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Dear Sir/Madam

Comments on Narrabri to North Star Submissions Preferred Infrastructure Report

The Gwydir Shire Council section of the Narrabri to North Star Project includes:

- Upgrading the track, track formation and culverts within the existing rail corridor.
- New crossing loop at Coolleearliee.
- Removing the existing bridge and providing a new rail bridge over Croppa Creek.

After reviewing the SPIR, GSC has found issues with:

- Flooding along Buckie Road in Croppa Creek (11-02 Public Road) Overtopping)
- Croppa Creek School Flood levels increasing by 148mm in 1% AEP (11-03) Building and Property Impacts)

Gwydir will require the scope of level crossing works on Buckie Road to be expanded to include further mitigation measure for the above flooding concerns. GSC is open to considering additional infrastructure (culverts etc) on its road network to mitigate these concerns (namely the significant increase observed at Croppa Creek School during 1% AEP).

Yours faithfully

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