



National Competition Council
Level 17, Casselden
2 Lonsdale Street
Melbourne

Submission by email to: info@ncc.gov.au

Application for Extending the Certification of the Queensland Rail Access Regime

22 February 2021

Dear Ms Shafer,

Aurizon Network welcomes the opportunity to make a submission to the National Competition Council (**NCC**) on its assessment of the Queensland Government's application made under section 44NA of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth) for the extension of the Queensland Rail Access Regime (**QRAR**) for a further 20-year period.

Aurizon Network has reviewed and supports:

- the application made by the Queensland Government for the extension of the certification for an additional 20 year period;
- the Queensland Government's assessment of the QRAR, inclusive of the 2019 Aurizon Network Access Undertaking (**UT5**), against the relevant principles in clause 6 of the Competition Principles Agreement; and
- the submission made by the Herbert Smith Freehills on behalf of coal producers to the NCC requesting that the NCC approve the application made by the Queensland Government in respect of the declared below rail services provided by the Central Queensland Coal Network pursuant to UT5.

Should you have any questions in relation to this submission or the provision of the relevant services please contact Peter Long, Head of Finance and Regulation at peter.long@aurizon.com.au.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pam Bains".

Pam Bains
Group Executive Network