Queensland Competition Authority

Notice

Aurizon Network's Complying 2025 UT5 DAAU

6 November 2026

On 30 October 2026, we received a draft amending access undertaking from Aurizon Network (the Complying 2025 UT5 DAAU), seeking to amend the 2017 access undertaking (2017 AU) and extend the expiry of the undertaking until 30 June 2037.

Aurizon Network's Complying 2025 UT5 DAAU was prepared in response to our October 2026 decision[1] on its 2025 UT5 DAAU, in which we refused to approve the DAAU but set out the amendments that we considered would be appropriate to approve.

Statutory requirements

Section 143(3) of the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997* (QCA Act) provides that we may only approve a DAAU if, among other things, we have published the DAAU, invited submissions on it and considered any submissions received within the specified period.

We have published Aurizon Network's Complying 2025 UT5 DAAU on our website and invite submissions from interested parties by 23 November 2026. Further details on making submissions are attached.

Proceeding to a final decision

We may proceed directly to a final decision on whether to approve Aurizon Network's Complying 2025 UT5 DAAU.

We note that Aurizon Network's Complying 2025 UT5 DAAU was submitted in response to our recent investigation of the 2025 UT5 DAAU, in which the proposed amendments to the 2017 AU were well-ventilated and interested parties actively participated.

[1] QCA, *Aurizon Network's 2025 UT5 DAAU*, final decision, October 2026.

Submissions

Closing date for submissions: 23 November 2026

Public involvement is an important element of our decision-making processes. Therefore, we invite submissions from interested parties. We will take account of all submissions received within the stated timeframes. Submissions, comments or inquiries regarding this paper should be directed to:

Queensland Competition Authority
GPO Box 2257, Brisbane QLD 4001
Tel 07 3222 0555
www.qca.org.au/submissions/

Confidentiality

In the interests of transparency, and to promote informed consultation, we intend to make all submissions publicly available. However, if a person making a submission believes that information in it is confidential, they should claim confidentiality over the relevant information (and state the basis for that claim). We will assess confidentiality claims in accordance with the Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997. Among other things, we will assess if disclosure of the relevant information is likely to damage a person's commercial activities, and we will consider the public interest.

Claims for confidentiality should be clearly noted on the front page of a submission, and relevant sections of the submission marked as confidential. The submission should also be provided in both redacted and unredacted versions. In the redacted version, all information claimed as confidential should be removed or hidden. In the unredacted version, all information should be exposed and visible. These measures will make it easier for us to make the remainder of the document publicly available. A confidentiality claim template is available at **www.qca.org.au/submission-policy/**

The template gives guidance on the type of information that may help us to assess a confidentiality claim. We encourage stakeholders to use this template when making confidentiality claims.

Public access to submissions

Subject to any confidentiality constraints, submissions will be available for public inspection at our Brisbane office or on our website at **www.qca.org.au/**. If you experience any difficulty gaining access to documents, please contact us on **07 3222 0555**.

Time periods

In accordance with section 147A(2) of the QCA Act, we must use our best endeavours to decide whether to approve, or refuse to approve, a DAAU within 6 months from the day that is 2 weeks from the day the undertaking was given to us. The 6-month period does not include any of the following periods:

- a day in the period given by us for making submissions in relation to a DAAU or a related document
- day(s) agreed to, by the owner or operator of the service or the responsible person, as not being included in the 6-month period.

The 6-month period is scheduled to end on 16 May 2027. 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.