

## Publication of System Operating Parameters and Baseline Capacity Assessment

I am writing to advise that Aurizon Network has submitted the 2016 System Operating Parameters (**SOP**) and Baseline Capacity Assessment Report (**BCAR**) to the Queensland Competition Authority (**QCA**) in accordance with clause 7A.4.1 of Aurizon Network's Access Undertaking.

These are available on Aurizon Network's website under the subheading for Planning & Development <http://www.aurizon.com.au/what-we-deliver/network>,

Customer specific version of these documents are available on the Aurizon Network customer portal, accessible via <https://customeronline.aurizon.com.au>. For the customer specific versions:

- the SOP contains information regarding the cycle of trains and will be available for train operators.
- the BCAR contains information regarding train service entitlements for access holders, end customers and train operators.

### Stakeholder consultation

These documents have been developed following consultation with stakeholders and we would like to take the opportunity to recognise that contribution. This consultation provided us with valuable feedback and enabled us to improve the quality of the BCAR through clearer explanation and presentation of the report. It has also assisted Aurizon Network to provide our stakeholders with a better understanding of Aurizon Network's capacity modelling processes.

The consultation process identified that stakeholders are keen to see an analysis which:

- provides a view of supply chain capacity, as well as Rail Infrastructure capacity; and
- is based on performance of individual supply chain elements, rather than Aurizon Network's contracted performance parameters.

### System Capacity Assessment

Accordingly, in the context of its recently concluded collaboration with stakeholders related to the UT5 review process, Aurizon Network has volunteered to include within UT5 an obligation for Aurizon Network to provide, for information purposes, an annual System Capacity Assessment for each coal system which will focus on supply chain performance.

To achieve a robust assessment, significant data and cooperation will be required from all elements of the supply chain. Aurizon Network will shortly commence engagement with all supply chain participants with a view to ensuring it is well positioned to deliver this review. Subject to availability of suitable data, Aurizon Network's intention is to develop an initial view of system capacity as early as September 2017.

### Next steps

We will commence consultation with stakeholders on the content and input parameters of the System Capacity Assessment during April 2017.

If you have any questions regarding any aspect of this feel free to contact me or your Aurizon Network customer account manager.

Yours sincerely

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