

Ms Catherine Barker Director – Business Performance Queensland Competition Authority Level 27, 145 Ann Street BRISBANE QLD 4000

Withdraw of Draft Amending Access Undertaking to extend the term of the 2010 Access Undertaking

31 May 2016

Dear Catherine,

On 15 April 2016, Aurizon Network submitted a Draft Amending Access Undertaking (**April DAAU**) to the Queensland Competition Authority (**QCA**) for approval, to extend the Termination Date of the 2010 Access Undertaking (**2010AU**) to 30 September 2016.

I hereby advise that Aurizon Network is withdrawing its April DAAU submitted to the QCA in order to submit a new extension undertaking. The withdrawal includes all the elements from the April DAAU submission including:

- A clean Access Undertaking and Schedules;
- A mark-up Access Undertaking and Schedules; and
- An accompanying explanation letter

The withdrawal, and the submission of the new extension undertaking, is a result of consultation with individual stakeholders and industry groups, and in recognition of the outcomes of that consultation process. Stakeholders have expressed support for a re-submission based upon the Final Decision issued by the QCA on 28 April 2016 which will be effective for the period between 1 July 2013 and 30 June 2017.

The new extension DAAU including the clean and mark-up Access Undertaking and Schedules, and the accompanying explanation letter will be submitted concurrently with this correspondence.

As the 2010AU is due to expire on 30 June 2016, and the new extension DAAU is a specific result of consultation with key stakeholders, Aurizon Network respectfully requests that the QCA consider the new extension DAAU on an expedited basis.

Yours sincerely,

Lana Stockman

Vice President Regulation