

Our ref. MCR-16-106

Mr John Hindmarsh
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Dear Mr Hindmarsh

QCA Request for Comments on 2015 DAU – Extension of Time

At approximately 4.25pm on 15 January 2015, the QCA published submissions, received from stakeholders, on the QCA's draft decision on Queensland Rail's 2015 DAU and related matters. At approximately 4.30pm on 19 January 2015, the QCA published a *'Request for comment'* paper, identifying a range of issues on which the QCA specifically seeks further submissions. The QCA seeks comments from stakeholders, including Queensland Rail, by 5 February 2015.

The QCA has published four submissions from stakeholders (not including Queensland Rail's submission), one of which is comprised of four volumes. The published submissions raise a number of new issues which have the potential to affect the interests of Queensland Rail, and require careful consideration.

It is not possible to properly consider and provide meaningful comments on the submissions published, and the QCA's Request for comment paper, within a period of less than three weeks. We note that the QCA will also be seeking submissions on its proposed revised fee framework by 5 February 2016.

In the interests of procedural fairness, we request that the QCA extend the due date for further submissions for a reasonable period, of at least an additional five weeks, which would be Monday 14 March 2016. We look forward to your response to this matter.

If you have any questions in relation to the request for extension please do not hesitate to contact Mr Douglas Jasch, Queensland Rail's Manager Policy and Regulation, on (07) 3072 0544.

Yours sincerely



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