

Queensland Competition Authority

Notice of time periods

On 11 August 2014, we received from Aurizon Network Pty Ltd (Aurizon Network) a draft access undertaking (the 2014 DAU) to replace the existing access undertaking that expires on 30 June 2015. The 2014 DAU replaced Aurizon Network's earlier proposal (the 2013 DAU) submitted in April 2013. We notified stakeholders of our intention to commence an investigation under section 145 of the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997* (QCA Act) to decide whether or not to approve Aurizon Network's 2014 DAU.

Time periods

In accordance with section 147A(2) of the QCA Act, we must use our best endeavours to decide whether to approve or not approve a DAU 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 day in the period given by the QCA for making submissions in relation to a DAU or a related document
- 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 QCA under section 185 of the QCA Act
- 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 Aurizon Network's 2014 DAU

In accordance with section 147A(4) of the QCA Act, following time periods apply for Aurizon Network's DAU:

- the six-month period commences on 11 August 2014
- the six-month period currently ends on 8 November 2015.

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

From	To	Total Days	Reason
11/8/2014	3/10/2014	54	These days were given by the QCA to Aurizon Network and interested parties to make submissions on the 2014 DAU, including Aurizon Network's submission on its proposed revenue and pricing treatment of WIRP (submitted on 25 August 2014).
4/10/2014 ¹	12/12/2014	70	These days were given by the QCA to Aurizon Network and interested parties to make submissions on the QCA's Draft Decision on the maximum allowable revenue (MAR) aspects of the 2014 DAU.
22/12/2014	6/02/2015 ²	47	These days were given by the QCA to Aurizon Network and interested parties to make submissions on Aurizon Network's proposed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • short term transfer mechanism discussion paper (by 30/01/2015) • pricing treatment of WIRP train services (by 6/02/2015).
7/02/2015 ³	17/04/2015	70	These days were given by the QCA to Aurizon Network and interested parties to make submissions on the QCA's Draft Decision on the pricing and policy aspects of the 2014 DAU. In this time, the QCA also requested information from Aurizon Network and stakeholders in relation to the WIRP arrangements.
30/04/2015	29/05/2015	29	These days were given by the QCA to Aurizon Network and interested parties to make submissions on the QCA's Draft Decision on the Capacity Transfer Mechanism.
Total Consultation Days		270	

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¹ Consultation on the Draft Decision (MAR) commenced on 30 September 2014, running simultaneously with another consultation process.

² Consultation on Aurizon Network's short term trading and WIRP pricing arrangements occurred simultaneously, but ended on different dates.

³ Stakeholder consultation for this commenced on 31 January 2015, running simultaneously with other consultation processes.