

## **Notice of Time Periods**

### **QR Network Pty Ltd's 2009 Draft Access Undertaking**

On 9 September 2008, QR Network Pty Ltd (QR Network) submitted a draft access undertaking (2009 DAU) which proposes the access arrangements to apply following the expiry of the existing undertaking on 30 June 2009.

On 10 September 2008, the Queensland Competition Authority (the Authority) notified stakeholders of its intention to commence an investigation under s.145 of the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997* (the QCA Act) to decide whether or not to approve QR Network's 2009 DAU. Stakeholders were requested to lodge submissions by 22 October 2008.

Following requests from a number of stakeholders, the Authority amended the notice of investigation approving an extension of time, to 5 November 2008, for stakeholders to lodge submissions on the 2009 DAU.

### **Time periods**

In accordance with s.147A of the QCA Act, the Authority must endeavour to decide whether to approve a DAU within six months from the last day of the time for making submissions stated in the investigation notice.

The six-month period does not include any of the following periods:

- (a) a day in the period given by the Authority for making submissions in relation to a DAU or a related document;
- (b) a day in the period where a person has been required to give information or produce a document in response to a notice given by the Authority under s.185 of the QCA Act; and
- (c) day(s) agreed to, by the owner or operator of the service or the responsible person, as not being included in the six-month period.

### **Six-month period for QR Network's 2009 DAU**

In accordance with s.147A(4) of the QCA Act, the Authority states the following time periods for QR Network's 2009 DAU:

- (a) the six-month period commences on 5 November 2008; and
- (b) the six-month period currently ends on 13 July 2009.

The six-month period does not include the following days:

<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Total Days</b>	<b>Reason</b>
10 Sep 08	5 Nov 08	56	These days were given by the Authority to QR Network and interested parties to make submissions on the DAU.
14 Oct 08	14 Nov 08	8	These days were given by the Authority to QR Network under a Notice to Produce Information (s.185 QCA Act). Because of overlap with days allowed for DAU submission, only adds an additional eight days.
24 Oct 08	14 Nov 08	0	These days were given by the Authority to QR Network and interested parties to make submissions on the Authority's issues paper. Because of overlap with days allowed for s.185 Notice, no additional days added.
4 Dec 08	17 Dec 08	13	These days were given by the Authority to QR Network and interested parties to make submissions on two further documents provided by QR Network as supplements to its DAU proposal.
20 Feb 09	20 Mar 09	28	These days were given by the Authority to QR Network under a Notice to Produce Information (s.185 QCA Act). The information is requested to assist the Authority to arrive at a better understanding of QR Network's forecast operating and maintenance expenditure.
28 May 09	11 June 09	14	These days were given by the Authority to three mining companies under a Notice to Produce Information (s.185 QCA Act). The information is requested to assist the Authority in understanding the way users defray QR Network's asset stranding risks on the western system.

Given that the Authority proposes to issue a draft decision and invite comments on it, and may issue other documents and invite submissions on them, the six-month period will extend beyond the date indicated above to at least 10 August 2009.



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