

Aurizon Network's 2025 UT5 DAAU

23 December 2025

Notice of investigation and time periods

On 22 December 2025, we received a draft amending access undertaking from Aurizon Network that seeks to amend the 2017 access undertaking and extend the expiry date of the undertaking until 30 June 2037 (2025 UT5 DAAU).

In accordance with section 146 of the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997* (QCA Act), this notice:

- informs stakeholders, including Aurizon Network, of our intention to conduct an investigation to decide whether to approve, or refuse to approve, Aurizon Network's 2025 UT5 DAAU
- invites stakeholders to make written submissions to the QCA on Aurizon Network's 2025 UT5 DAAU.

Submissions

Public involvement is an important element of our decision making processes.

We have published Aurizon Network's 2025 UT5 DAAU on our website (www.qca.org.au) and invite submissions thereon from all interested parties. The closing date for submissions is 17 March 2026. Further details on making a submission are provided on a separate page below.

Statutory timeframe for our assessment

In accordance with section 147A of the QCA Act, we must use our best endeavours to decide whether to approve, or refuse to approve, Aurizon Network's 2025 UT5 DAAU within six months from the last day of the time for making submissions stated in the investigation notice. However, the six-month period does not include any of the following days:

- a day in the period given by the QCA for making submissions in relation to a draft amending access undertaking or a related document
- 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 QCA under section 185 of the QCA Act
- a day agreed to, by the owner or operator of the service or the responsible person, as not being included in the six-month period.

The six-month period for assessing Aurizon Network's 2025 UT5 DAAU commences on 17 March 2026.

The six-month statutory timeframe for assessing Aurizon Network's 2025 UT5 DAAU is currently scheduled to expire on 18 September 2026, but this date may be extended to account for any future periods of time that are excluded from the statutory timeframe in accordance with section 147A of the QCA Act.

An updated notice of time periods will be issued detailing any changes to the stated timeframe for assessing Aurizon Network's 2025 UT5 DAAU, as well as reasons for the change.

Submissions

Closing date for submissions: 17 March 2026

Public involvement is an important element of our decision-making processes. Therefore, we invite submissions from interested parties. We will take account of all submissions received within the stated timeframes. Submissions, comments or inquiries regarding this paper should be directed to:

Queensland Competition Authority

GPO Box 2257, Brisbane QLD 4001

Tel 07 3222 [extension]

www.qca.org.au/submissions/

Confidentiality

In the interests of transparency, and to promote informed consultation, we intend to make all submissions publicly available. However, if a person making a submission believes that information in it is confidential, they should claim confidentiality over the relevant information (and state the basis for that claim). We will assess confidentiality claims in accordance with the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997*. Among other things, we will assess if disclosure of the relevant information is likely to damage a person's commercial activities, and we will consider the public interest.

Claims for confidentiality should be clearly noted on the front page of a submission, and relevant sections of the submission marked as confidential. The submission should also be provided in both redacted and unredacted versions. In the redacted version, all information claimed as confidential should be removed or hidden. In the unredacted version, all information should be exposed and visible. These measures will make it easier for us to make the remainder of the document publicly available. A confidentiality claim template is available at www.qca.org.au/submission-policy/

The template gives guidance on the type of information that may help us to assess a confidentiality claim. We encourage stakeholders to use this template when making confidentiality claims.

Public access to submissions

Subject to any confidentiality constraints, submissions will be available for public inspection at our Brisbane office or on our website at www.qca.org.au/. If you experience any difficulty gaining access to documents, please contact us on **07 3222 0555**.