

STAKEHOLDER NOTICE

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Notice of time periods - Aurizon Network's 2017 draft access undertaking investigation

Today, the QCA released its final decision to refuse to approve Aurizon Network's 2017 draft access undertaking (2017 DAU).

The QCA has updated the notice of time periods for the assessment of Aurizon Network's 2017 DAU, in accordance with its obligations under the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997* (QCA Act).

In issuing its final decision, the QCA has concluded its investigation for assessing Aurizon Network's 2017 DAU within the six-month statutory timeframes, in accordance with s. 147A of the QCA Act.

Six-month statutory timeframes

In accordance with s. 147A of the QCA Act, the QCA must use its best endeavours to decide whether to approve or not approve a draft access undertaking within six months from the last day of the time for making submissions stated in the investigation notice. However, the six-month period does not include any of the following periods:

- a day in the period given by the QCA for making submissions in relation to a draft access undertaking or a related document
- 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 QCA under s. 185 of the QCA Act
- 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 statutory timeframe for assessing Aurizon Network's 2017 DAU

In accordance with s. 147A of the QCA Act, the six-month period commenced on 17 February 2017, following the closing date for submissions on Aurizon Network's 2017 DAU.

The six-month statutory timeframe does not include the following:

• The collaborative consultation period	17 February 2017 to 17 March 2017
• Issuance of a notice to produce information under s. 185 of the QCA Act — maintenance information	10 April 2017 to 31 May 2017
• Period of time agreed with Aurizon Network to be excluded — maintenance information	31 May 2017 to 21 August 2017
• Period of time agreed with Aurizon Network to be excluded — late information	22 September 2017 to 14 November 2017
• The QCA draft decision consultation period	15 December 2017 to 12 March 2018
• Issuance of a notice to produce information under s. 185 of the QCA Act — maintenance information	15 May 2018 to 5 June 2018

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance matters (request for comments) — consultation period 	29 May 2018 to 20 June 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal to change the averaging period (request for comments) — consultation period 	26 June 2018 to 10 July 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Period of time agreed with Aurizon Network to be excluded — maintenance information 	10 July 2018 to 31 July 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Period of time agreed with Aurizon Network to be excluded — following notice of intention to issue a final decision 	22 August 2018 to 5 December 2018

The six-month statutory timeframe for assessing Aurizon Network's 2017 DAU would have otherwise expired on 19 December 2018.

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