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Queensland Competition Authority  
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Dear Queensland Competition Authority,

**RE: Aurizon Network (AN) Minerva Draft Amending Access Undertaking (DAAU).**

AgForce is a peak organisation representing Queensland's cane, cattle, grain and sheep & wool producers. The cane, beef, broadacre cropping and sheep & wool industries in Queensland generated around \$8.4 billion in on-farm value of production in 2020-21. AgForce's purpose is to advance sustainable agribusiness and strives to ensure the long-term growth, viability, competitiveness and profitability of these industries. Over 6,400 farmers, individuals and businesses provide support to AgForce through membership. Queensland producers provide high-quality food and fibre to Australian and overseas consumers and contribute significantly to the social fabric of regional, rural and remote communities as well as stewardship of the state's natural environment.

Thank you for the opportunity for AgForce to provide feedback in relation to the Aurizon Network (AN) Minerva Draft Amending Access Undertaking (DAAU).

AgForce's Grain Board has recently become aware of the potential implications of cessation of coal carrying train services from the Minerva mine. We share GrainCorp's concerns of the intention to significantly increase tariffs for non-coal operations which could have a devastating effect on the grains sector.

Should grain transport via rail become commercially unviable, further pressure will be placed on our road networks as the sector moves solely to road freight at a higher cost per ton. This will compound poor road conditions, increase heavy vehicles through congested towns and cities and restrict market access to shipping port. Putting more costs onto the grain producers of Qld bottom line is something we cannot support. These outcomes will directly contradict the Queensland Governments safe road initiatives.

AgForce Grains Board supports the more detailed submission made by GrainCorp regarding this matter.

Regards,

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