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Application number: SSI-10055

Re: Inland Rail Albury to Illabo (A21) Environmental Impact Statement response

Dear Sir/Madam.

Attached is the Wagga Wagga City Council submission to the Inland Rail Albury to Illabo (A21) Environmental Impact Statement. Resolution 22/309 determined at its ordinary meeting 19 September 2022 is provided below:

## **That Council:**

- a endorse the attached submission to the Inland Rail (IR) Albury to Illabo (A2I) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
- b provide copies of the submission to:
  - i Federal Member for Riverina, The Hon Michael McCormack MP
  - ii Federal Minister for Infrastructure Transport Regional Development and Local Government, The Hon Catherine King MP
  - iii Federal Shadow Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, Hon Bridget McKenzie; and
  - iv State Member for Wagga Wagga, The Hon Dr Joe McGirr MP
  - v Duty Senator for New South Wales, Deborah O'Neill Duty Member of New South Wales Legislative Council, Tara Moriarty

Wagga Wagga City Council (WWCC) continues to support Inland Rail (IR), a major nationally significant project and supports the proposed Albury to Illabo (A2I) project. It will better link producers, farmers and businesses to national and global markets, reducing our reliance on road freight, and generate new opportunities for industries in our region.

To ensure the best interests of the community of Wagga Wagga are represented, WWCC has undertaken a critical review of the IR A2I *Environmental Impact Statement* (EIS), as prepared by the project proponent the Australian Rail Track Corporation Limited (ARTC). Through this review process, identified issues and gaps are documented for submission.

Yours sincerely,

Phil McMurray

Director Strategy and Projects