

Queensland Competition Authority

File Ref: 1011812

18 January 2016

Mr Alex Kummant
Chief Executive Officer
Aurizon Network Pty Ltd
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Dear Mr Kummant

Aurizon Network's Extension Draft Amending Access Undertaking - January 2016

On 8 January 2016, we received Aurizon Network Pty Ltd's (Aurizon Network's) application to approve a draft amending access undertaking (the January 2016 Extension DAAU). The application seeks approval to extend the terminating date of your 2010 access undertaking until 30 June 2016. The application was lodged with us in accordance with section 142(1) of the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997* (the QCA Act).

Section 146 of the QCA Act requires us to provide you with a formal notice if we propose to conduct an investigation, and invite written submissions. This is to advise that we intend to conduct such an investigation before we decide whether to approve, or refuse to approve, your January 2016 Extension DAAU.

Under section 143 of the QCA Act, we may only approve a DAAU if, among other things, we have:

- (a) published the DAAU and invited persons to make submissions on it; and
- (b) considered those submissions.

We have published the January 2016 Extension DAAU on our website (www.qca.org.au) and sought submissions from interested parties. The due date for submissions is 22 January 2016. A submissions page is attached for your consideration, should Aurizon Network wish to make a submission.

Any enquiries on this matter should be directed to Pag Arao-Arao on (07) 3222 0560.

Yours sincerely



William Copeman
Acting Chief Executive Officer

SUBMISSIONS

Closing date for submissions: 22 January 2016

Public involvement is an important element of the decision-making processes of the Queensland Competition Authority (QCA). Therefore submissions are invited from interested parties concerning its assessment of the January 2016 extension DAAU. The QCA will take account of all submissions received.

Submissions, comments or inquiries regarding this paper should be directed to:

Queensland Competition Authority
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Tel (07) 3222 0560
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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 website at www.qca.org.au. If you experience any difficulty gaining access to documents please contact us on (07) 3222 0555.