

STAKEHOLDER NOTICE

20 August 2020

Notice of time periods—Aurizon Network's Meteor Downs South Pricing DAAU

On 6 August 2020, the Queensland Competition Authority received a draft amending access undertaking (DAAU) from Aurizon Network seeking to implement an expansion pricing proposal in the Blackwater system relating to the Meteor Downs South mine project (the MDS Pricing DAAU).

Statutory Requirements

As required in section 143(3) of the QCA Act, the QCA may only approve a DAAU if (among other things) it has published the DAAU, invited submissions on it, and considered any submissions received within the time provided.

We hereby notify stakeholders, in accordance with section 146 of the QCA Act, that we intend to conduct an investigation to decide whether to approve, or refuse to approve, the MDS Pricing DAAU.

We have published Aurizon Network's DAAU application on our website (www.qca.org.au) and invite submissions from interested parties.

The closing date of submissions is **Friday, 2 October 2020**.

Time Periods

In accordance with section 147A(2) of the QCA Act, the QCA must use its best endeavours to decide whether to approve, or refuse to approve, a DAAU within six months from the last day of the time for making submissions stated in the notice of investigation.

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 DAAU 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.

The six-month period commences on 2 October 2020 and is scheduled to end on 2 April 2021. However, the end date may be extended to account for any future periods of time that are excluded from the statutory timeframe in accordance with section 147A of the QCA Act, including any further consultation periods.

An update notice of time periods will be issued detailing any changes to the stated timeframe for assessing Aurizon Network's MDS Pricing DAAU

Submissions

Closing date for submissions: 2 October 2020

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 Aurizon Network's MDS Pricing DAAU. The QCA will take account of all submissions received.

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

Queensland Competition Authority
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Brisbane Q 4001

Tel (07) 3222 0587

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www.qca.org.au/submissions

Confidentiality

In the interests of transparency and to promote informed discussion and consultation, the QCA intends to make all submissions publicly available. However, if a person making a submission believes that information in the submission is confidential, that person should claim confidentiality in respect of the document (or the relevant part of the document) at the time the submission is given to the QCA and state the basis for the confidentiality claim.

The assessment of confidentiality claims will be made by the QCA in accordance with the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997*, including an assessment of whether disclosure of the information would damage the person's commercial activities and considerations of the public interest.

Claims for confidentiality should be clearly noted on the front page of the submission. The relevant sections of the submission should also be marked as confidential, so that the remainder of the document can be made publicly available. It would also be appreciated if two versions of the submission (i.e. a complete version and another excising confidential information) could be provided.

A confidentiality claim template is available on request. We encourage stakeholders to use this template when making confidentiality claims. The confidentiality claim template provides guidance on the type of information that would assist our assessment of claims for confidentiality.

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. If you experience any difficulty gaining access to documents, please contact us on (07) 3222 0555.