
Appendix I

Public exhibition notifications

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Figure I.1 Hunter River Times – 1 May 2026

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Figure I.2 The Singleton Argus – 1 May 2026

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