

Further Revised Notice of Time Periods

On 20 December 2012, Aurizon Network Pty Ltd (Aurizon Network) submitted a draft amending access undertaking (DAAU) seeking approval of its proposed standard user funding agreement (SUFA) and related amendments to its 2010 access undertaking (the 2012 SUFA DAAU).

On 21 December 2012, the Authority notified stakeholders of its intention to commence an investigation to decide whether or not to approve Aurizon Network's 2012 SUFA DAAU. Stakeholders were initially requested to lodge submissions by 29 March 2013. This was subsequently extended, first to 3 May 2013, then to 14 June 2013 and then to 31 July 2013.

Time Periods

In accordance with section 147A of the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997* (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 DAAU 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 section 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 Aurizon Network's 2012 SUFA DAAU


In accordance with section 147A(4) of the QCA Act, the Authority states the following time periods for Aurizon Network's DAAU:

- (a) the six-month period commences on 21 December 2012; and
- (b) the six-month period ends on 31 January 2014.

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

From	To	Total Days	Reason
21 December 2012	31 July 2013	222	These days were given by the Authority to Aurizon Network and interested parties to make submissions on the DAAU.

On 22 July 2013, Aurizon Network wrote to the Authority withdrawing its 2012 SUFA DAAU. The Authority's consideration of the 2012 SUFA DAAU concluded on 22 July 2013.


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