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Dear Alex

CSSI 9487 Narromine to Narrabri Project – Independent Flood Impact Assessment Panel - Minister's Condition of Approval E58

I refer to the Minister's Conditions of Approval (**MCoA**) issued for the Critical State Significant Infrastructure (**CSSI**) Project No. 9487 Narromine to Narrabri (**N2N**), on 21 February 2023. MCoA E58 requires the Proponent to seek approval from the Planning Secretary for independent experts as members of the N2N Independent Flood Impact Assessment Panel (**IFIAP**).

Inland Rail (**IR**) nominates the following independent expert as a member of the IFIAP:

1. Agronomist – Hayden Hollis from Agricore Pty Ltd (Director)

Hayden has 12 years' experience in agronomy consulting and corporate advisory services in NSW, with a focus on farm production systems, farm economics, precision agriculture in crop and livestock production, including the use of soil mapping and satellite imagery, soil management and classification.

Hayden has previously provided agronomy services in North West NSW and has acted as an independent agronomist for landowners impacted by lineal infrastructure projects, including TfNSW's Nelson Bay Road Upgrade Project.

Hayden has experience undertaking agronomic assessments near the N2N project alignment, giving him the required knowledge of the crops, livestock and soils likely to be encountered. Importantly, Hayden has not worked for any of the impacted landowners and is therefore not conflicted in the role as independent expert.

Please find attached his CV and declaration of independence.

The Mediator/Chair nomination will be made at a later date, once IR's preferred candidate have been confirmed.

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