

Queensland Rail's 2023-24 capital expenditure claim

18 February 2025

Queensland Rail's 2020 access undertaking (AU2) provides for the QCA to assess the prudence of capital expenditure in Queensland Rail's West Moreton system, after the expenditure has taken place, to determine whether it should be included in the regulatory asset base. In assessing the prudence of capital expenditure, we focus on the scope, standard of works, and cost. Schedule E of AU2 outlines processes and criteria for our assessment.

In accordance with schedule E of AU2, we are now seeking submissions from stakeholders on Queensland Rail's 2023-24 capital expenditure claim. Submissions are due by **4 March 2025**.

At this time, we consider it may not be necessary for us to seek further engineering advice on the claim given the nature of the projects, particularly when the costs of this advice are ultimately borne by customers. However, if stakeholders consider there are aspects of the claim which would benefit from seeking independent advice, they should include this view in their submission.

Depending on our assessment and the nature of submissions, we may proceed directly to a final decision.

Queensland Rail's claim

| Project number | Project name | Claim (\$, excl IDC ^a) |
|----------------|--|------------------------------------|
| B.05649 | Bridge Renewal West Moreton 20/21-24/25 | 1,061,939 |
| B.05653 | Culvert Renewal West Moreton | 1,552,821 |
| B.05655 | Level Crossing Upgrades West Moreton | 999,824 |
| B.06154 | Toowoomba Range Slope Stability Stage 2 | 13,291,683 |
| B.06159 | Sleepers with gauge issue & Range rerail | 492,005 |
| B.04530 | Regional Radio Replacement Program | 364,128 |
| B.04764 | RMS2 LX System Wide | 308,001 |
| B.05016 | NCL Asset Protection Stage 2 | 355,969 |
| | Ballast Undercutting | 1,183,868 |
| Total | | 19,610,237 |

^a Interest during construction

Submissions

Closing date for submissions: 4 March 2025

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 0555

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**.