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Mr Alex Kummant
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Dear Mr Kummant

Aurizon Network's extension draft amending access undertaking: notice of investigation

On 14 April 2016, we received Aurizon Network's application for a draft amending access undertaking (the April 2016 extension DAAU). The application seeks approval to extend the terminating date of your 2010 access undertaking until the earlier of 30 September 2016 or the date on which the QCA approves a replacement undertaking. The application was lodged with us in accordance with section 142(1) of the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997* (Qld) (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 letter is to advise that we intend to conduct such an investigation before we decide whether to approve, or refuse to approve, the extension DAAU.

Under section 143(3) of the QCA Act, the QCA may only approve a DAAU if, among other things, we have published the DAAU and invited persons to make submissions on it, and considered those submissions.

We have published the extension DAAU on our website (www.qca.org.au) and sought submissions from interested parties. The due date for submissions is 26 May 2016. A submissions page is attached for your consideration, should Aurizon Network wish to make a submission.

The QCA will publish this letter for stakeholders' information.

Should you require further information please contact Ms Pag Arao-Arao on (07) 3222 0560.

Yours sincerely


John Hindmarsh
Chief Executive Officer

SUBMISSIONS

Closing date for submissions: 26 May 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 Aurizon Network 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
GPO Box 2257
Brisbane Q 4001
Tel (07) 3222 0555
Fax (07) 3222 0599
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.