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Dear Mr Forde

**Spatial methodology for Flood Review Report: Condition E24
Inland Rail: Parkes to Narromine (CSSI 7475)**

I refer to your submission requesting approval of the spatial methodology ARTC has developed to define how the length(s) of rail corridor impacted by a flood event will be determined for the purposes of the Flood Review Report, in accordance with condition E24 of the CSSI 7475 project approval.

I note the following in relation to your request:

- The letter reference 5-0000-240-EAP-00-LT-0055 submitted on 20 September 2019 explains the development of the spatial methodology;
- The letter reference 5-0000-240-EAP-00-LT-0054 details consultation that ARTC has conducted with Environment Energy Science (EES, formerly the Office of Environment and Heritage, OEH) to date and states that consultation will be completed by 30 September 2019; and
- contains the information required by the conditions of approval.

As delegate of the Planning Secretary, I conditionally approve the spatial methodology, as outlined in your correspondence, pursuant to condition E24. You are required to complete consultation with EES and update the Flood Review Report, Revision 2 to address EES's comments on the spatial methodology and resubmit it to the Department for information by 30 October 2019.

You are reminded that if there is inconsistency between the Flood Review Report and the conditions of the approval, then the requirements of the conditions of approval will prevail.

Please ensure you make this conditional approval publicly available on the project website as part of the project's operational management once approved. You are reminded that operation cannot commence until all other relevant conditions are met.

If you have any questions, please contact Joanne Glass at joanne.glass@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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