

STAKEHOLDER NOTICE

24 February 2020

DBCT Management's 2019 DAU—seeking submissions on our interim draft decision

On 25 October 2019, the QCA published a notice advising stakeholders of our intention to proceed to an interim draft decision in the first quarter of 2020 on the 'threshold' matter of whether a pricing model without reference tariffs is capable of approval by the QCA, having regard to the relevant statutory factors.

Today, we released our interim draft decision refusing to approve the pricing model as proposed in DBCT Management's 2019 DAU. In spite of this, we consider that with considerable amendments, a pricing model without reference tariffs could be appropriate to approve. At the same time, we note that a pricing model with reference tariffs may provide some advantages over a pricing model without reference tariffs including to address information asymmetry concerns and appropriately constrain DBCT Management's ability to exert market power.

The interim draft decision is available on our [website](#).

Submissions invited on the interim draft decision

We invite interested parties to provide submissions on our interim draft decision.

The due date for submissions is **Friday 24 April 2020**.

All submissions made by this time will be taken into account. Stakeholders are encouraged to provide focused, detailed responses. Where possible, information and evidence should be provided in support of arguments advanced in submissions and consideration should be given to the matters the QCA must have regard to.

As previously advised, we intend to develop and publish a full draft decision on DBCT Management's 2019 DAU in Q3 2020. The full draft decision will consider all aspects of the DAU, including the pricing model. We intend to publish a final decision on the DAU in February 2021.

Guidance on how to make a submission in response to the interim draft decision is provided below.

Submissions

Closing date for submissions: 24 April 2020

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 our assessment of DBCT Management's 2019 DAU. The QCA will take account of all submissions received within the stated timeframes.

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

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www.qca.org.au/submissions

Confidentiality

In the interests of transparency and to promote informed discussion and consultation, the QCA intends to make all submissions publicly available. However, if a person making a submission believes that information in the submission is confidential, that person should claim confidentiality in respect of the document (or the relevant part of the document) at the time the submission is given to the QCA and state the basis for the confidentiality claim.

The assessment of confidentiality claims will be made by the QCA in accordance with the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997*, including an assessment of whether disclosure of the information would damage the person's commercial activities and considerations of the public interest.

Claims for confidentiality should be clearly noted on the front page of the submission. The relevant sections of the submission should also be marked as confidential, so that the remainder of the document can be made publicly available. It would also be appreciated if two versions of the submission (i.e. a complete version and another excising confidential information) could be provided.

A confidentiality claim template is available on request. We encourage stakeholders to use this template when making confidentiality claims. The confidentiality claim template provides guidance on the type of information that would assist our assessment of claims for confidentiality.

Public access to submissions

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