

STAKEHOLDER NOTICE

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Queensland Rail's 2020 Draft Access Undertaking

On 29 April 2019, the QCA published its draft decision on Queensland Rail's 2020 draft access undertaking (2020 DAU) and invited interested parties to make submissions by 11 July 2019. On 15 July 2019, we published those submissions, and invited collaborative submissions by 13 August 2019.

Collaborative submission deadline extended to 27 September 2019

Several stakeholders said they needed six more weeks to collaborate and negotiate. Therefore, we have extended the period for collaborative submissions to **27 September 2019**. The QCA will take these submissions into account when making its decision.

We strongly support stakeholders collaborating and, where possible, providing joint submissions on agreed positions. However, our draft decision highlighted the importance of a timely and seamless transition between undertakings. The goal is to have an appropriate undertaking ready to replace the 2016 access undertaking when it terminates in June 2020.

Guidance on how to make a submission is provided below.

Submissions

Closing date for submissions: 27 September 2019

Public involvement is an important element of the decision-making processes of the Queensland Competition Authority (QCA). Therefore, collaborative submissions are invited from interested parties concerning its assessment of Queensland Rail's 2020 DAU. The QCA 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 Q 4001

Tel (07) 3222 0555

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