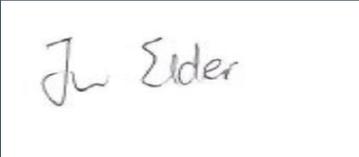


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1. KEY FINDINGS FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD

Critical State Significant Infrastructure (CSSI) 9406 Condition of Approval (CoA) A26(j) requires that the Environmental Representative (ER) must *'prepare and submit to the Planning Secretary and other relevant regulatory agencies, for information and make publicly available, 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.'*

This Environmental Representative (ER) Monthly Report has been prepared in accordance with CoA A26(j), covering the period from 1 to 31 December 2025 (the reporting period).

Works undertaken during the reporting period include CIZ delineation surveys, investigations, inspections, ecological surveys and works supervision, clearing and grubbing, installation of erosion and sediment controls, fencing, contamination sampling and the establishment and use of minor ancillary facilities (MAF).

One incident threatening to cause environmental harm was reported during the reporting period. No non-compliances have been reported during the reporting period.

Consultation with potentially affected stakeholders continued during the reporting period in the form of meetings, emails, telephone calls, SMS's and door knocking.

No complaints were received during the reporting period. No complaints are open at the time of reporting.

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

One inspection was conducted by the ER during the reporting period on 6 December 2025 (coinciding with the December rail possession). No actions were identified for this inspection; and no ER inspection actions remain open from previous inspections.

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 (IRPL), a subsidiary of Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC), is building Inland Rail on behalf of the Australian Government. As each section of Inland Rail is completed, it will be operated and managed by ARTC.

ARTC obtained approval from the NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces for the Inland Rail's Illabo to Stockinbingal (I2S) section (Critical State Significant Infrastructure (CCSI-9406)) on

the 4 September 2024 under Section 5.19 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the EP&A Act) (the Project) subject to Conditions of Approval (CoA).

The I2S Project (the Project) involves the construction and operation of approximately 39 Kilometres of new single-track standard gauge railway to accommodate trains with a maximum length of 1,800m. Key features involve:

- connection to other rail lines, including Stockinbingal to Parkes line, Lake Cargelligo line, and Main Southern Railway;
- one crossing loop and maintenance siding;
- level crossings and stock crossings;
- bridges over rivers and other watercourses, floodplains and roads;
- upgrade of around 3.5km of existing track for the tie-in works to the existing Main South Line at Illabo;
new track to maintain Lake Cargelligo line connection either side of the proposal;
- realignment and road-over rail bridge for a section of the Burley Griffin Way at Stockinbingal;
- realignment of Ironbong Road to allow for safe sight lines at the new active level crossing;
- ancillary infrastructure to support the proposal, inclusive of signalling and communications; drainage, drainage control areas, signage and fencing, and services and utilities; and
- construction infrastructure, including ancillary facilities, and a temporary workforce accommodation facility.

In accordance with CoA A22 – A25, IRPL sought approval to engage WolfPeak’s Ricardo Prieto-Curiel, Derek Low and Tim Elder as the Project’s primary and alternate ERs respectively. This approval was granted by the Planning Secretary’s nominee of the Department on 11 September 2024 and 7 February 2025.

John Holland have been engaged as the Principal Contractor to design and construct the Project. The Project is currently in the ‘Detailed design and early works (including low impact work) stage.

CoA A26(j) requires that for the duration of the works or as otherwise approved by the Planning Secretary, the ER must *‘prepare and submit to the Planning Secretary and other relevant regulatory agencies, for information and make publicly available, 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.’*

This ER Monthly Report has been prepared in accordance with CoA A26(j), covering the period from the 1 to 31 December 2025 (the reporting period).

