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Dear Mr Buckley

**Approval of extension of time for Queensland Rail costing manual**

The Queensland Competition Authority (QCA) has approved an extension of time to 23 December 2016 for Queensland Rail to submit a revised draft of its costing manual to the QCA. Queensland Rail's request for an extension to 31 December 2016 was received on 18 August 2016, in response to our letter of 22 July 2016.

I note that the QCA office is traditionally closed over the Christmas–New Year period and therefore the extension has been provided to 23 December 2016. My staff have advised this date is acceptable to Queensland Rail.

Once received, the QCA will release the revised draft of the costing manual for consultation with stakeholders to inform a QCA decision on the costing manual, consistent with section 159 of the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997*.

As noted in your request, this extension will allow the below-rail financial statements for 2016–17 to reflect the approved costing manual.

This letter along with our previous correspondence will be published on our website for the information of stakeholders.

Should you require further information, please contact Catherine Barker on 07 3222 0547 or [catherine.barker@qca.org.au](mailto:catherine.barker@qca.org.au)

Yours sincerely



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