

STAKEHOLDER NOTICE

5 September 2018

2018–19 Queensland Rail QCA levy

Background

The QCA fee is a fee charged by the QCA for providing regulatory services. The QCA levy is a tariff charged by Queensland Rail to its customers to recover the QCA fee. The 2016 access undertaking (AU1) outlines that the QCA levy will be determined from year to year, based on the QCA fee and 'allocated amongst Train Service types in a manner approved by the QCA' (cl. 3.7).

Queensland Rail's 2018–19 QCA levy proposal

On 4 September 2018, Queensland Rail submitted its proposed 2018–19 QCA levy, seeking to collect \$1,693,421 in levies during the 2018–19 financial year. This reflects the fees charged by the QCA for:

- ensuring Queensland Rail's compliance under AU1, and
- investigating the 2020 draft access undertaking.

Queensland Rail's proposal includes details of the claim and its proposed allocations between traffic types. The proposal has been published with this notice.

Stakeholder comments invited

We invite stakeholders to submit comments on Queensland Rail's 2018–19 QCA levy proposal by **Friday, 21 September 2018**. In the coming months following this consultation, the QCA will publish a draft report detailing our assessment of the proposal. We will invite comments on that report when published.

Submissions

Closing date for submissions: 21 September 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 2018–19 QCA levy.

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

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Brisbane Q 4001

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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.