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Dear Ms Power

Application to the Coordinator-General for a change to a condition of the Cross River Rail Project – Request for Project Change 12

The Cross River Rail Delivery Authority (Delivery Authority), as proponent of the Cross River Rail Project, applies to the Coordinator-General to assess a proposed change to a condition of the Cross River Rail Project (CRR Project).

Description of the proposed change

The Delivery Authority requests that the imposed conditions be changed to remove morning and afternoon peak traffic period restrictions on spoil haulage and materials/equipment delivery hours for the duration that:

- lockdowns are imposed for Brisbane through relevant Public Health Directions that may be made from time to time under the Public Health Act 2005 due to the ongoing COVID-19 event; and,
- Brisbane City Council lifts Brisbane CBD traffic restrictions for heavy vehicles.

It is proposed that the request be given effect by changing the Coordinator-General's imposed conditions to include a new Condition 10C that would remove morning and afternoon peak haulage restrictions when the circumstances stated above are in effect.

Proposed Condition 10C. Temporary Change of Certain Hours – spoil haulage and materials/equipment delivery

- a) In addition to the hours of work set out in Condition 10 (Hours of Work), spoil haulage and materials/equipment delivery may be undertaken within the hours set out in Table 1C, during the period in which:
 - i. a Public Health Direction is in effect; and
 - ii. Brisbane City Council's notice of relaxed road use restrictions for heavy vehicle construction vehicles greater than 12.5m in length through Brisbane City CBD is in effect.
- b) The Coordinator-General, by written notice, may specify a shorter period for Condition 10C(a).
- c) Spoil haulage and materials/equipment delivery may only be undertaken in accordance with Condition 10C(a), provided that:

- i. the Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) is updated (if required) to manage the spoil haulage and materials/equipment delivery within the hours set out in Table 1C; the CEMP has been prepared in accordance with Condition 4; and, the CEMP has been endorsed by the Environmental Monitor prior to commencing the spoil haulage and materials/equipment delivery within the hours set out in Table 1C;
 - ii. the endorsed CEMP includes a Construction Traffic Management Sub-Plan which specifically provides for construction traffic management arrangements for operating schools in proximity to each worksite, developed in consultation with each operating school including, but not limited to the following:
 - 1. Boggo Road Railway Station - the Dutton Park State Primary School;
 - 2. Woolloongabba Railway Station - St Joseph's Primary School and the East Brisbane State School;
 - 3. Roma Street Railway Station - Brisbane Grammar School and Brisbane Girls Grammar School;
- d) local communities near the worksites listed in Table 1C must be notified about the spoil haulage and materials/equipment delivery activities as soon as practicable prior to those works commencing, including notification of timeframes, potential impacts, mitigation measures, project contact information through direct electronic mail distribution, project website updates and social media updates.

Table 1C

Worksite	Works – Spoil haulage and materials / equipment delivery
Boggo Road Railway station	Monday to Friday: 7:30am – 9:00am 2:30pm – 4:30pm
Dutton Park Railway station	Monday to Friday: 7:00am – 9:00am 4:30pm – 6:30pm
Woolloongabba Railway station	Monday to Friday: 7:00am – 9:00am 4:30pm – 6:30pm
Roma Street Railway station	Monday to Friday: 7:30am – 9:00am 4:30pm – 6:30pm

Public Health Direction means any public health direction that applies to the Brisbane local government area or Brisbane central business district made by the chief health officer, or a delegate, under s.362B of the Public Health Act 2005 in relation to COVID19 which either restricts the movement of persons or requires persons to stay in a stated place or both, and includes any associated amendment or extension, expiration or revocation.

Reason for the requested change to condition

On 29 January 2020, the Queensland Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services made a public health emergency order under the *Public Health Act 2005* declaring a public health emergency in relation to Coronavirus (COVID-19) for 'all of Queensland'.

The duration of this order has been extended by regulation on six occasions during 2020, has been extended to 27 September 2021, and may be extended further.

Following the Queensland Ministerial declaration, Queensland's Chief Health Officer issued a number of public health directions pursuant to s.362B of the *Public Health Act 2005*, inclusive of directions requiring businesses, activities and undertakings that are deemed non-essential not to operate until the end of the declared public health emergency, unless these directions are revoked or replaced.

It is possible that further directions may be made under s.362B of the *Public Health Act 2005* until the end of the public health emergency is declared.

On 30 July 2021, the National Cabinet agreed in principle to an updated four-phase National Plan to transition Australia's National COVID-19 Response (National Plan)

Implementation of the National Plan is dependent on achieving vaccination thresholds of both the nation, and the individual state or territory, with Phases B and C targeting approximately 70% and 80% full vaccination rates of the adult population respectively.

Based on the proposed outcomes of the National Plan, lockdowns in South East Queensland that may affect the Cross River Rail project remain possible through to the conclusion of at least Phase B (approximately 70% of the adult population fully vaccinated).

