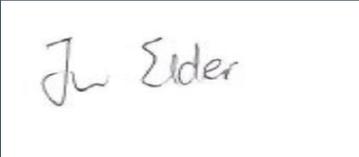


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1. KEY FINDINGS FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD

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 31 December 2025 (the reporting period).

Construction works by Inland Rail's Principal Contractor, Martinus Rail (MR), continued under CSSI 10055 during the reporting period. Activities included utilities, piling pad preparation, shoulder reconstruction, vegetation clearing, demolition, gantry removal, signalling, survey and investigation works (refer to Section 3.1.1).

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

Consultation with potentially affected stakeholders continued during the reporting period in the forms of meeting, door-knock, email, phone call and SMS.

Fourteen (14) complaints were received during the reporting period, primarily relating to the Edmonston Street bridge closure (Traffic trial). No complaints remain open at time of reporting.

No CEMP or Sub-plan documents were required to be endorsed or approved by the ER during December 2025.

One inspection was conducted by the ER during the reporting period on 6 & 7 December 2025 (coinciding with the December rail possession). Six low priority actions were identified during this inspection. No ER action items remain open at time of reporting.

The next inspection is scheduled for 14 - 15 January 2026.

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 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 undertaken during the reporting period

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

Site	Activities
Albury Yard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Footbridge demotion
Culcairn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Footbridge removal Signalling works
Table Top Uranquinty The Rock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gantry Removal

Site	Activities
Edmondson St, Wagga Wagga	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temp works associated with the future demolition of the western abutment
Wagga Wagga yard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Piling and substructure enabling works Preparing for tree clearing
Kemp St, Junee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Piling and substructure enabling works Installation of safe place delineation barriers Temporary shoring and install of retaining wall structures
Junee Yard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Driver platform investigation works at JE70 Signal removal Relocation and testing works Skim recon, track slews and destress works Survey control Verse testing Installation of asbestos capping layer
Olympic Hwy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shoulder reconstruction Survey and investigations works
J21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track slew, destress and shoulder recon Ongoing track work/shoulder recon, ballast top ups Preparing to hand over Area 4, culvert handrail/walkways.

3.1.2 Upcoming works

The following works are planned for January 2026 (subject to the required pre-work/construction approvals being obtained):

Site	Activities
Murray Bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structural surveys
Billy Hughes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bridge piling pad preparations Clearing & grubbing of NW batter for drainage, earthworks, signalling mobilising for CSR cable install
Edmonston Street, Wagga Wagga	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abutment excavation Clearing works – clearing permit in progress Ongoing piling pad construction

Site	Activities
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 66kv Mob 5 and commissioning (including OOHW)
Junee Yard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey control Verse testing
Olympic Highway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track work/shoulder recon
J2I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing track work/shoulder recon, ballast top ups Culvert handrail/walkway (including OOHW)

3.2 Minor Construction Ancillary Facilities

Nothing to report for December 2025.

3.3 Changes to the Project

3.3.1 Construction Staging

MR are proposing to construct the Project in three Stages:

- Stage A: preparation activities for rail possession (Substage A1), the rail possession activities (Substage A2), and post-possession activities (Substage A3).
- Stage B: Construction in Stage B will see construction activities commencing in the Wagga Wagga Precinct, as well as at Uranquinty Creek and Billy Hughes Bridge. New construction activities such as culvert work, level crossing work and finishing work, will also occur. Construction in Stage B will also comprise a continuation of some activities started in Stage A.
- Stage B2: Pre-construction activities that have not commenced before the approval of the CEMP, all works started in Stage A or Stage B that have not yet been completed. Traffic mitigation measures associated with the Edmondson Street bridge and trial bridge closure of the Edmondson Street bridge
- Stage C: Preconstruction of activities that have not commenced before the approval of the CEMP, continuation of Stage A and Stage B works and demolition and construction of the new Edmondson Street bridge.

A Staging Report was prepared in accordance with CoA A9 and A10 to reflect this staging approach. The ER endorsed the Staging Report (Rev 1) on 19 November 2024. The most recent update to the Staging Report (Rev 6) was endorsed by the ER on 9 October 2025.

3.3.2 Consistency Assessments

There were no Consistency Assessments (CAs) determined by Inland Rail during the reporting period.

3.4 Community consultation and complaints received

3.4.1 Consultation

Consultation occurred prior to the reporting period and throughout December 2025 in the form of emails, face-to-face, door knocks, SMS, phone calls, letters, meetings and webpage updates. The MR Community Consultation Report for December is available on request. Consultation undertaken during December 2025 included the following subjects:

- OOHW notifications
- Monthly updates
- Property access changes
- Traffic, Access and Parking
- Heritage Impact
- Notifications
- Project progress
- Project approvals
- Project works/timing
- Project works and design
- Consultation process
- Sponsorship and donations
- Employment opportunities
- Property Impacts
- Surveys
- Noise and Vibration Impacts
- Flooding and drainage
- Vegetation management
- Waste management

3.4.2 Complaints

The complaints register current to 3 January 2026 was supplied to the ER. It includes details of all complaints received and the actions undertaken by MR to resolve each complaint.

14 complaints were received during the reporting period. Details are provided in Appendix A. The majority of complaints were associated with the Edmonston Street traffic trial. No complaints remain open at the time of reporting.

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 reported to NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) during the reporting period.

3.5.2 Emergency Works

No emergency works were reported during the reporting period.

3.5.3 Non-compliances

No non-compliances were identified during the reporting period.

