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24 May 2017

Mr Anthony Timbrell  
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DBCT Management Pty Ltd  
PO Box 7823 Waterfront Place  
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Dear Mr Timbrell

**Notice of Investigation—DBCTM's May 2017 Incremental Expansion Study DAAU**

On 23 May 2017, the Queensland Competition Authority (the QCA) received from DBCT Management Pty Ltd (DBCTM) a draft amending access undertaking (DAAU) seeking approval to amend the 2017–18 regulated asset base, revenues and tariffs based on \$8.8 million in incremental expansion study costs.

The application was lodged with us in accordance with section 142(1) of the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997* (QCA Act).

**Notice of Investigation**

Section 145 of the QCA Act enables the QCA to conduct an investigation for approving a DAAU.

In accordance with section 146 of the QCA Act, we hereby notify DBCTM that we intend to conduct an investigation to decide whether to approve, or refuse to approve, the DAAU.

**Submissions**

To this end, we invite DBCTM to make written submissions to the QCA on the DAAU by 30 May 2017. Submissions should be directed as per the submissions page attached to the stakeholder notice (as enclosed, and also published on our website - [www.qca.org.au](http://www.qca.org.au)).

The QCA will also publish this letter for stakeholders' information.

Yours sincerely



Charles Millsted  
Chief Executive Officer

## STAKEHOLDER NOTICE

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### Notice of time periods—DBCTM's May 2017 Incremental Expansion Study DAAU

On 23 May 2017, the Queensland Competition Authority (the QCA) received from DBCT Management Pty Ltd (DBCTM) a draft amending access undertaking (DAAU) seeking approval to amend the 2016–17 regulated asset base, revenues and tariffs based on \$8.8 million in incremental expansion study costs. The application was lodged with us in accordance with section 142(1) of the Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997 (Qld) (QCA Act).

In accordance with section 146 of the QCA Act, we hereby notify stakeholders that we intend to conduct an investigation to decide whether to approve, or refuse to approve, the Incremental Expansion Study DAAU.

Our investigation into the Incremental Expansion Study DAAU will begin on 24 May 2017 and stakeholders are given until 30 May 2017 to lodge submissions.

### Time periods

In accordance with section 147A(2) of the QCA Act, we must endeavour to decide whether to approve or not 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 day in the period given by the QCA for making submissions in relation to a draft access undertaking 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 DBCTM's Incremental Expansion Study DAAU

In accordance with section 147A(4) of the QCA Act, and subject to section 147A(3), the six-month period:

- commences on 31 May 2017
- ends on 30 November 2017.

## Submissions

Closing date for submissions: 30 May 2017

Public involvement is an important element of the decision-making processes of the Queensland Competition Authority (QCA). Therefore submissions are invited from interested parties concerning its assessment of DBCTM's May 2017 Incremental Expansion Study DAAU. The QCA will take account of all submissions received.

Submissions, comments or inquiries regarding this paper should be directed to:

Queensland Competition Authority  
GPO Box 2257  
Brisbane Q 4001

Tel (07) 3222 0587

Fax (07) 3222 0599

[www.qca.org.au/submissions](http://www.qca.org.au/submissions)

## Confidentiality

In the interests of transparency and to promote informed discussion, the QCA would prefer submissions to be made publicly available wherever this is reasonable. However, if a person making a submission does not want that submission to be public, that person should claim confidentiality in respect of the document (or any part of the document). Claims for confidentiality should be clearly noted on the front page of the submission and the relevant sections of the submission should be marked as confidential, so that the remainder of the document can be made publicly available. It would also be appreciated if two copies of each version of these submissions (i.e. the complete version and another excising confidential information) could be provided. Where it is unclear why a submission has been marked 'confidential', the status of the submission will be discussed with the person making the submission.

While the QCA will endeavour to identify and protect material claimed as confidential as well as exempt information and information disclosure of which would be contrary to the public interest (within the meaning of the *Right to Information Act 2009* (RTI)), it cannot guarantee that submissions will not be made publicly available. As stated in s 187 of the Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997, the Authority must take all reasonable steps to ensure the information is not disclosed without the person's consent, provided the Authority believes that disclosure of the information would be likely to damage the person's commercial activities and that the disclosure of the information would not be in the public interest. Notwithstanding this, there is a possibility that the Authority may be required to reveal confidential information as a result of a RTI request.

## Public access to submissions

Subject to any confidentiality constraints, submissions will be available for public inspection at the Brisbane office, or on the website at [www.qca.org.au](http://www.qca.org.au). If you experience any difficulty gaining access to documents, please contact us on (07) 3222 0555.