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Dear Flavio,

### **Update on the development of a Voluntary Draft Amending Access Undertaking**

We refer to Aurizon Network's 2017 Access Undertaking and the regulatory arrangements to apply for access to the Central Queensland Coal Network (**CQCN**) from 1 July 2027.

The purpose of this letter is to advise the QCA of the progress of discussions between the various members of the Queensland Resources Council's Rail Working Group (**RWG Group**) and Aurizon Network with respect to access to the CQCN from 1 July 2027.

Capitalised terms in this letter have the meaning given to those terms in the 2017 Access Undertaking unless otherwise defined.

Since mid- 2024 Aurizon Network and the RWG Group have been meeting to discuss the option of Aurizon Network submitting to the QCA a Draft Amending Access Undertaking amending and extending the current approved 2017 Access Undertaking (**DAAU**).

During this time, Aurizon Network has also engaged with other members of the supply chain including both Train Operators, non-coal Customers and the Independent Expert to seek their views on various matters.

As a result of the engagement, we confirm that, in respect to the submission of the DAAU, Aurizon Network and each of the members of the RWG Group have independently agreed a set of principles in the form of a non-binding term sheet to be the basis upon which the DAAU is to be drafted and submitted to the QCA.

The final prescriptive form and content of the DAAU is still to be finalised by Aurizon Network and the RWG Group over the coming months and is subject to final documentation and each of Aurizon Network and the respective members approvals processes. However, the parties are committed to working towards a submission of the DAAU in Quarter 2 Financial Year 2026 in line with the agreed term sheet.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact:

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Yours sincerely,



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For & on behalf of the Rail Working Group of the  
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