

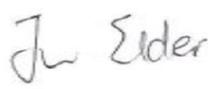
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## 1. KEY FINDINGS FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD

CSSI 1055 condition A22(k) requires that the Environmental Representative (ER) must *'prepare and submit to the Planning Secretary and other relevant regulatory agencies, for information, an Environmental Representative Monthly Report providing the information set out in the Environmental Representative Protocol under the heading "Environmental Representative Monthly Reports. The Environmental Representative Monthly Report must be submitted within seven (7) days following the end of each month for the duration of the ER's engagement for the CSSI, or as otherwise agreed by the Planning Secretary."*

This ER Monthly Report has been prepared in accordance with CoA A22(k), covering the period from 1 to 30 April 2025 (the reporting period).

Construction works continued under CSSI 10055 during the reporting period. Inland Rail's Principal Contractor, Martinus Rail (MR) continued with investigations and utility works at Edmonston Street, Wagga Wagga; Low Impact Works in the form of surveys, investigations, minor site establishment; and May possession preparation activities at J2I, including minor enabling works.

No incidents, non-compliances or non-conformances with the CoA were recorded during the reporting period.

Consultation with potentially affected stakeholders continued during April 2025, in the forms of meeting, email, phone call and SMS. No complaints were received during the reporting period. One complaint (investigation) remains open from the previous reporting period.

A Consistency Assessment (Minor) was prepared for Junee to Illabo Construction Boundary Changes, which was determined by Inland Rail to be consistent with the terms of the Approval on 30 April 2025. The works subject to the assessment had not commenced during the reporting period.

Two inspections were conducted during the reporting period - 8 and 29 April 2025. Observations were mostly positive with one minor finding and associated action identified for the inspection of 29 April 2025. This action remains open at the time of completing this report. The next inspection is scheduled for 20 May 2025.

The ER will continue to report on the progress of the Project each month.

## 2. BACKGROUND

Inland Rail is a proposed 1,600km freight rail line, comprising 12 sections, which will connect Melbourne and Brisbane via regional Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland. Inland Rail Pty Ltd (IR), a subsidiary of Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC), is building Inland Rail on behalf of the Australian Government.

This Environmental Representative Report relates to the Albury to Illabo section of Inland Rail, which involves the upgrade and operation of 185km of the Main South Line freight corridor to facilitate double stacked freight trains through Albury, Greater Hume, Lockhart, Wagga Wagga and Junee government areas (the Project).

The Project is declared critical State Significant Infrastructure (CSSI 10055) under section 5.13 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act). Approval of the Project was granted by the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces on 08 October 2024, subject to a number of Conditions of Approval (CoA).

IR is the Applicant/Proponent of the Project. Martinus Rail (MR) have been engaged by IR as the Principal Contractor delivering the Project.

In accordance with CoA A18, Inland Rail sought approval to engage WolfPeak as the Project's Environmental Representatives (ER). This approval was granted by the Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure (the Department) on 25 October 2024.

CoA A22(k) requires that the Environmental Representative (ER) must *'prepare and submit to the Planning Secretary and other relevant regulatory agencies, for information, an Environmental Representative Monthly Report providing the information set out in the Environmental Representative Protocol under the heading "Environmental Representative Monthly Reports. The Environmental Representative Monthly Report must be submitted within seven (7) days following the end of each month for the duration of the ER's engagement for the CSSI, or as otherwise agreed by the Planning Secretary.'*

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## 3. PROJECT ACTIVITIES

### 3.1 Construction works

#### 3.1.1 Works completed during the reporting period

Construction (as defined by the Approval) commenced in March 2025. The following activities were conducted:

- Continuation of investigations and utility works at Edmondson St, Wagga Wagga
- Surveys, investigations and inspections

- May possession preparation activities at J2I including minor enabling works
- Site inspections.

### 3.1.2 Upcoming works

The following works are planned for May 2025 (subject to the required pre-work/construction approvals being obtained):

- May possession at J2I (track re-surfacing, lateral formation widening and ballast retaining headwall extensions to culverts)
- Continuation of investigations and utility works at Edmondson

## 3.2 Surveys, investigations and inspections Minor Construction Ancillary Facilities

Nothing to report for April 2025.

## 3.3 Changes to the Project

### Construction Staging

Martinus Rail have proposed to stage construction of the Project into two Stages:

- Stage A: preparation activities for rail possession (Substage A1), the rail possession activities (Substage A2), and post-possession activities (Substage A3).
- Stage B: continuation of Stage A works, Wagga Wagga Precinct, Uranquinty Creek, Billy Hughs Bridge, culvert, level crossing and finishing work.

