

STAKEHOLDER NOTICE

16 January 2018

2017–18 Queensland Rail QCA Levy

Regulatory Framework

The 2016 undertaking provides that an access charge can include a QCA Levy component to be collected by Queensland Rail. The QCA fee is the amount charged by the QCA to a regulated party, while the QCA Levy is the charge to customers through which the regulated party recovers the QCA fee it has paid. The QCA Levy component will be determined from year to year based on the amount paid to the QCA by Queensland Rail and 'allocated amongst Train Service types in a manner approved by the QCA' (cl. 3.7).

Queensland Rail's 2017-18 QCA Levy claim

On 5 January 2018, Queensland Rail submitted its proposed 2017–18 QCA Levy seeking to recover \$2,015,834 during the 2017–18 financial year. This reflects fees charged by the QCA that included costs for the investigations that led up to the approval of the 2016 undertaking. It also includes Queensland Rail's proposed allocations between traffic types.

Queensland Rail's submission, which has been published with this notice, provides more details of the claim.

Stakeholder comments invited

We invite stakeholders to submit comments on Queensland Rail's 2017–18 QCA Levy proposal by 12 February 2018. The QCA will in the coming months publish a draft report detailing our assessment of the proposal and invite comments on that report.

Submissions

Closing date for submissions: 12 February 2018

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 Queensland Rail's proposed 2017-18 QCA Levy. Submissions, comments or inquiries regarding this paper should be directed to:

Queensland Competition Authority
GPO Box 2257
Brisbane Q 4001

Tel (07) 3222 0588

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.