-RA-427435	13x 1200mmWx450mmH	-	Not met	-	Met
E7-RA-427444	1x 1200mmWx450mmH	-	Not met	-	-
E7-RA-428505	11x 1500mmWx900mmH	-	Not met	Not met	Met
E7-RA-430050	53x 750mm	-	-	Not met	Met
E7-RA-431129	7x 900mm	-	Not met	-	-
E7-RA-434325	4x 900mm	-	-	Not met	Met
E7-RA-435050	4x 2400mmWx1500mmH	Not met	-	-	-
E7-RA-435700	12x 900mm	-	Not met	Not met	-
E7-RA-440130	5x 900mm	-	-	Not met	-
E7-RA-440720	10x 900mm	-	Not met	Not met	-
E7-RA-440830	10x 900mm	-	Not met	Not met	-
E7-RA-441160	12x 900mm	-	Not met	Not met	-
E7-RA-441210	6x 900mm	-	Not met	Not met	-
E7-RA-442560	6x 900mm	-	Not met	Not met	Met
E7-RA-443320	8x 900mm	-	Not met	-	-
E7-RA-443484	5x 900mm	-	Not met	Not met	-
E7-RA-443560	4x 900mm	-	Not met	-	-
E7-RA-443620	2x 900mm	-	Not met	Not met	-
E7-RA-443720	1x 900mm	-	Not met	-	-
E7-RA-445700	10x 900mm	-	Not met	-	-
E7-RA-453560	15x 600mm	-	Not met	-	Not met
E7-RA-453720	64x 750mm	-	Not met	Not met	Not met
Stockinbingal village					
E7-RA-454580	4x 900mmWx450mmH	-	-	-	-
E7-RD-454718	5x 450mm	-	-	-	-
E7-RA-454773	2x 1200mmWx300mmH	-	-	-	-
E7-RA-454804	2x 1200mmWx450mmH	-	-	-	-
E7-RA-454880	7x 900mm	-	-	-	-
M3-RD-0400	10x 1200mm	-	-	-	-
M3-RD-1360	22x 600mm	-	Not met	-	Met
E7-RD-455105	3x 450mm	-	-	-	-

Attachment 2: Pipes and/or culverts that may be installed prior to FDVR approval

Structure ID	Configuration	Structure ID	Configuration
E7-RA-418060	1x 450mm	E7-RA-439300	18x 900mm
E7-RA-419470	3x 1200mmWx900mmH	E7-RA-439475	3x 900mm
E7-RA-420670	3x 900mm	E7-RD-439941	6x 1200mmWx450mmH
E7-RA-421367	3x 750mm	E7-RD-439950	2x 1200mmWx600mmH
E7-RA-423450	22x 900mm	E7-RA-439980	20x 1200mmWx600mmH
E7-RA-423540	35x 900mm	E7-RD-442700	2x 900mm
E7-RA-424520	4x 1200mmWx600mmH	E7-RD-442755	1x 450mm
E7-RA-424570	19x 750mm	E7-RA-444350	4x 900mm
E7-RA-425131	35x 750mm	M2-RD-445782	1x 450mm
E7-RA-425540	29x 900mm	E7-RA-446260	1x 600mm
E7-RA-427685	9x 1200mmWx450mmH	E7-RA-447210	22x 750mm
E7-RA-427720	21x 1200mmWx600mmH	E7-RA-447780	1x 1200mmWx600mmH
E7-RA-427750	9x 1200mmWx450mmH	E7-RD-448361	4x 900mm
E7-RA-428920	6x 1200mmWx300mmH	E7-RA-448900	30x 600mm
E7-RA-430480	3x 1200mmWx450mmH	E7-RD-449670	2x 900mm
E7-RA-430550	8x 900mm	E7-RD-449671	1x 900mm
E7-RA-430650	16x 900mm	E7-RA-450480	3x 900mmWx750mmH
E2-RD-433473	3x 450mm	E7-RD-451282	2x 1200mmWx600mmH
E7-RD-433450	4x 900mm	E7-RA-451960	14x 600mm
E7-RD-433452	1x 750mm	E7-RD-452440	1x 750mm
E7-RA-433860	9x 900mm	E7-RD-452450	1x 900mm
E7-RA-435195	2x 600mm	E7-RD-452460	1x 900mm
E7-RA-435275	2x 600mm	E7-RA-452940	12x 600mm
E7-RA-436105	1x 900mm	E7-RA-454000	6x 600mm
E7-RA-436850	7x 750mm	E6-RD-455940	2x 900mm
E7-RA-436880	3x 900mm	E7-RA-456800	1x 900mmWx750mmH
E7-RD-437359	2x 900mm	E6-RD-456890	2x 1200mmWx450mmH
E7-RD-437360	3x 600mm	E7-RD-456911	3x 1200mmWx600mmH
E7-RD-438730	3x 600mm	E7-RD-456912	1x 750mm
E7-RA-438810	3x 900mm		