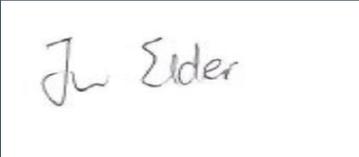


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1. KEY FINDINGS FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD

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 January 2026 (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, shoulder reconstruction, vegetation clearing, demolition, signalling, trenching, contamination testing, gantry modification, drainage, tamping, survey and investigation works (refer to Section 3.1.1).

An initial incident notification was sent to Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) by Inland Rail on 16 January 2026 relating to the Sloanes froglet unexpected find on 21 November 2025. This was following consultation with DPHI.

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

The ER and Inland Rail were notified by MR of an unexpected heritage find at Uranquinty on 22 January. Investigations are ongoing.

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

Five complaints were received during the reporting period. 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 January 2026.

An inspection was conducted by the ER during the reporting period on 15 & 16 January 2026. Three low priority actions were identified during this inspection. No ER action items remain open at time of reporting.

An further inspection was undertaken on 3 & 5 February and will be included within the February Monthly Report. The next inspection is scheduled for 17 February 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 January 2026:

Site	Activities
Albury Yard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telstra Pit Removal, Sydney Trains Car Park Kenilworth Street service location
Billy Hughes Bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Piling Pad Construction Piling works – SW Bulk Earthwork Excavations – Northwest batter (including clearing)
Yerong Creek & Henty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SAQP Investigations
Edmondson St, Wagga Wagga	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abutment excavation
Wagga Wagga yard, Cassidy, Pearson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wagga Yard <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Watermain shutdown Mothers FB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Piling on south side Cassidy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clearing complete (except trimming of paperbarks, pending council approval) Gas main protection slab complete Piling pad construction north Pearson ongoing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional contam testing Signalling trenching works
Kemp St, Junee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soil nailing Contam sampling Abutment A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> excavation complete piling Pad complete Piling Abutment B <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excavation ongoing Pier 1 and Pier 2 (corridor) Piling pad construction
Olympic Hwy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vegetation trimming Track works
J2I	Ongoing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> shoulder recon works and DCPs stockpile management

3.1.2 Upcoming works

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

Site	Activities	Out of Hours Works
Murray Bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Top chord stanchion removal (Possession only scope) 	Top chord stanchion removal (Possession only scope)
Albury Yard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Piling Pad Construction Removal of redundant track lines Piling Works 	

Site	Activities	Out of Hours Works
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kenilworth Street borehole investigations RMAR upgrade 	
Billy Hughes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing piling works DCPs for shoulder recon investigations Soil nail pad construction followed by soil nail installation FRP works Drainage works Continuing bulk earthwork excavations Shoulder recon works (Possession only scope) 	Shoulder Recon Works
Culcairn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gantry Modification Sleeper replacement & track works (possession scope) Tamping (standard hours) 	Sleeper replacement and track slew
Uranquinty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signalling works 	Signalling works
Edmonston Street, Wagga Wagga	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temporary soldier pile walls Shed demolition Piling pad construction Bridge demo (possession) 	Feb 2026 Possession
Wagga Yard, Cassidy, Pearson	<p>Wagga Yard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ULX protection Redundant track removal <p>Mothers FB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> North ramp piers South ramp piers <p>Cassidy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Piling pad construction south Piling to begin Feb 12th <p>Pearson ongoing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signalling trenching works 	Feb 2026 Possession
Bomen Yard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site establishment and grubbing Survey control 	
Harefield	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey control 	
Junee Yard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possession tamping Structure works (possession) 	Feb 2026 Possession
Kemp Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abutment A - Piling Abutment B - Piling and pad construction Pier 1 and Pier 2 (corridor) 	Feb 2026 Possession
Olympic Highway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track works Survey control 	Feb 2026 Possession
J2I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> shoulder recon works and DCPs Stockpile management 	Sundays & Mondays Feb 2026 Possession

3.2 Minor Construction Ancillary Facilities

Nothing to report for January 2026.

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 January 2026 in the form of emails, face-to-face, door knocks, SMS, phone calls, letters, meetings and webpage updates. The MR Community Consultation Report for January is available on request. Consultation undertaken during January 2026 included the following:

- 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 1 February 2026 was supplied to the ER. It includes details of all complaints received and the actions undertaken by MR to resolve each complaint.

Five complaints were received during the reporting period. Details are provided in Appendix A. 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

An initial incident notification was sent to DPHI on 16 January 2026 relating to the Sloanes froglet unexpected find on 21 November 2025 at Billy Hughes Bridge. This was following consultation with DPHI since the unexpected find.

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.

3.5.4 Unexpected finds

The ER was notified of an unexpected heritage find (non-Aboriginal) at Uranquinty on 22 January. Investigations are ongoing.

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

An inspection was conducted by the ER during the reporting period on 15 & 16 January 2026. Three low priority actions were identified during this inspection. No ER action items remain open at time of reporting.

An inspection was undertaken on 3 & 5 February and will be included within the February Monthly Report. The next inspection is scheduled for 17 February 2026.

4.2.4 Audits

An Independent Audit was undertaken on 29 October 2025, covering the period 1 May to 29 October 2025. The audit was finalised on 16 December 2025. Findings are outlined within the audit report.

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 January 2026, 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 January 2026.

There were no meetings between the Department, IRPL, John Holland and the ER held within the reporting period. These are scheduled to recommence in February.

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 December 2025 on the 13 January 2026. 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, shoulder reconstruction, vegetation clearing, demolition, signalling, trenching, contamination testing, gantry modification, drainage, tamping, 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
5/1/26	Business Interruption	Astron Service Station business interruption due to traffic mitigations on Bourke Street.	Following up with WWCC re DA approved access to business as the entry of concern for owner crosses two live traffic lanes.	Phone call	Closed
15/1/26	Parking Donnelly St	Truck trailer parked over driveway	Identified as plant vehicle (sub contractor) . Driver spoken to and reminded no vehicles to be left unattended when waiting to enter corridor and be conscious not to impact local residents	Email	Closed within 2 hours
15/1/26	Increased vibration	Resident feels they have experienced more vibration at property over the past two days.	Discussed with Supt. Works opposite property is piling pad construction. With resident permission a noise and vibration monitor on site.	Face to face, Phone call.	Closed within 2 hours
15/1/26	Parking Donnelly St	Resident could not get out of her driveway due to truck parked on roadway (contrary to construction roadway)	Contact made with site supervisor and vehicle identified as project vehicle (sub contractor) and moved	Phone call	Closed within 2 hours
23/1/26	Worker Behaviour - Traffic Controller (TC), Edmondson St	Inappropriate verbal direction from TC to member of public assisting wheelchair on roadway. Complainant said the TC (younger male) did nothing to assist	Contacted Site Supervisor, Traffic team and Superintendent. Site Supervisor raised with TC. RTS following up internally. Site Supervisor and Superintendent advised TC to contact them in instances public are blocking roadway to assist pedestrians.	Face to face, Phone call	Closed with 2 hours