3. PROJECT ACTIVITIES

3.1 Construction works

3.1.1 Works undertaken during the reporting period

Construction activities continued throughout December 2025. The following activities were completed or underway during the reporting period:

- Continuation of site clearing and grubbing works (Sections 2 and 3)
- Project ecologist supervision of works
- Continuation of geotechnical investigations
- Heritage salvage works (adjacent Billabong Creek)
- CSR works (Illabo track)
- CRN works (Stockinbingal)
- Corridor boundary fencing installations
- CIZ delineation and survey
- Installation of ERSED controls as per the Project Progressive Environment and Sediment Control Plan
- Contamination sampling (Stockinbingal Railyards)

3.1.2 Upcoming works

The following works are planned for January 2026:

- Continuation site clearing and grubbing works
- Project ecologist supervision of works
- Continuation of geotechnical investigations
- Heritage salvage works
- Utilities investigations, installations and relocations
- CSR works (Illabo)
- Corridor boundary fencing installations
- CIZ delineation and survey
- Installation of ERSED controls as per the Project Progressive Environment and Sediment Control Plan.

Proposed Out of Hours Works (OOHW) planned for December 2025 include:

- Illabo CSR works (Sundays)
- Temporary water supply works (0500-0700, Monday to Friday).

3.2 Minor construction ancillary facilities

JHG continued to utilise the following MAFs (as approved by the ER) during the reporting period:

- MAF Old Sydney Road (Gate 3)
- MAF Dirnaseer Road (Gate 6A)
- MAF Old Cootamundra Road (Gate 7B)
- MAF Grogan Road (Gate 10)
- MAF Old Cootamundra Rd (Site 16) (CH28180) (Gate 7A)
- MAF Ironbong Rd (CH9380)

3.3 Changes to the Project

3.3.1 Construction Staging

JHG are constructing the Project in two Stages:

Stage 1: Limited scope of works completed during the September 2025 rail possession to conduct maintenance on the existing Main South Line (MSL). This will support the delivery of the Project and to ensure uninterrupted operations of the MSL throughout the construction period.

Stage 2: All other construction activities

A Staging Report was prepared in accordance with CoA A11 and A12 to reflect this staging approach. The ER reviewed and endorsed the Staging Report (Rev 0) on 29 August 2025.

3.3.2 Consistency Assessments

Three Consistency Assessments (CAs) were determined by Inland Rail during the reporting period:

- Consistency Assessment (Minor) – Combined Services Route Works
- Consistency Assessment (Minor) – Dudauman Rd RMAR Access
- Consistency Assessment (Minor) – Rail Unloading Activities.

3.4 Community consultation and complaints received

3.4.1 Consultation

Community consultation occurred throughout December 2025 in the form of meetings, emails, telephone calls, SMSs and door to door meetings. Consultation primarily related to upcoming proposed activities, including surveys and testing, utility and geotechnical investigations, fencing and December possession notification.

The December 2025 Community Monthly Update is provided in Appendix A.

3.4.2 Complaints

The complaints register to 2 January 2026 was supplied to the ER. It includes details of all complaints received to date and the actions undertaken by JHG to resolve each complaint.

No complaints were received during the reporting period. No complaints are open at the time of reporting.

A copy of the complaints register can be provided by IRPL to the Department on request, in accordance with CoA B11.

3.5 Incidents, Emergency Works and non-compliances

3.5.1 Incidents

One incident threatening to cause environmental harm was reported during December 2025. Following clearing of a habitat tree at CH 436.82, as part of clear and grub activities, three juvenile Superb Parrots (listed Threatened Species) were recovered uninjured from a hollow. The parrots were transported to a care facility (veterinarian in Cootamundra). An investigation is underway.

3.5.2 Emergency Works

No emergency works were reported during the reporting period.

3.5.3 Non-compliances

No non-compliances were reported 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 John Holland since late 2024 through to December 2025. Further details of advice provided during the reporting period is provided in Section 4.2.

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 CEMP or Sub-plan documents were required to be endorsed or approved by the ER during the reporting period.

4.2.2 Implementation

Construction activities continued throughout the reporting period in accordance with approved Management Plans and CoA.

4.2.3 Site inspections

One inspection was conducted by the ER during the reporting period on 6 December 2025 (coinciding with the December rail possession). No actions were identified for this inspection; and no ER inspection actions remain open from previous inspections.

The next inspection is scheduled for 15 January 2026.

4.2.4 Audits

The Independent Audit program under CoAs A28-A33 was undertaken on 27 November 2025. The Independent Audit report is due for submission within two months of the audit date.

