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**Natural Resources,
Mines and Energy**

Planning and Assessment
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RE: Inland Rail – North Star to New South Wales (NSW)/Queensland (Qld) Border Project (SSI-9371)

The Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy (DNRME) in Queensland has noted that for design purposes, a seven kilometre section of new track extending north of the NSW/QLD border is included within the North Star to NSW/QLD Border (NS2B) project Environmental Impact Study (EIS), that is currently out for public consultation in NSW.

For obtaining the necessary environmental approvals, this section of track will be assessed as part of the Border to Gowrie (B2G) Inland Rail project, with an EIS currently being prepared under Queensland legislation (*State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971*).

Please be advised that there are several DNRME state interests that are potentially impacted within this section of track. I note that these state interests have already been raised within the DNRME submission to the B2G EIS adequacy review. Given specific design details will assist in avoiding or minimising impacts on DNRME state Interests, these comments are contained within DNRME's submission to the NS2B Project.

Please accept the attached, being DNRME's submission outlining its interests that should be considered within the design and construction of the Queensland section of the NS2B project.

DNRME staff are committed to working with the proponent and relevant government agencies on this project.

Should you have any further enquiries, please contact Mr Dale Bell, Senior Planning Officer, South Region, Natural Resources of the department on telephone 07 5451 2207.

Yours sincerely

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Att: DNRME State interests