

## STAKEHOLDER NOTICE

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10 December 2020

### **Aurizon Network's 2019–20 capital expenditure claim — consultant report published**

The QCA engaged consultants, Arcadis, to provide expert engineering advice on Aurizon Network's 2019–20 capital expenditure claim. The claim was assessed for prudence in **scope, standard of works** and **costs** according to the relevant criteria in schedule E of the 2017 Access Undertaking (UT5).

The QCA has published Arcadis' assessment report on Aurizon Network's 2019–20 capital expenditure claim on the QCA website. As noted in its report, Arcadis found all projects met the criteria for prudence under Schedule E of UT5.

Stakeholders should note that findings from Arcadis' assessment do not represent the QCA's views nor a decision on the 2019–20 capital expenditure claim.

#### **Stakeholder submissions invited**

Stakeholders are invited to submit comments on this report by 15 January 2021.

The QCA will consider stakeholder comments in making its decision to accept or not accept the 2019–20 capital expenditure projects into Aurizon Network's regulatory asset base.

## Submissions

**Closing date for submissions: 15 January 2021**

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 Aurizon Network's 2019–20 capital expenditure claim. 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

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