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Mr Tim Renwick
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Dear Mr Renwick

Review of the appointment of the independent expert

The Queensland Competition Authority (QCA) has completed its review into the appointment of the Coal Network Capacity Company (CNCC) to fulfil the role of independent expert for the purposes of clause 7A.3 of Aurizon Network's 2017 access undertaking (UT5).

After consideration of all information available, in particular the submissions received from stakeholders, the QCA has concluded that the CNCC is satisfactorily performing in its role as the independent expert. The QCA considers the CNCC is fulfilling the requirements for the role and has made good progress in developing processes and systems to meet its responsibilities under UT5, recognising the challenges of establishing a new organisation to undertake the types of complex activities and operations required of the independent expert. Accordingly, the interests of stakeholders would be best served by the CNCC continuing in the role of independent expert.

I encourage the CNCC to continue working constructively with stakeholders across the supply chain to further develop, and embed, practices to support the CNCC in meeting its responsibilities and improving outcomes for stakeholders.

This letter will be published on the QCA website for stakeholders' information.

Please direct any queries in the first instance to Adam Liddy on 07 3222 0548, or by email at adam.liddy@qca.org.au.

Yours sincerely



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