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Dear Ms Power

Application to the Coordinator-General for a temporary change to a condition of the Cross River Rail Project – Request for Project Change 6

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 amended to allow for changed spoil haulage and materials/equipment delivery hours to remove morning and afternoon peak restrictions.

The amended imposed conditions are intended to operate on a temporary basis, in response to changed (reduced) traffic conditions as a result of the COVID-19 event and the associated Public Health Direction.

The proposed change to the imposed conditions is as follows:

Condition 10A Interim hours of work

In addition to the hours of work set out in in Condition 10, the **Interim Works** may be undertaken within the hours set out in Table 1A, provided that:

- (a) a specific Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) for the Interim Works has been prepared in accordance with Condition 4 and endorsed by the Environmental Monitor prior to the commencement of the Interim Works. The timeframe in condition 4(b) does not apply to an endorsed CEMP for the Interim Works;
- (b) the endorsed CEMP includes a Construction Traffic Management Sub-Plan for the Interim Works and specifically provides for construction traffic management arrangements for:
 - i. operating schools in proximity to each worksite, developed in consultation with each operating school including, but not limited to the following:
 - a. Boggo Road Railway Station - the Dutton Park State Primary School;
 - b. Woolloongabba Railway Station - St Joseph's Primary School and the East Brisbane State School;
 - c. Roma Street Railway Station - Brisbane Grammar School and Brisbane Girls Grammar School;

- ii. Inner northern bus diversions onto Roma Street and interface with public transport;
- (c) local communities near the Interim Works must be notified about the Interim Works at least 2 business days prior to those works commencing including notification of timeframes, potential impacts, mitigation measures, project contact information through letterbox drop, project website updates and social media updates; and
- (d) the Interim Works occur only during the period in which the Public Health Direction remains in effect, or any shorter period stated by the Coordinator-General.

Table 1A – Interim Construction hours in addition to Table 1

Worksite	Spoil haulage and materials / equipment delivery - interim hours
Fairfield, Yeronga, Yeerongpilly, Rocklea and Salisbury stations	Monday to Friday: 7.30am - 9.00am 2.30pm – 4.30pm
Moorooka/Clapham Yard	Monday to Friday: 7.30am - 9.00am 2.30pm – 4.30pm
Southern portal	Not applicable
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
Albert Street Railway station	Not applicable
Roma Street Railway station	Monday to Friday: 7.30am – 9.00am 4.30pm – 6.30pm
Northern Portal	Not applicable
Exhibition Railway Station	Not applicable
Mayne Railway Yard	Not applicable

New definitions

Interim Works means spoil haulage and materials/equipment delivery undertaken within the hours for ‘Spoil haulage and materials/equipment delivery-interim hours’ provided in Table 1A.

Public Health Direction means the direction made under s.362 of the Public Health Act 2005 pursuant to the Ministerial Public Health Emergency Order in relation to COVID19 and titled "Non-essential business, activity and undertaking Closure Direction" and any amendment or extension.

Reason for the requested change to condition

On 29 January 2020, the 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 to 19 May 2020 and may be extended further.

Following the Ministerial declaration, the Chief Health Officer has issued a number of directions pursuant to s.362B of the *Public Health Act 2005* including, Non-essential business, activity and undertaking Closure Direction (No.5) which provides that businesses, activities and undertakings deemed Non-essential must not operate until the end of the declared public health emergency, unless it is revoked or replaced.

In addition:

- On 26 March 2020, 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.
- On 11 April 2020, the Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning lifted the current heavy vehicle lock out periods in place for the Queen's Wharf Brisbane Priority Development Area (PDA). Vehicles greater than 12.5 metres in length are able to enter and exit the Queen's Wharf PDA between the hours:
 - 07:30am to 09:00am; and
 - 16:00pm to 18:30pm.

A copy of the Minister's statement is available here - <http://statements.qld.gov.au/Statement/2020/4/11/keeping-queens-wharf-brisbane-on-track>.

The proposed changes would apply only for the duration of the Public Health Direction (Non-essential business, activity and undertaking Closure Direction), or such shorter period as determined by the Coordinator-General. The proposed temporary relaxation of heavy vehicle movement restrictions aligns with concurrent relaxations given by Brisbane City Council and for Queen's Wharf, which is appropriate with the significantly reduced traffic volumes as a result of the COVID-19 event and the associated Public Health Direction.

Information about the change and its effects on the project

The proposed change:

- will aid in the delivery of the Project during the temporary period in which the changed traffic conditions are in place as a result of the Public Health Direction;
- applies only to the heavy vehicle lock out periods and will not change existing street lockouts or routes; and
- is temporary and the heavy vehicle lockout periods in Condition 10 will be reinstated upon cessation of Condition 10A.

Impact Assessment

Due to the reduction in traffic as a result of the COVID-19 event and the associated Public Health Direction, as well as the limited duration 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 proposed change would align the CRR Project with both Brisbane City Council's and the Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning's 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 temporary and in response to changed traffic conditions and working requirements;
- the change to the spoil haulage and equipment delivery timeframes are consistent with the lockout relaxations already undertaken by Brisbane City Council that apply to all construction sites in the CBD as well as to the Queen's Wharf PDA;
- the works will be moderated 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 about the interim works at least 2 business days before commencing the works including notification of timeframes, potential impacts, mitigation measures, project contact information through letterbox drop, project website updates and social media updates.

Further information

It is requested that the request for project change be evaluated as soon as possible, to mitigate construction timing impacts associated with COVID-19 and allow construction to efficiently continue during lockout periods where road network requirements that required the lock out periods do not currently exist.

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, Land, Environment and Approvals, on 0418 874 471 or by email at Peter.Silvester@crrda.org.au.

Yours sincerely



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Cross River Rail Delivery Authority

Encl. Notice of BCC Lockout Relaxations

Enclosure: Notice of BCC Lockout Relaxations

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 1:42 pm
To: BI-TPO-MPP
Subject: NOTICE: Council's Relaxation on CBD Heavy Vehicle Lock Out Periods

Dear CBD Construction Sites,

NOTICE: Council's Relaxation on CBD Heavy Vehicle Lock Out Periods

In response to current traffic conditions within the CBD and our ongoing commitment to support construction activity in a safe and efficient manner, Council will be lifting the Lock Out Periods that are currently in place with immediate effect.

This notice of 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 09:00am
- PM Peak - 16:00pm to 18:30pm

Relaxation of the CBD Lock Out Periods shall remain in place until further notice by Council. In this regard Council will provide a minimum of 48 hours' reinstatement notice of the CBD Lock Out Periods.

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 reinstates 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.

Please do not hesitate contacting me if you require any clarification.

Thanks,

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