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Mr Charles Millstead
Chief Executive Officer
Queensland Competition Authority
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Dear Mr Millstead

Thank-you for the opportunity to comment on the August 2016 Draft Decision regarding Aurizon Network's amended 2014 draft access undertaking.

In our previous submission on this version of the 2014 DAU, we responded to the changes proposed by Aurizon Network to the drafting proposed in the QCA's April 2016 decision. Our responses included items which:

- We supported or accepted; or
- We considered required further improvement, but which Aurizon Network had indicated it would address via a Draft Amending Access Undertaking, following approval of the undertaking. We did not consider that these issues were sufficiently material to justify the QCA reaching a decision to not approve the undertaking; or
- Where material, and which would justify a decision to not approve the undertaking if the QCA confirmed that Aurizon Network's changes were not consistent with the QCA's intentions under the Final Decision.

The QCA has, in its latest draft decision, confirmed that Aurizon Network's changes as described in the third group above are in fact consistent with the QCA's intentions under the previous Final Decision. On that basis, consistent with our previous submission, we support the draft decision to approve the current version of the draft undertaking.

We note the views submitted by Glencore regarding pricing of WIRP services and the relevance of the WIRP fee. We understand that Glencore maintains its views on this issue, and may provide a further submission.

The QRC confirms this submission may be made public. Thank you for your consideration of our submission. Please contact Andrew Barger Director, Infrastructure and Economics on 3316 2502 or andrewb@qrc.org.au for further information on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive