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Queensland Competition Authority
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RE: RESPONSE TO AURIZON NETWORK'S COMPLYING UT5+ DAAU

The Queensland Resources Council (QRC), on behalf of the QRC's Rail Working Group, welcomes the opportunity to respond to the QCA's request for submissions on Aurizon Network's Complying 2025 Draft Amending Access Undertaking ('UT5+ Complying DAAU' or 'Complying DAAU').

The Rail Working Group worked closely with Aurizon Network on the development of a package of amendments to Aurizon Network's current 2017 Access Undertaking ('UT5'), to support its continued application over an extended term to 2037 (the 'negotiated package'). This engagement resulted in substantial agreement on the elements contained in Aurizon Network's initially submitted UT5+ DAAU.

The QCA's Final Decision on the initially submitted UT5+ DAAU agreed that the negotiated package of amendments would support efficient investment in, and the operation and use of, the CQCN and would be in the legitimate business interests of Aurizon Network, access holders and access seekers. While the QCA's Final Decision was to not accept the UT5+ DAAU, the QCA's recommended changes were limited to:

- a number of corrections to the DAAU to ensure that the package of arrangements will operate as intended; and
- Aurizon Network's proposed non-electric operating expenditure allowance, which did not form part of the negotiated package of amendments, instead being subject to QCA review and determination.

Aurizon Network's Complying DAAU fully reflects the QCA's recommended changes.

The Rail Working Group considers that the QCA's process in considering the initially submitted UT5+ DAAU was thorough and well-considered, and supports the recommendations contained in the Final Decision. Accordingly, the Rail Working Group supports the QCA's approval of Aurizon Network's Complying UT5+ DAAU.

Yours sincerely



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