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Ms Pam Bains
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Dear Ms Bains

Aurizon Network's 2022–23 maintenance costs claim

I wish to advise that the QCA has approved Aurizon Network's 2022–23 maintenance costs claim (totalling \$164.3 million). In accordance with clauses 7.A.11.5(f), (h) and (i) of Aurizon Network's 2017 access undertaking, the QCA considers that the 2022–23 program of maintenance work and actual costs claimed are either not materially different from the approved 2022–23 maintenance strategies and budgets for each system, or have otherwise been assessed as prudent and efficient.

<i>System</i>	<i>Approved maintenance cost (\$m)</i>
Blackwater	71.1
Goonyella	65.3
Moura	13.6
Newlands/GAPE	14.4
Total	164.3

This letter will be published on the QCA website for stakeholders' information.

I am happy to discuss any questions you may have on this or any other matters. Should your staff have any specific queries on our assessment, please direct them in the first instance to Pag Arao-Arao on 07 3222 0560 or at pag.arao-arao@qca.org.au.

Yours sincerely



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cc: Jon Windle, Network Regulation Manager — Aurizon Network