

STAKEHOLDER NOTICE

2 December 2016

Commencement of the QCA's investigation of Aurizon Network's 2017 DAU

On 30 November 2016, we received a draft access undertaking from Aurizon Network for the regulatory period commencing 1 July 2017 (the 2017 DAU). The 2017 DAU was received pursuant to the initial undertaking notice issued by the QCA on 11 May 2016 (as extended on 1 September 2016) under section 133 of the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997* (the QCA Act).

Today, the QCA issued a notice of investigation in accordance with section 146 of the QCA Act to notify Aurizon Network that the QCA will be conducting an investigation to decide whether to approve, or refuse to approve, Aurizon Network's 2017 DAU.

The Notice of Investigation and Time Periods is published on our website (www.qca.org.au).

Invitation for submission

We have published Aurizon Network's 2017 DAU on our website (www.qca.org.au) and are inviting submissions from interested parties.

The closing date for submissions is **17 February 2017**.

Public involvement is an important element of the decision-making processes of the QCA. The QCA will take account of all submissions received. Submissions should be directed to:

Queensland Competition Authority
GPO Box 2257
Brisbane Q 4001

www.qca.org.au/submissions

Confidentiality

In the interests of transparency and to promote informed discussion, the QCA would prefer submissions to be made publicly available wherever this is reasonable. However, if a person making a submission does not want that submission to be public, that person should claim confidentiality in respect of the document (or any part of the document). Claims for confidentiality should be clearly noted on the front page of the submission and the relevant sections of the submission should be marked as confidential, so that the remainder of the document can be made publicly available. It would also be appreciated if two copies of each version of these submissions (i.e. the complete version and another excising confidential information) could be provided. Where it is unclear why a submission has been marked 'confidential', the status of the submission will be discussed with the person making the submission.

While the QCA will endeavour to identify and protect material claimed as confidential as well as exempt information and information disclosure of which would be contrary to the public interest (within the meaning of the *Right to Information Act 2009* (RTI)), it cannot guarantee that submissions will not be made publicly available.

Public access to submissions

Subject to any confidentiality constraints, submissions will be available for public inspection at the Brisbane office, or on the QCA website. If you experience any difficulty gaining access to documents please contact us on (07) 3222 0555.