

Submission No.			050	
Organisation Name or Name of Submitter			Commission for Rail Regulation (CRR)	
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Letter Re: Railway Order Application- MetroLink: Estuary through Swords, Dublin Airport, Ballymun, Glasnevin and City Centre to Charlemont, Co. Dublin				
1	Cover Letter	1	<p>With reference to the proposed project the Commission for Railway Regulation (CRR) makes the following observations for your consideration for the project;</p> <p>1. Notification of your decision is required to the railway organisation, namely TII (Transport Infrastructure Ireland).</p> <p>2. Observations or issues raised by TII should be addressed.</p> <p>3. If permission is granted, the party undertaking the work should consult with TII regarding road- rail interfaces on access routes which may have increased flow or abnormal loads during the construction phase and upon completion of the project.</p>	<p>Addressing each of the three points in turn, TII note:</p> <p>1. Planning decisions will be notified by An Bord Pleanála to TII.</p> <p>2. TII will address all observations and issues raised by third parties as part of the consultation and oral hearing process. TII is confident that any observations or issues raised by TII throughout the planning process will be considered by An Bord Pleanála.</p> <p>3. The EIAR does assess the impact of the Project on traffic, both during construction and upon completion of the project when it is in operation, including the consideration of abnormal loads. EIAR Chapters; 5 Construction, 6 Operations and Maintenance and, more specifically, 9 Traffic and Transport refer. The party undertaking the work will be an organisation contracted by TII and therefore by default will be required to consult with TII regarding all aspects of the Project, including where access routes to and from MetroLink work areas potentially interact with heavy or light rail systems. TII, and their contractors when appointed, are engaging, and will continue to engage actively with Iarnród Éireann and with the Luas operator throughout the development and delivery of the Project.</p> <p>While not referred to in the submission, the Project will be regulated by the CRR under the Railway Safety Act 2005 which requires safety approvals from the CRR for the construction, commissioning and operation of the Project, including independent scrutiny of detailed safety cases, risk assessments and hazard management plans.</p>