

Notice of Time Periods

QR Network Pty Ltd's 2008 Draft Amending Access Undertaking

On 30 October 2008, QR Network Pty Ltd (QR Network) submitted a draft amending access undertaking (2008 DAAU) for the Authority's approval. The 2008 DAAU seeks to provide for a new West Blackwater cluster, and reference tariff, for coal-carrying train services operating from the Minerva mine to the port of Gladstone.

On 7 November 2008, the Queensland Competition Authority (the Authority) notified stakeholders of its intention to commence an investigation under s145 of the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997* (the QCA Act) to decide whether or not to approve QR Network's 2008 DAAU. At that time, stakeholders were invited to lodge submissions to the Authority in respect of QR Network's proposal by 21 November 2008.

Time periods

In accordance with s147A of the QCA Act, the Authority must endeavour to decide whether or not to approve a DAAU within six months from the last day of the time for making submissions stated in the investigation notice.

The six-month period does not include any of the following periods:

- (a) a day in the period given by the Authority for making submissions in relation to DAAU or a related document;
- (b) a day in the period where a person has been required to give information or produce a document in response to a notice given by the Authority under s185 of the QCA Act; and
- (c) day(s) agreed to, by the owner or operator of the service or the responsible person, as not being included in the six-month period.


Six-month period for QR Network's 2008 DAAU

In accordance with s147A(4) of the QCA Act, the Authority states the following time periods for QR Network's DAAU:

- (a) the six-month period will commence on 21 November 2008; and
- (b) the six-month period ends on 21 May 2009.

The six-month period does not include the following days:

| From | To | Total Days | Reason |
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| 7 Nov 08 | 21 Nov 08 | 14 | These days were given by the Authority to QR Network and interested parties to make submissions on the DAAU. |


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Chief Executive

7 November 2008