Whilst timeframes to implement the National Plan have not been published, it is possible that Phase B may not be achieved until late 2021/early 2022, with periodic lockdowns in South East Queensland remaining possible until Phase B of the National Plan is concluded.

In addition, on 6 August 2021, Brisbane City Council issued a notice of relaxation on its heavy vehicle CBD lock out periods until further notice. A copy of this notice is **enclosed**.

This notice relaxed current restrictions on the movement of heavy construction vehicles greater than 12.5m in length between the hours:

- AM Peak - 07:30am to 09:00am;
- PM Peak - 16:00pm to 18:30pm.

As a result of consultation with Brisbane City Council, the Delivery Authority understands that Council will consider further periodic relaxations to heavy vehicle CBD lockout periods in response to any future public health directions that result in reduced CBD traffic loads.

Similarly, the Delivery Authority understands that Economic Development Queensland is also considering similar future heavy vehicle lock out relaxations for the Queen's Wharf Brisbane Priority Development Area.

Information about the change and its effects on the project

The proposed change:

- provides an opportunity to reduce the overall duration of heavy vehicle haulage activities associated with the delivery of the Project by utilising the additional haulage hours per weekday for the period of any relevant Public Health Direction, combined with improved haulage cycle time efficiencies resulting in significantly decreased traffic peaks on the Project's primary haulage routes;
- applies only to the heavy vehicle lock out periods and will not change existing street lockouts or routes; and
- is likely to be periodic and temporary in nature for the duration of the declared public health emergency.

Impact Assessment

Due to the reduction in traffic as a result of the periodic public health directions, as well as the limited durations in which the proposed change would operate, it is not anticipated that the proposed change would result in any additional impacts to the existing impacts already identified and managed for the CRR Project.

The requested change is proposed to align the CRR Project with any future public health directions that result in a reduction in Brisbane CBD traffic and for which Brisbane City Council has issued relaxations on heavy vehicle lock outs.

Public notice

Pursuant to s.35G of the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971*, the Coordinator-General must decide whether or not to require the proponent to publicly notify the proposed change.

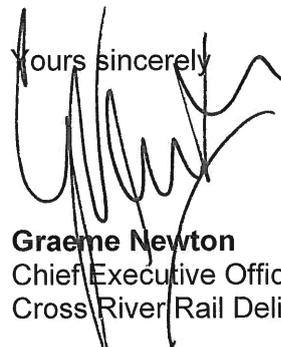
It is submitted that public notification of the proposed change is not required, as:

- the proposed change is periodic and temporary in nature, utilising changed (reduced) traffic loading conditions;
- the change to the spoil haulage and equipment delivery timeframes are proposed to only apply when lockout relaxations are declared by Brisbane City Council that apply to all construction sites in the CBD;
- any potential impacts of the extended spoil and materials/equipment haulage will be mitigated and managed by the balance of the Imposed Conditions, including the Construction Environmental Management Plan which is required to be endorsed by the Environmental Monitor and published on the Delivery Authority's website; and
- the proposed changed conditions include a requirement to notify the community near the worksites as soon as practicable before commencing the extended spoil haulage and materials/equipment deliveries, including notification of timeframes, potential impacts, mitigation measures, project contact information through letterbox drop, project website updates and social media updates.

Further information

The Delivery Authority requests that the Coordinator-General consider waiving the relevant *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971* application fee for this application.

If you require further information, I encourage you to contact Mr Peter Silvester, Executive Director, Environment and Approvals, on 0418 874 471 or by email at Peter.Silvester@crrda.org.au.

Yours sincerely


Graeme Newton
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Cross River Rail Delivery Authority

ENCLOSURE

Brisbane City Council notice of CBD Heavy Vehicle Haulage relaxation – 6 August 2021

From: Jamie Mullins <Jamie.Mullins@brisbane.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 6 August 2021 3:11 PM
To: BI-TPO-MPP <BI-TPO-MPP@brisbane.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Council's Relaxation on CBD Heavy Vehicle Lock Out Periods

CAUTION

This email originates from outside of your organisation.

Hello All,

In response to the current SEQ Lockdown restriction and the reduced traffic conditions within the CBD, Council will be lifting the Lock Out Periods currently in place with immediate effect.

This notice of the relaxation shall apply to the current restrictions on the movement of heavy construction vehicles >12.5m in length between the hours:

- AM Peak – 07:30am to 9:00am
- PM Peak – 16:00pm to 18:30pm

Relaxation of the CBD Lock Out Periods shall remain in place until Queensland Government advises that the restriction have been lifted for the City of Brisbane.

Council's Development Services and Congestion Reduction Unit will continue to condition the CBD Lock Out Periods during this period. However, this email notice will void such conditions until Council reinstate the Lock Out Periods.

A copy of this email shall be kept on-site at all times along with any current and approved Traffic Guidance Schemes and Temporary Road/Lane Closure Certificates issued by Council.

Regards

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