

STAKEHOLDER NOTICE 7

DATE: 30/01/2015

SUBJECT: Draft decision on Aurizon Network's 2014 Draft Access Undertaking (DAU)

Today we published our Draft Decision to not accept the policy and pricing aspects of Aurizon Network's 2014 DAU.

Our Draft Decision sets out our reasons for not accepting the DAU and indentifies ways in which it should be amended to resolve the issues identified by stakeholders and the QCA. This document can be downloaded from our website.

The Draft Decision on policy and pricing covers the remaining aspects of the 2014 DAU and follows on from our Draft Decision on the Maximum Allowable Revenue (MAR) aspects of the 2014 DAU (released 30 September 2014). The Draft Decision does not include matters relating to the Standard User Funding Agreements (SUFA), as it is being considered under a separate process.

Submission due date and next steps

We are seeking views from interested parties on this Draft Decision. **Submissions are due by 17 April 2015.** We will consider all submissions received in making our final decision.

As stakeholders were advised in December 2014, we have updated our assessment timetable (see below). This includes the indicative dates for our final decision on the 2014 DAU.

Updated timetable 2014 DAU

| Task | Indicative Dates |
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| UT4 Draft Decision on Maximum Allowable Revenue (MAR) only | 30 September 2014 |
| Submissions on 2014 DAU due | 3 October 2014 |
| 2013 SUFA DAAU Draft Decision | 31 October 2014 |
| Submissions on UT4 Draft Decision on MAR due | 12 December 2014 |
| UT4 Draft Decision (on policy and pricing principles) | 30 January 2015 |
| Submissions on UT4 Draft Decision (policy and pricing principles) due | 17 April 2015 |
| UT4 Final Decision | 31 July 2015 |
| UT4 Commences | September 2015 |