

## STAKEHOLDER NOTICE

24 August 2021

### Draft determination - Ruling on the pricing method for the 8X expansion

#### Background

On 16 March 2021, the Queensland Competition Authority (the QCA) received from Dalrymple Bay Infrastructure Management (DBIM) an application for a ruling on the pricing method applicable to the 8X expansion.

DBIM submitted the application in accordance with section 150D of the Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997(QCA Act), seeking a ruling that the applicable pricing method for 8X is socialisation.

On 29 March 2021, we published a notice of investigation that invited stakeholders to make written submissions on DBIM's application. We received submissions from four parties. The submissions are available on our website ([www.qca.org.au](http://www.qca.org.au)).

#### Our draft determination

Today, we have released our draft determination that socialisation is the appropriate pricing method for the proposed 8X expansion. The draft determination sets out our preliminary assessment of DBIM's application and the reasons why we consider socialisation of the 8X expansion to be appropriate.

We have published our draft determination on our website and are inviting submissions from interested parties.

#### Submissions

**Closing date for submissions: 29 September 2021**

Public involvement is an important element of the decision-making processes of the QCA. Therefore, submissions are invited from interested parties concerning its assessment of DBIM's application for a ruling on the pricing method for the 8X expansion. The QCA will take account of all submissions received within the stated timeframes.

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

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[www.qca.org.au/submissions](http://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 our Brisbane office, or on our website at [www.qca.org.au](http://www.qca.org.au). If you experience any difficulty gaining access to documents, please contact us on (07) 3222 0555.

### **Late submissions**

To promote the timely consideration and assessment of DBIM's application for a ruling, stakeholders are encouraged to provide submissions by the stated deadlines.

In accordance with section 168B of the QCA Act, we may make a decision without taking into account late submissions, or other information provided by stakeholders after the stated deadline, if it is reasonable to do so.

We will consider whether to take into account late submissions on a case-by-case basis, in accordance with the QCA Act. Where stakeholders provide late submissions or other information, they should also provide a detailed explanation as to why it would be reasonable to have regard to the late information.