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Dear Mr Coggan

Cross River Rail – Request for Project Change – Change to Condition 22 (Temporary emissions and arrangements) – Tropical Cyclone Alfred

The Cross River Rail Delivery Authority (Delivery Authority), as proponent of the Cross River Rail Project (CRR Project), requests that the Coordinator-General consider amending Imposed Condition 22 to support response/repair/recovery activities that may be required as a result of the potential impacts of Tropical Cyclone Alfred (TC Alfred).

Imposed Condition 22, established to respond directly to the last major severe weather event (flood event of February/March 2022), authorised temporary arrangements to support response/repair/recovery works for the CRR Project associated with:

- Flood Water – temporary emissions
- Noise and Vibration – temporary emissions
- Hours of work – temporary arrangements
- Transport – temporary arrangements.

Since 2022 substantial progress has been made on the CRR Project, which has moved from primarily civil construction activities to complex structure, rail and systems fitout.

At a summary level, CRR Project activities currently include:

- Northern Area – including Mayne Yard
 - Surface rail civil, track, and Overhead Line Equipment (OHLE) works from Albion through to the Northern Portal
- Central Area
 - Tunnel fitout
 - Stations – civil structures (including canopies), mechanical and electrical fitout
- Southern Area
 - Surface rail civil, track and OHLE between the Southern Portal and south of Salisbury station
 - Salisbury station civil and structural works
 - Clapham Yard civil and structural works.

This change has been proposed to:

- respond to the predicted March 2025 TC Alfred weather event which comprises different severe weather risks to that faced during the flood event of February/March 2022 and includes storm surges, damaging to destructive winds, localised and broader flooding, as well as the changed, more complex state of CRR Project delivery
- allow for all response/repair/recovery activities necessary to bring CRR Project sites back online and into production, inclusive of project support facilities (power/water/air/telecommunications), re-energisation, reinstatement of any damaged works, site access/egress or materials/equipment workarounds required to recommence works for the period that associated supply chains recover from the severe weather event.

Proposed change and its effects

Proposed changes to Imposed Condition 22 and its effects are provided below. All other elements of Imposed Condition 22 are considered acceptable by the Delivery Authority to support response/repair/recovery activities.

Condition 22 introduction

Change *“Condition 22 temporarily allows response/repair/recovery works for the project in response to the flood event in Brisbane February/March 2022”* to

“Condition 22 temporarily allows response/repair/recovery works for the project in response to the Tropical Cyclone Alfred severe weather event of March 2025”.

This proposed change reflects a response to the new severe weather event.

Condition 22 (a) (i)

Change *“Condition 22 ceases to have effect upon either: (i) 20 business days after the release of Coordinator-General’s Change Report...”* to:

Condition 22 ceases to have effect upon either: *“(i) 30 business days after the release of Coordinator-General’s Change Report...”*.

This proposed change acknowledges that the March 2025 weather event comprises different severe weather risks to that faced during the flood event of February/March 2022 that includes storm surges, damaging to destructive winds, localised and broader flooding, as well as the changed, more complex state of the CRR Project delivery.

The proposed change to duration of operation of the temporary response/repair/recovery works is recommended to accommodate:

- Initial response assessments and emergency ‘make-safe’ operations
- Initial site dewatering activities
- Repair and/or re-establish temporary works, plant and equipment such as substantial scaffolding or temporary structural supporting infrastructure
- Repair and/or re-establishment of power / water / communications infrastructure
- Repair and re-establish site access / site logistics
- Make-safe and repair damage to any permanent structures that have sustained damage.

Condition 22A – Flood Water – temporary emissions

Change Condition 22A (a) *“The requirements of Condition 22A apply during high flow, which is defined in Table 22C...”* to:

“The requirements of Condition 22A apply during moderate flow levels or greater, which is defined in Table 22C.”

Table 22C change from:

Receiving waters/ stream	Gauging station	Gauging station latitude (decimal degree, GDA94)	Gauging station longitude (decimal degree, GDA94)	Receiving water flow recording frequency	Receiving water flow criteria for discharge (m ³ /s)
Brisbane River	Brisbane River at Savages Crossing	27°26'23.0"S	152°40'08.2"E	Continuous (minimum daily)	High flow > 100 m ³ /s

to:

Project Areas	Receiving waters/ stream	Gauging station	Gauging station BOM ID	Station Owner and ID	Receiving water flow recording frequency	Receiving water height Criteria for discharge (m)
Dutton Park, Boggo Road, Woolloongabba, Albert Street, Roma Street,	Brisbane River	Brisbane River City Gauge	504198	BCC 143838	Continuous (minimum daily)	Moderate Flood Level or greater (≥2.60m)
Mayne Yard and Exhibition	Breakfast Creek	Breakfast Creek	540130	BCC 143851	Continuous (minimum daily)	Moderate Flood Level or greater (≥2.70m)
Yeerongpilly, Clapham Yard, Moorooka, Rocklea	Oxley Creek Catchment (Rocky Water Holes Creek and Moolabin Creek)	Rocky Waterholes at Muriel Ave	540433	BCC 143882	Continuous (minimum daily)	Moderate Flood Level or greater (≥6.30m)

This proposed change acknowledges that the March 2025 weather event is predicted to comprise different severe weather risks to that faced during the flood event of February/March 2022 in that this weather event is predicted to include storm surges and localised flooding.

The current receiving water discharge criteria, being the Brisbane River at Savages Crossing is in the order of 100 km upstream of CRR Project worksites and is unlikely to represent localised flood/storm surge levels in the drainage paths adjacent to Project works.

The proposed receiving water locations are Brisbane City Council gauging stations that are utilised by the Bureau of Meteorology and have suitable data quality controls that meet the requirements for publication on the Bureau of Meteorology website.

The Delivery Authority submits that remaining elements of Condition 22 are appropriate to support response/repair/recovery activities, being:

- Condition 22B - Noise and Vibration – temporary emissions
- Condition 22C - Hours of work – temporary arrangements
- Condition 22D - Transport – temporary arrangements.

Request for a fee waiver

The Delivery Authority requests that the Coordinator-General consider waiving fees associated with the making of this change application, and any fees associated with a decision by the Coordinator-General.

This request is made on the basis that the requested change is urgent, temporary in nature, and will support the CRR Project's commitment to maintain the delivery program and support ongoing jobs during a period of potential disruption.

If you require further information, I encourage you to Peter Silvester, Executive Director, Assets, Approvals and Access on 0417 708 927 or by email at Peter.Silvester@crrda.org.au.

Yours sincerely



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