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 since late 2024 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 October 2025 and submitted to the ER for approval or endorsement. No documents were required to be approved or endorsed by the ER during the reporting period:

4.2.2 Implementation

Stage A Construction commenced in March 2025. Stage B Construction commenced in August 2025. Stage C Construction commenced in December 2025.

4.2.3 Site inspections

One inspection was conducted by the ER during the reporting period on 6 & 7 December 2025 (coinciding with the December rail possession). Six low priority actions were identified during this inspection. No ER action items remain open at time of reporting.

The next inspection is scheduled for 15 January 2026.

4.2.4 Audits

An Independent Audit was undertaken on 29 October 2025. The Independent Audit report was originally due for submission on 29 December 2025, however an A7 extension request was approved extending the period to 16 January 2026.

4.2.5 Complaint resolution

There are no open complaints at the time of reporting.

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 December 2025, including the involvement of the ER. Weekly meetings with Inland Rail, MR and the ER for the purposes of discussing Project works, progress on post-approval documentation, compliance, incidents, complaints etc. continued throughout December 2025.

Monthly routine meetings between the Department, IR, MR and ER commenced in March 2025, however a meeting was not held during December 2025.

4.2.7 Documentation issued

No documentation was issued by the ER during the reporting period.

4.2.8 Communications with the Secretary

There have been no written communications with the Planning Secretary or its representatives during the reporting period, other than issue of the ER monthly report for November 2025 on the 5 December 2025. Informal project discussions have been held with the Department as required.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE OF THE PROJECT

5.1 Environmental Performance

Construction works commenced in March 2025 and are ongoing. Work activities undertaken for the reporting period included utilities, piling pad preparation, shoulder reconstruction, vegetation clearing, demolition, gantry removal, signalling, survey and investigation works.

Environmental mitigation and control measures are being implemented consistent with approval requirements. The ER is of the view that environmental impacts are being appropriately managed.

No complaints are open at the time of reporting.

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

5.2 Key learnings

No lessons learned sessions are scheduled at this time.

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APPENDIX A – EXTRACT FROM MR COMPLAINTS REGISTER

Date Received	Nature of Complaint	Details	Initial Response	How addressed	Status
1/12/2025	Traffic trial	Resident feels it is more difficult to access her driveway because of increased traffic on Bourke Street.	No further action required.	Call	Closed within 2 hours
1/12/2025	Traffic trial	Commuter called to complain about the travel times down Lake Albert Road and requested an alternate route	Shared with the TTMC	Call	Closed within 2 hours
2/12/2025	Traffic trial	Query from complainant re: why the replacement of the Edmondson Bridge will take 18 months to complete.	Emailed stakeholder requested information and sent video explanation	Email	Closed within 2 hours
3/12/2025	Traffic trial	Roma Street/ Brookong - queuing across Roma Street	Feedback shared with the TTMC and have asked for suggestions from WWCC	Email	Closed within 2 hours
3/12/2025	Traffic trial	Roma Street/ Brookong - queuing across Roma Street	Design developed to mitigate and will be submitted to council for their approval/feedback. Asked WWCC if they would like MR to respond.	Call	Closed with 2 hours
3/12/2025	Traffic trial	Councilors raised a concern on at a Council Meeting about the traffic queuing along Urana Street as she is experiencing the same concern in walking her child to the Turvey Park Primary School.	Feedback shared with the TTMC and have asked for suggestions from WWCC	In person	Closed with 2 hours

Date Received	Nature of Complaint	Details	Initial Response	How addressed	Status
3/12/2025	Traffic trial	Local resident complained about the light phasing onto Sturt from Best Street stating it took too long and people were doing U-turns on Best Street.	Martinus rep went and investigated the light and they were in working order - (third complaint from this resident since the trial started - complaints have varied).	Email	Closed within 2hours
4/12/2025	Traffic trial	Caller complained about turning right off Docker Street onto the Sturt Hwy..	Stakeholder called back and informed that no additional mitigations will be installed at this location. TTMC reviewed and confirmed this is a dangerous right turn and that they will not be installing any additional mitigations.	Call	Closed with 2 hours
4/12/2025	Traffic trial	Stakeholder called to complain about the amount of traffic on Urana Street	TTMC to investigate	Call	Closed within 2 hours
4/12/2025	Traffic trial	Driver behavior - stakeholder called to complain about people doing U-turns on Brookong/Docker Street intersection. Caller requested that 'no U-turn' signs be installed.	TTMC to investigate	Call	Closed with 2 hours
5/12/2025	Traffic trial	Heath Street and Urana st roundabout - very difficult to get out of. Suggestion to remove the cement barriers	TTMC to investigate	Call	Closed with 2 hours
8/12/2025	Traffic trial	A business owner in Albury complained about the impact of parking spaces and worker behaviour.	Martinus contacted the stakeholder to advise on the remedial actions taken to prevent the issues raised in the complaint from recurring. Martinus also informed the complainant via SMS.	Phone, SMS	Closed with 2 hours

Date Received	Nature of Complaint	Details	Initial Response	How addressed	Status
16/12/2025	Traffic trial	<p>Complainant advised that during the December possession he observed a drone flying over his property lower than 30 metres.</p> <p>Rubbish left after hoarding works and beeping of the garbage trucks now that Little Best Street is closed.</p>	Complainant advised no Martinus drones were used on the day stated. Traffic team liaised with garbage contractor, site team advised re rubbish on site.	face to face	Closed with 2 hours
18/12/2025	Traffic trial	Owner of Gloria Jeans called council to complain about new no stopping signs near his business. Council transfer to Martinus.	Confirmed with TTMC that MR have NOT installed any No Stopping signs in that vicinity. Numerous attempts to contact the complainant at the store with no result.	Call	Closed with 2 hours