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Mr Mick Fallon Department of Planning Industry and Environment Planning and Assessment

Via Major Planning Portal

Dear Mr Fallon

Assessment – Inland Rail-Narromine to Narrabri (SSI-9487) (Coonamble Shire, Gilgandra Shire, Narrabri Shire, Warrumbungle Shire, Narromine Shire)

Thank you for your correspondence dated 7 December 2020 regarding the above request.

The NSW Department of Primary Industries (NSW DPI) Agriculture is committed to the protection and growth of agricultural industries, and the land and resources upon which these industries depend.

We commend the approach taken to the issues that NSW DPI has raised during the consultation for this section of the project. The approach has provided a wide ranging and thorough assessment of the effects on agricultural land resources and land uses.

We would encourage the proponent to have ongoing consultation with impacted agricultural operators to deal with both immediate issues and ongoing operational impacts associated with this development. This should be reflected in conditions of consent if issued.

Should you require any further information please contact Mary Kovac, Agricultural Landuse Planning Officer on phone 6881 1250.

Yours sincerely

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