

Your reference Project Number
Our reference Inland Rail, Calvert to Kagaru project
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Dear Sir

Re: Draft Terms of Reference – Inland Rail, Calvert to Kagaru project

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the draft Terms of Reference for the Calvert to Kagaru project.

The overarching Inland Rail Project has the potential to provide significant transport, economic and social benefits to many regions across Australia, including Ipswich.

Ipswich City Council is supportive of this significant national infrastructure project, noting that impacts to local residents along the proposed alignment must carry appropriate weight and consideration in any impact assessment undertaken.

Calvert to Kagaru project

The Calvert to Kagaru project directly impacts parts of the Ipswich Local Government Area (LGA).

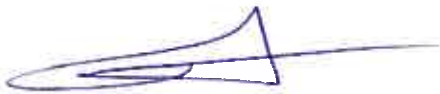
Council's main concern is for the residents, and that landowners views regarding (but not limited to) visual amenity, noise, localised flooding and land impacts are thoroughly explored. Council will be looking for innovative mitigation strategies, including any alternative alignment possibilities where proximity to local townships is a significant issue.

Attached is a table outlining Council's remaining comments relating to the draft Terms of Reference for this project.

While Council appreciates the opportunity to provide comment on the draft Terms of Reference, we would like to see a longer consultation period applied for the consideration of the draft EIS. This is to ensure that local government governance timings and requirements can be sufficiently accommodated.

We look forward to seeing the results of your studies and to making comment on the draft EIS in due course.

Yours sincerely



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Comments provided by: Ipswich City Council

Section/ Paragraph No.	Topic	Suggested change(s) to draft TOR, including reasons for the change(s).
7.2	Further Requirements of an EIS	The Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 should be included.
10.1	Project Description	The project description should include a description of the ability and capacity of the proposed rail corridor to support future passenger rail services between Melbourne and Brisbane.
10.3	Site Description	<p>Please including reference to weather, flood monitoring and emergency management infrastructure as follows:</p> <p>Describe and map at suitable scales key transport infrastructure including state controlled roads, local roads, rail (including tunnels), air, and other infrastructure or services (including gas and water pipelines, and electricity transmission and distribution powerlines) and weather, flood monitoring and emergency management infrastructure that is existing, all either under construction or proposed which may be impacted within the study area.</p>
10.4	Site Description	Include the term 'public and private water bodies' in the second sentence.
10.10	Site Description	Please specify the percentage of workforce that will be targeted for local hiring (construction and operational phases).
10.10 r	Proposed Construction and Operations	This should be reworded to read: 'location, management, scale and amenity impacts of temporary and permanent access points and vehicle parking requirements.'
11.27	Threatened Species	The first sentence should be amended to read: The EIS should describe any avoidance or mitigation measures proposed to reduce the impact on the listed threatened species and ecological communities and proposed mitigation measures.

11.29	Threatened Species	<p>There are inconsistencies in the list of potential listed threatened species and their status and the list of potential listed threatened communities between this draft TOR and the draft TOR released for the Gowrie to Helidon and Helidon to Calvert sections.</p> <p>This may be justified through changes in geomorphology and habitat between the three projects. However, a number of these species have distribution areas that may overlap. It is considered that the potential species list be reviewed.</p>
11.111	Transport	Assessment should include the proposed intermodal development at Ebenezer, listed in the South East Queensland Regional Plan 2017 (<i>ShapingSEQ</i>)
11.120	Noise	If the alignment takes the track some metres off the ground, please advise the additional noise implications and proposed mitigations.
11.145	Social	The social impact assessment should pay particular attention to the impact of land severance / wait times due to train traffic for landowners where the rail traverses across their property.
11.148	Social – Management Plans	A separate management plan should also be provided for directly affected/adjacent landowners.
Introduction	Economic	It is suggested that sub-section (c) be re-written to read ‘ (c) create a net economic benefit to the local, regional and state economies’.
11.150	Hazards, Health and Safety	Add specific consideration of the following: Describe if the rail line introduces new hazards to the area (i.e. level crossings and increased risk of collision between vehicles and freight trains) and what the management strategies are.
11.174	Cultural Heritage	When referring to non-indigenous historical heritage, it would be beneficial to have a statement that the assessment must include local character heritage places/listings.
11.48 c	Water Quality	Delete the term ‘river systems’ and replace with ‘watercourses’.

11.66	Flood Management	<p>Amend the first sentence by inserting the words 'Brisbane River Flood Study 2016 (BRFS)' after the term 'any requirements of', to read:</p> <p>'The flood study should address any requirements of 'Brisbane River Flood Study 2016, local or regional planning schemes and current accepted practice and statutory requirements in relation to flood plain management.'</p>
11.67	Flood Management	<p>Amend the first sentence by inserting the word 'modelled Brisbane River Flood Study 2016' after the word 'including' the words 'particularly upstream afflux from the proposal and the impact of changed water regimes due to the controlled release of storm and flood water.' to read:</p> <p>'Describe flood risk for a range of annual exceedance probabilities (including modelled Brisbane River Flood Study 2016 probable maximum flood) for the site, and assess how the project may change flooding characteristics particularly upstream afflux from the proposal and the impact of changed water regimes due to the controlled release of storm and flood water.'</p>
11.70	Flood Management	<p>Amend the sentence to read: 'The EIS must reference and align with the Brisbane River Flood Study 2016 and relevant studies published by local governments.'</p>
11.71	Flood Management	<p>Insert the term 'and consequent to downstream effects' to read:</p> <p>'Identify all proposed measures to avoid or minimise risks to life, property, infrastructure, community (including damage to other properties) and the environment as a result of project impacts during flood events particularly flood risks on individual properties and businesses, including in and around Calvert, Lanefield, Lower Mount Walker, Ebenezer, Mutdapilly and Purga and consequential downstream effects.'</p>
11.78	Land Use and Tenure	<p>Insert a new section as follows: 'Describe and map the size, location, configuration and points of lawful access for all surplus land that is proposed to be disposed of'.</p>
11.81	Native Title	<p>It is strongly suggested that the TOR give recognition to Indigenous landscape values as identified in ShapingSEQ, being: 'Landscape areas that hold cultural, spiritual and environmental significance for Indigenous peoples and Traditional Owners. Boundaries, pathways, totemic and iconic species, food and</p>

		<p>medicinal species, spiritual landscapes, women's and men's places, ceremonial places, battle sites, meeting and keeping places, healing places, mission sites, habitation sites and water places that can be mapped with the appropriate permission. Additional cultural resource values to be identified and managed in consultation with appropriate Traditional Owners and through the Cultural Heritage Database (www.datsip.qld.gov.au). Landscapes that contain these elements are often overlapped by contemporary non-Indigenous (European) landscape planning or require additional consideration.'</p>
11.150 e	Hazards, Health and Safety	<p>After the word 'flooding' insert the words 'or bushfire', to read 'how the project may potentially affect hazards away from the preferred alignment (e.g. changing flooding or bushfire characteristics).</p>
11.165	Waste Management	<p>After the words '(including spoil' insert the words 'work force and work process waste', to read: 'For wastes, besides wastewater (which is addressed in the Water section of this TOR), describe and quantify all expected significant waste streams (including spoil, work force and work process waste) from the proposed project activities during the construction and operational phases of the project.</p>
11.93	Flora and Fauna	<p>Insert a new section as follows: 'impacts of edge effects on the integrity of local and regional; biodiversity and natural environmental values.'</p>
General	Across all studies	<p>Across all studies, Council would like to understand how the identified project benefits can be maximised for the Ipswich community, and that the project benefits will not simply "bypass" Ipswich.</p>