



18 March 2010

Mr John Hall
Chief Executive Officer
Queensland Competition Authority
GPO Box 2257
Brisbane Qld 4001

By Email: To: rail@qca.org.au

Dear Mr Hall,

Queensland Rail (QR) Network's 2011 draft amending access undertaking

I refer to the QCA's invitation to provide submissions regarding QR Network's proposed 2011 draft amending access undertaking (Draft Access Undertaking).

Vale Australia Pty Ltd (Vale) has been an active participant in the Queensland Resources Council's (QRC) efforts to develop an agreed industry position regarding this matter. We note that the QRC will be submitting an industry submission, from these discussions, to the QCA. Vale takes this opportunity to endorse the QRC's submission to the QCA.

Vale would like to reinforce the importance of a competitive and efficient investment framework for the coal industry to ensure the continued timely expansion of the coal rail network. The user funding model is therefore critical to this process. Vale agrees with the QRC that the current QR Network proposal is not a viable alternative as it would not create a competitive investment market for funding of expansion. We do not plan to outline further detail within this submission as we agree with and endorse the details that have been provided in the QRC submission.

Vale considers the development of a viable and efficient investment framework to be one of the most critical objectives for the future competitiveness of the Queensland Coal Industry.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments.

For further information regarding this advice please contact myself on (07) 3136 0911.

Yours sincerely,



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