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Mr Duncan Mitchell State Manager - NSW Australian Rail Track Corporation Inland Rail Level 9, 40 Creek Street BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Duncan

## LAND ACCESS AGREEMENTS WITH GILANDRA SHIRE COUNCIL

I wish to advise that Gilgandra Shire Council, at its meeting on 16 October 2018, considered a requested from JacobsGHD for permission to conduct geotechnical investigations within the Gilgandra Shire Council road reserves.

Council formally resolved to defer approval until JacobsGHD and ARTC provide Council with a satisfactory response and action to the items listed in the resolution:

## **RESOLVED 228/18**

Cr Batten/Cr Baker

- That, Council defer its decision to consent to contractors of ARTC and JacobsGHD
  accessing local roads reserves until a complete schedule of works, full list of information
  required and timeframes are provided, together with a negotiated agreement that all
  requests be submitted to Council from a single point of contact within JacobsGHD or
  their nominated sub-contractor.
- 2. That, pending satisfactory resolution of this requirement, the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to:
  - 2.1 confirm Council's decision to consent to ARTC contractor undertaking geotechnical surveys and associated work within the affected road reserves.
  - 2.2 allow the requested access to Council's road reserves by JacobsGHD be subject to the following conditions:
    - 2.2.1 Adjoining Land Owner Notification

All immediate adjoining property owners be given a minimum of two weeks' notice of work being carried out. The notification should specific a date the works will commence and when they will be completed. It should also specify the scope of works, either drilling of test pit excavations.

## 2.2.2 Community Notification

- a) In consultation with Gilgandra Shire Council and ARTC, JacobsGHD JV should develop a generic notification advising the wider community of the proposed works and locations. This information must be distributed across the wider community and not just those in the study corridor.
- b) There must also be advertisement in the Gilgandra Weekly, detailing the programmed works and contact details for enquiries from the public.
- c) Gilgandra Shire Council will place this information on its website and distribute via social media

## 2.2.3 Worker and Vehicle Identification

All contractor and subcontractor vehicles must identify they are working on behalf of ARTC on Inland Rail

2.3 Public Accessible and Visible Contact Details

JacobsGHD and their subcontractors must have displayed a contact phone number for public enquiries related to the work they are undertaking.

3. That the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to negotiate any changes to the conditions with Jacobs GHD as required.

Council has, on numerous occasions, requested a meeting with ARTC and JacobsGHD prior to the commencement of the EIS phase of the project. To date this has not been facilitated.

Council is concerned by the ad hoc unco-ordinated requests for information being submitted, particularly as some requests are not straight forward and require considerable resources to action or fulfil.

Council's genuine aim is to resolve this issue as soon as possible and to allow ARTC and your contractors to get on with the EIS and feasibility design process.

With over 100km of the N2N project within the Gilgandra Shire, both Council and our community are some of the most impacted in the NSW component of Inland Rail.

Council is becoming increasingly dissatisfied with ARTC's continued reluctance to co-operate on some basic requests which Council believe is just common courtesy from an organisation undertaking a major infrastructure project in this community. This sentiment is reflected in the Council resolution.

Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me, otherwise I look forward to a prompt response.

Yours faithfully

David Neeves General Manager