

## STAKEHOLDER NOTICE

26 September 2022

### Aurizon Network's 2021-22 capital expenditure claim

On 19 September 2022, Aurizon Network submitted its 2021–22 capital expenditure claim. We will assess Aurizon Network's capital expenditure claim for its acceptance into the regulatory asset base, in accordance with the 2017 Access Undertaking (2017 AU).

Aurizon Network's 2021-22 capital expenditure claim is published on [our website](#).

A renewals strategy and budget was approved for the Blackwater, Goonyella and Moura systems for 2020-21. In the Newlands and GAPE systems, Aurizon Network sought to implement its final draft strategy and budget as an interim measure.

As part of our assessment of Aurizon Network's claim, we will determine:

- the extent to which the asset replacement and renewal expenditure is consistent with the approved renewals strategy and budget (where relevant) and the prudence and efficiency of capital expenditure that departs from this
- the prudence and efficiency of other capital expenditure, including for works undertaken as part of an interim renewals strategy and budget.

### Stakeholder submissions invited

We invite submissions from stakeholders on the prudence and efficiency of Aurizon Network's capital expenditure claim for 2021-22. This includes their views on the consistency expenditure with the approved renewals strategies and budgets (where relevant) and the prudence and efficiency of expenditure that is either inconsistent with these, or has otherwise been undertaken (in accordance with cl. 7A.11.6 and cl. 2.2 of Schedule E of UT5).

**Closing date for submissions: 17 October 2022**

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**

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