4.2.5 Complaint resolution

There are no open complaints at the time of reporting.

4.2.6 Meetings

Meetings with IRPL and John Holland, including the involvement of the ER, have been undertaken as required throughout the reporting period to discuss construction works, Project documentation and general Project issues. In addition, weekly meetings with IRPL, John Holland and the ER have continued throughout the reporting period covering Project works, progress on post-approval documentation, compliance, incidents, complaints etc.

Monthly meetings have been ongoing between the Department, IRPL, John Holland and the ER to discuss project status, upcoming submissions and general compliance. The ER (Ricardo Prieto-Curiel) attended the monthly meeting with the Department on 15 December 2025 and provided a presentation on ER activities and compliance.

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 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 have been ongoing throughout the reporting period. These works included CIZ delineation surveys, investigations, inspections, ecological surveys and works supervision, clearing and grubbing, installation of erosion and sediment controls, fencing, contamination sampling and the establishment and use of minor ancillary facilities (MAF).

One incident threatening to cause environmental harm was reported during December 2025. An investigation is underway.

No complaints are open at the time of reporting.

Environmental mitigation and control measures are being implemented consistent with approval requirements and approved management plans.

5.2 Key learnings

No lessons learned sessions are scheduled at this time.

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APPENDIX A – COMMUNITY MONTHLY UPDATE: DECEMBER 2025

Construction Monthly Update Illabo to Stockinbingal 1-31 December 2025



John Holland has been engaged to undertake construction of the Illabo to Stockinbingal section of Inland Rail in New South Wales.

With environmental approvals nearing completion, construction is expected to take place during standard hours – **7am – 6pm, Monday to Saturday**. Under certain conditions, work may also occur between 6am and 6pm on any day, subject to limitations on early morning activities and in consultation with affected stakeholders.

A rail possession will occur from **6am Saturday 6 December to 6pm Sunday 7 December with works occurring continuously throughout this period**. Activities during this time will include the delivery and stockpiling of rail materials within the rail corridor (refer to the map on the following page for location details).

Description of works

Proposed activities include (subject to approval):

- Surveying, utility investigations and geotechnical testing will be conducted at multiple locations, including project/property boundaries, road and pavement levels, the rail corridor, existing roads, bridges, culverts, leased land, buildings.
- Installing fencing and gates along the rail corridor
- General earthworks, including clearing works, stripping topsoil and tree removal
- Constructing a haul road within the construction corridor
- Delivering equipment, machinery and materials at approved laydown areas along the alignment and workers accommodation facility
- Commencing pit installation and trenching works within the rail corridor
- Constructing a laydown pad and preparing site compound for rail possession
- Rail delivery and stockpiling within the rail corridor.

What can I expect?

- Affected property owners will be contacted prior to work commencing

- Traffic management, including reduced speed limits, may be required near worksites close to the roads or for safe access. Please follow all traffic management instructions and signage
- Workers operating machinery, equipment, hand tools and service vehicles
- Residents nearby may notice an increase in noise levels during work activities, along with the presence of additional workers and vehicles in the area.

Expected plant and machinery used

Plant and machinery may include, but are not limited to, rolling stock, excavators, dozers, rollers, loaders, forklifts, delivery truck and dogs, drill rigs, small truck mounted drill rig, NDD (non-destructive digging) truck, water carts and support vehicles, workers using hand tools, survey equipment (including drones), traffic management equipment and associated signage.

How we're managing impacts

- Traffic management and reduced road speeds, where applicable
- Environmental controls in place
- Access to private properties will be maintained
- Noise management including respite times as needed
- Temporary fencing around excavations and sensitive areas.

For any concerns, to provide feedback about the project or discuss construction work phone **1800 732 761** or email inlandrailnsw@inlandrail.com.au

John Holland will be closing for the holiday period from **Saturday, 20 December 2025, to Sunday, 4 January 2026** inclusive. We thank you for your patience and cooperation and wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Scan QR code for latest information.