A Staging Report was prepared in accordance with CoA A9 and A10 to reflect this staging approach. The ER reviewed and endorsed the Staging Report (Rev 1) on 19 November 2024 and the updated Staging Report (Rev 3) on 26 February 2025.

### Minor Edmondson Street Utility Adjustment

As noted in the January 2025 ER Monthly Report, a Consistency Assessment was determined by Inland Rail to change to the construction boundary for the relocation and/or adjustment of utilities at the Edmondson Street bridge enhancement site (in line with the approach set out in the Utilities Management Framework in Appendix D1 of the EIS). The utility adjustments commenced in February 2025 and continued into April 2025.

### Minor Junee to Illabo Construction Boundary Changes

A Consistency Assessment was determined by Inland Rail on 30 April 2025 to change the construction boundary to facilitate refinements of the construction methodology for Junee to Illabo enhancement sites. The works subject to the assessment had not commenced during the reporting period.

## 3.4 Community consultation and complaints received

### 3.4.1 Consultation

Consultation occurred prior to the reporting period and throughout April 2025. The consultation primarily related to design, construction timing and property survey, access and the like. Consultation with the community and stakeholders undertaken during April 2025 included:

- Edmonston Street utility relocation works
- Kildare tree clearing – access for investigation
- Monthly water sampling
- Community Information Pop Up
- Edmonston Street traffic changes
- Operational Noise and Vibration Review
- Temporary fencing at South Wagga Public School
- Community Notification (including May possession)
- Junee design change

### 3.4.2 Complaints

The complaints register current to 25 April 2025 was supplied to the ER. It includes details of all complaints received and the actions undertaken by Martinus Rail to resolve each complaint.

No complaints were received during the reporting period:

One complaint remains open from the March reporting period. This relates to a complaint of driver behaviour (speeding trucks) near Junee for which an investigation by MR is ongoing.

A copy of the complaints register can be provided by IR to the Department on request, in accordance with CoA B12.

## 3.5 Incidents, Emergency Works and non-compliances

### 3.5.1 Incidents

No incidents causing or threatening to cause material harm were recorded during the reporting period.

### 3.5.2 Emergency Works

Nothing to report.

### 3.5.3 Non-compliances

No non-compliances were reported during April 2025.

## 4. ER ACTIVITIES

### 4.1 Advice provided to the Proponent on the CoA and other authority conditions

Advice has been provided by the ER to Inland Rail and MR throughout late 2024 to April 2025 regarding the development of the Staging Report, CEMF, CEMP and Sub-plans under CoA A9, C1, C6, C16, C18, and C26. Further details are provided in Section 4.2, below.

### 4.2 Environmental management plans and programs

#### 4.2.1 Development

CEMP and Sub-plans were developed from late 2024 to April 2025 and submitted to the ER for comment and endorsement. No documents were endorsed by the ER for submission to the Department during the reporting period.

No Low Impact Works applications were approved during the reporting period.

#### 4.2.2 Implementation

Construction commenced in March 2025. Implementation is ongoing.

#### 4.2.3 Site inspections

Two site inspections were conducted during the reporting period - 8 and 29 April 2025.

The inspection on 8 April 2025 included Edmonston MAF (Railway Street, Wagga Wagga); Rail Alignment - Cassidy Street & Pearson Street, Wagga Wagga; Rail Alignment – Bomen Industrial Area to Illabo (viewed from Olympic Hwy); and J2I MAF (Illabo). The sites were in good condition with no actions identified.

The inspection on 29 April 2025 included the Edmonston MAF (Railway Street, Wagga Wagga); Rail Alignment – CIZ adjacent to Railway Street east of Edmonson MAF, Wagga Wagga; Rail Alignment – sections Junee to Illabo (viewed from Olympic Hwy); and J2I MAF (Illabo). The sites were generally in good condition. One minor observation was made with an associated action identified. This was to re-apply protective cover to a stockpile at Edmonston Street to prevent erosion (wind and water).

The next inspection is scheduled for 20 May 2025.

