



7 May 2009

Mr E J Hall
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Queensland Competition Authority
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Dear Mr Hall,

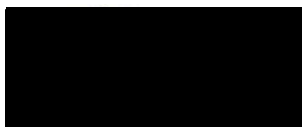
QR Network's Rail Access Undertaking – Extension Of Expiry Date

Asciano welcomes this opportunity to comment on QR's application for an extension to the approved 2008 Rail Access Undertaking.

The proposed extension of the current undertaking to the 31 December 2009 represents a pragmatic response to the reality that the proposed 2009 Undertaking will not be approved prior to the termination of the current Undertaking.

We note QR's concerns around the effects upon them of the extension of the current undertaking. However, we believe that QR is the primary driver of the lengthy approval process required for the 2009 Undertaking. As Asciano has noted on a number of occasions, QR's Undertaking is unnecessarily complex and the complexity significantly extends the time required for effective stakeholder review and regulatory approval. In addition, we believe an increased level of transparency and more timely engagement by QR with stakeholders would shorten the process.

Yours sincerely



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