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Dear Alex,

**CSSI 9487 Narromine to Narrabri Project
Methodology for further Archaeological Investigations
Ministers Condition of Approval E149 and E150**

I refer to the Minister's Conditions of Approval (MCoA) issued for the Critical State Significant Infrastructure (CSSI) Project No. 9487 Narromine to Narrabri, on 21 February 2023, and specifically MCoA E149 which requires the Proponent to prepare an Aboriginal Archaeological Test Excavation Methodology, prior to the commencement of any work within areas identified in documents listed in Condition A1, requiring archaeological investigation or salvage. Following analysis of the test excavation results, the Proponent must prepare an Aboriginal Archaeological Salvage Excavation Methodology.

Pursuant to MCoA E150 the Methodology required under MCoA E149 must be prepared by a suitably qualified expert in consultation with Heritage NSW and the Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs); and provided to the Planning Secretary for information at least one month prior to test or salvage excavation.

Inland Rail Pty Ltd (IRPL) hereby provides the Narromine to Narrabri (SSI-9487): Methodology for Further Archaeological Investigations (**Attachment 1**) to the Planning Secretary for information. Please note that sensitive information has been redacted including:

- Mapping of Artefact location
- Reference to the full set of RAPs Consultation as the full record contained information such as payment/ fees and email addresses.
- Revision history page

An unredacted copy of the Methodology will be transmitted to the Planning Secretary via IRPLs Aconex system for information.

The methodology has been provided to both Heritage NSW and project RAPs for review and input. Section 1.4 of the document provides further details regarding consultation with the Aboriginal Community, and Consultation Records including a Log are included in the document as Appendix B and Appendix C.

Heritage NSW (HNSW) consultation advice received on the 14 November 2025 is provided for the Departments information as **Attachment 2**. HNSW confirmed via email to IRPL dated 24/02/2026 that they have reviewed the relevant documents provided and all comments had been adequately addressed (refer **Attachment 3**).

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If you wish to discuss any of the above further, please contact Ian Irwin, Program Environment Manager on iirwin@inlandrail.com.au on 0411 175 609 or myself on kuebergang@inlandrail.com.au on 0409 321 495.

Yours sincerely

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Attachment 1 Narromine to Narrabri (SSI-9487): Methodology for Further Archaeological Investigations (redacted)

Attachment 2 Heritage NSW consultation advice

Attachment 3 Heritage NSW consultation close-out