

Our Ref: MCR-19-692

Mr Charles Millstead
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Dear Mr Millstead,

Queensland Rail, together with Aurizon and its customers (Yancoal and New Hope) have been exploring various ways of operating a longer 42-wagon coal train on the West Moreton Network to fully utilise existing locomotive hauling capability and increase above rail productivity.


Following in-field review of the static length of various network configurations and associated controls, Queensland Rail began successful trials of the 42-wagon consist from both Cameby Downs and Jondaryan to Fisherman Islands in December 2018 and January 2019. From February 2019, all coal-carrying train services on the West Moreton system have been permitted to operate at the revised new maximum 42 wagons under extended trial conditions.

Queensland Rail is now proposing to vary the Reference Train Service in the attached Draft Amending Access Undertaking (DAAU1).

DAAU1 is being submitted to the QCA in both marked-up and clean copy for the Authority's consideration under section 142 of the Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997 (Qld) (Act). Subject to approval of DAAU1, Queensland Rail will agree to permanently operate the longer coal trains from 1 January 2020.

If your officers have any questions in relation to this matter, they can contact Mr Neil Buckley, General Manager Rail Access Solutions on (07) 3072 1145 or neil.buckley@qr.com.au.

Yours sincerely



Nick Easy
Chief Executive Officer

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