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Dear Alex

CSSI 9487 Narromine to Narrabri Project, Social Advisor

Minister's Condition of Approval A44

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 Approval**), on 21 February 2023, and specifically MCoA A44 which requires the Proponent to seek approval of a Social Advisor (**SA**) from the Planning Secretary one month prior to the commencement of Work.

Inland Rail Pty Ltd (**IRPL**) received approval for their nominated SA, Andrea Young, on 25 May 2023 (**Ref: SSI-9487-PA-3**), and has maintained ongoing engagement with her in this role. IRPL has recently been advised that Ms. Young will retire effective 30 June 2025 and will no longer be available to serve as the approved SA for the N2N Project.

Due to internal procurement processes, IRPL anticipates a potential gap between Ms. Young's retirement and the appointment of a new, suitably qualified SA. Importantly, there is no planned scope of works for the N2N Project between the end of June and the end of August 2025. IRPL has reviewed the SA responsibilities during this period (**refer to Table 1**) and confirms that the next scheduled SA requirement is the annual review of the Workforce Code of Conduct in September 2025.

IRPL also notes that, in the unlikely event of community complaints requiring escalation beyond the Communication Strategy and Complaints Management System, the Environmental Representative (**ER**) is available to assist during this period.

IRPL seeks the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure's (**DPHI**) concurrence that 'Work', as defined under the N2N Approval, may continue during this brief interim period without an appointed SA.

If you wish to discuss any of the above further, please contact Ian Irwin, Program Environment Manager on Irwin@artc.com.au on 0411 175 609 or myself on dloges@artc.com.au on 07 3016 3512.

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Yours sincerely



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Table 1: Summary of Social Advisor Responsibilities, July – August 2025

CONDITION OF APPROVAL	COMMENTS
A23 - Temporary Workforce Management Plan	Not triggered
E121 – Social Impact Management Plan	Not triggered
A47 – Advise the ER in the implementation of the social aspects of Condition A37	Not triggered
A47 – Assist the ER to consider any relevant minor amendments made to the SIMP	Not triggered
B12 – Adaptive management measures required to address complaints	Not triggered
E129 – Workforce Code of Conduct Review	Social Advisor review required September 2025