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Figure 1. J21 MAF (Illabo) (08/04/25)



Figure 2. Edmonston Street - Gate 001 (Wagga Wagga) (29/04/25)

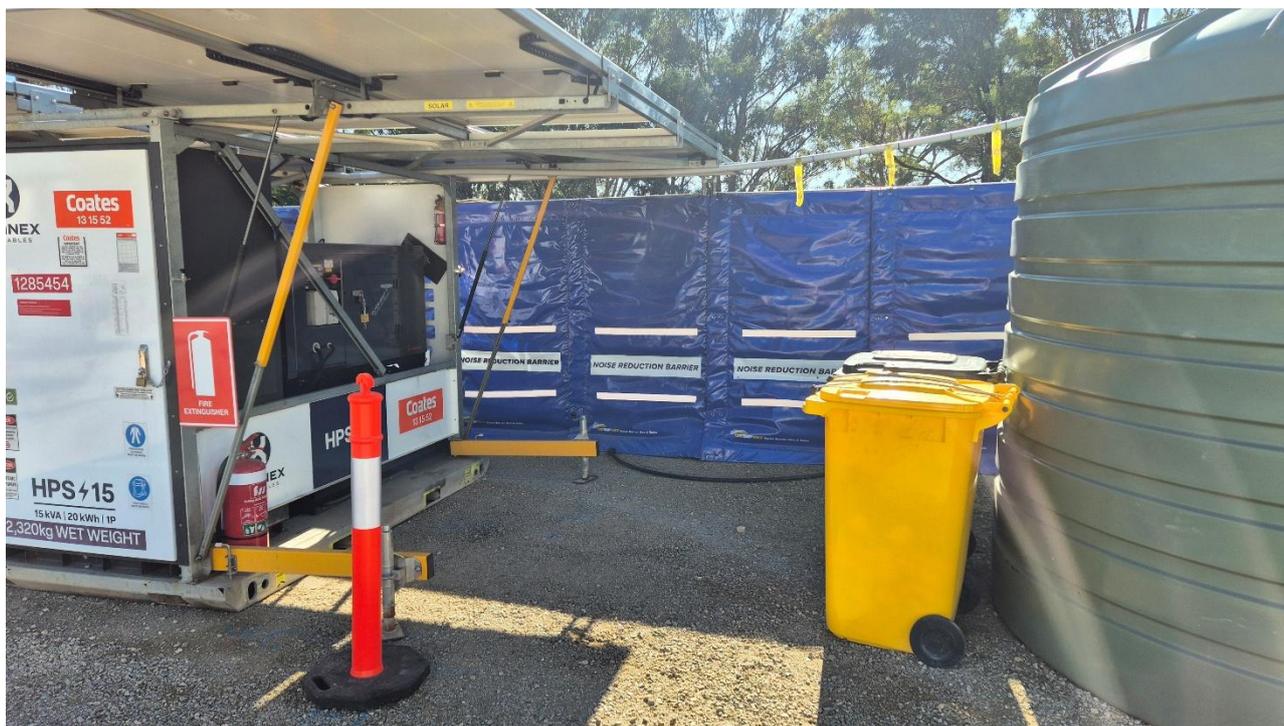


Figure 3. J21 MAF (Illabo) Noise Blankets (29/04/25)



Figure 4. J21 Delineated stockpile area (29/04/25)

#### **4.2.4 Audits**

The Independent Audit under CoA A31 commenced on 30 April 2025. The ER has not had any involvement.

#### **4.2.5 Complaint resolution**

Nothing to report.

#### **4.2.6 Meetings**

Regular meetings as required for the review and endorsement of the Project's CEMP and sub-plans have been held throughout 2024 to April 2025, including the involvement of the ER. In addition, fortnightly meetings with Inland Rail, MR and the ER occur for the purposes of discussing Project works, progress on post-approval documentation, compliance, incidents, complaints and so forth. Meetings were held on 1, 15 and 29 April 2025.

Monthly routine meetings between the Department, IR, MR and ER commenced in March 2025. A meeting was held on the 11 April 2025.

#### **4.2.7 Documentation issued**

Inspections were carried out on 8 and 29 April and Inspection Reports issued.

#### **4.2.8 Communications with the Secretary**

Other than issue of the March monthly report and meeting attendance (as noted in Section 4.2.6), there have been no formal communications with the Planning Secretary or its representatives during the reporting period.

## **5. ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE OF THE PROJECT**

### **5.1 Environmental Performance**

Construction works commenced in March 2025 and are ongoing. Current work activities include investigations, site establishment, utilities and possession works. The ER is of the view that the potential for environmental impacts is low.

### **5.2 Key learnings**

No lessons learned sessions are scheduled at this time.

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