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Mr Joost De Kock Deputy Secretary, Customer Strategy and Technology

via email

Dear Mr De Kock

Request for extension to IPART's review of the Rail Access Undertaking

On 25 February 2022 you agreed to grant IPART an extension to complete the review of the Rail Access Undertaking by November 30 due to the impact of COVID-19 and higher than usual workload. We have since conducted our analysis for the review, including holding one on one discussions with stakeholders and we are preparing to release our draft report with our draft recommendations.

We will release our draft report in October 2022, followed by further public consultation. To ensure that stakeholders, including Transport for New South Wales and TAHE have sufficient time to review of draft report and recommendations including preparing their submissions, they will require a period of around 8 weeks. This means that stakeholders will not be able to provide their submission prior to 30 November 2022, when the final report is currently due to Government.

We request an extension to 31 May 2023 for the delivery of the final report. This would ensure we have sufficient time to investigate and address any further issues raised by stakeholders. We would appreciate your written confirmation of the proposed extension.

IPART's contact officer for this review is Jessica Robinson, Director, contactable on 02 9290 8405.

Yours sincerely

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Liz Livingstone CEO Signed by: Liz Livingstone