

Notice of Time Periods

QR Network Pty Ltd's 2008 Draft Amending Access Undertaking

On 3 July 2009, QR Network Pty Ltd (QR Network) submitted a voluntary draft amending access undertaking (DAAU) for the Authority's approval. The DAAU seeks establish a new reference tariff for coal-carrying train services operating from the Vermont mine to the port of Gladstone.

The Queensland Competition Authority (the Authority) has notified stakeholders of its intention to commence an investigation under s145 of the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997* (the QCA Act) to decide whether or not to approve QR Network's DAAU. Stakeholders were invited to lodge submissions to the Authority in respect of QR Network's proposal. Following a request from the Queensland Resources Council, the Authority extended the due date for submissions to 17 August 2009 (previously 3 August 2009).

Time periods

In accordance with s147A of the QCA Act, the Authority must endeavour to decide whether or not to approve a DAAU within six months from the last day of the time for making submissions stated in the investigation notice.

The six-month period does not include any of the following periods:

- (a) a day in the period given by the Authority for making submissions in relation to DAAU or a related document;
- (b) 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 Authority under s185 of the QCA Act; and
- (c) 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 period for QR Network's 2008 DAAU

In accordance with s147A(4) of the QCA Act, the Authority states the following time periods for QR Network's DAAU:

- (a) the six-month period will commence on 3 July 2009; and
- (b) the six-month period ends on 14 February 2010.

The six-month period does not include the following days:

| From | To | Total Days | Reason |
|-------------|-----------|-------------------|--|
| 6 Jul 09 | 3 Aug 09 | 28 | These days were given by the Authority to stakeholders to make submissions on the DAAU. |
| 4 Aug 09 | 17 Aug 09 | 14 | These additional days were given by the Authority to all interested parties following a request for more time by the Queensland Resources Council. |

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