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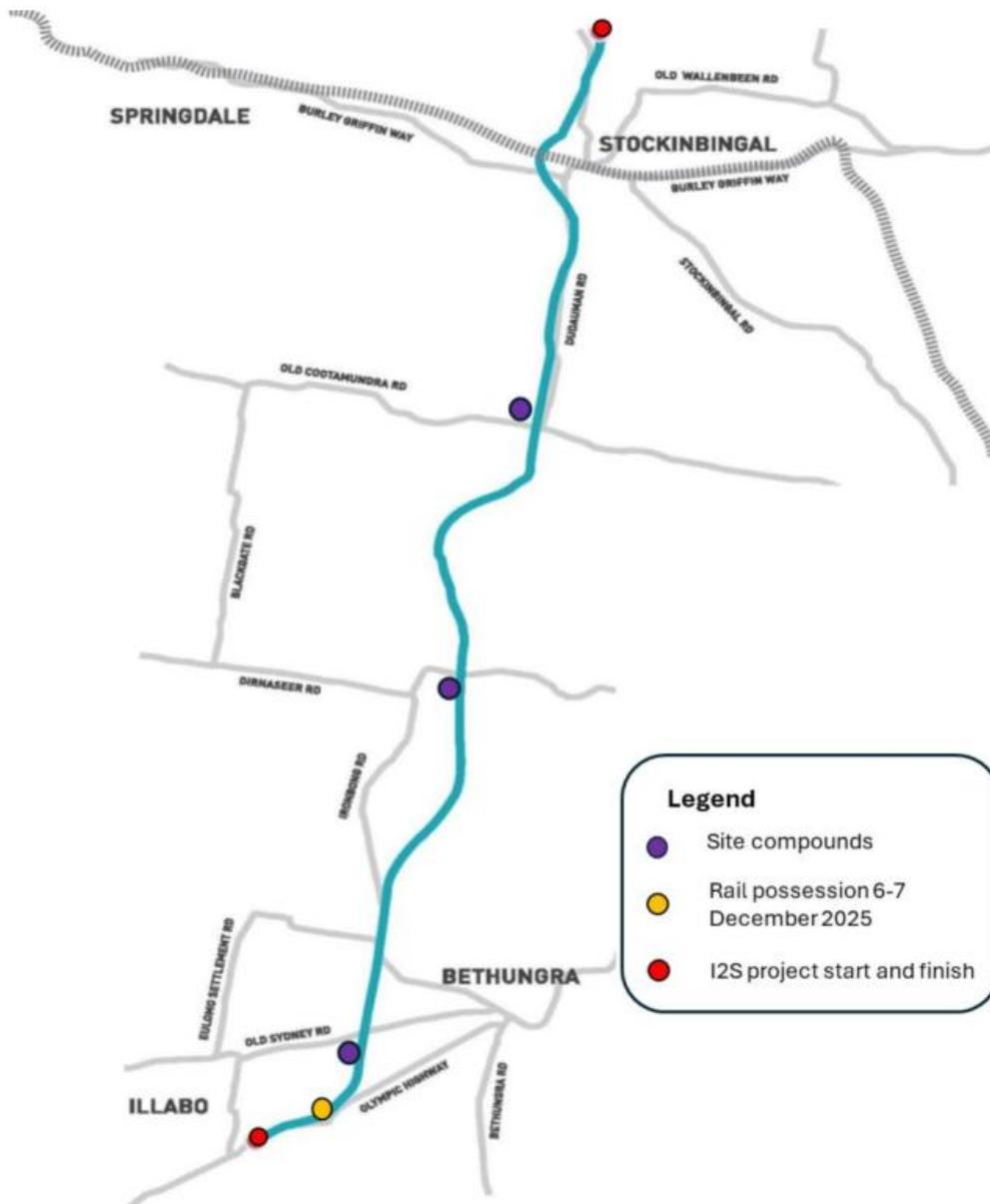


Cancellation of works

Works can be cancelled at short notice depending on weather and other factors. Should this occur, works will be rescheduled.

Work locations

Work will occur at various locations within the project boundaries (shown in purple on the map below) and will be discussed with individual property owners / lessees prior to commencement.



**Road locations on the map are indicative.*

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