

STAKEHOLDER NOTICE

29 October 2020

DBCT Management's 2019 draft access undertaking

Submissions on draft decision published

The QCA published its draft decision to refuse to approve DBCT Management's 2019 draft access undertaking (DAU) on 26 August 2020 and invited stakeholder submissions by 23 October 2020. Three submissions have been received—from DBCT Management, the DBCT User Group and Aurizon Network. These submissions are available for download on our website.

Stakeholder forums

We stated in our Statement of Regulatory Intent, published in June 2019, that we may elect to host a stakeholder forum (or forums) on DBCT Management's 2019 DAU at appropriate times during our assessment. The purpose of such forums would be to give an opportunity to stakeholders to engage with the QCA Board and each other on matters relevant to the 2019 DAU, and to inform development of written submissions.

We intend to host two stakeholder forums on **Wednesday, 18 November 2020**, to discuss the matters as outlined below.

General forum—The purpose of this forum is for attendees to engage in a discussion on matters related to the 2019 DAU, including comments made in stakeholders' submissions to the QCA's draft decision.

Technical forum on remediation—The purpose of this technical forum is to determine if the material differences between the remediation cost estimates can be resolved among stakeholders and relevant experts, in a manner that is consistent with the criteria for prudence and efficiency outlined in our draft decision.

We will provide for these forums to be held virtually. Stakeholders are invited to register interest to attend the respective forums by contacting Leigh Spencer at leigh.spencer@qca.org.au, by **Friday, 6 November 2020**.

We will release an agenda for the forums on Wednesday, 11 November 2020.

Invitation for further submissions

We invite interested stakeholders to provide further submissions on the matters relevant to DBCT Management's 2019 DAU and our draft decision. These submissions may be in the form of collaborative and cross-submissions.

We note the stakeholder forums described above will be held during this consultation period. Stakeholders may wish to be informed by the matters discussed at these forums in preparing further written submissions. This consultation period also provides stakeholders with the opportunity to formally express views made at the forums and, where possible, outline where positions on outstanding matters can be agreed upon. We encourage stakeholders to take this opportunity leading up to the stakeholder forums to collaborate on matters that can be jointly agreed upon to ensure effective forum discussions and subsequently, efficient preparation of written submissions.

The due date for submissions is **Friday, 4 December 2020**.

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Submissions

Closing date for submissions: 4 December 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 its assessment of DBCT Management's 2019 draft access undertaking. 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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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.