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Dear Mr Marchant

Decision on Queensland Rail's 2025 draft access undertaking (2025 DAU)

I am writing to inform you that the Queensland Competition Authority (QCA) has assessed Queensland Rail's 2025 DAU and decided to refuse to approve it.

The QCA is today publishing a decision that includes final views on how we consider it is appropriate to amend the non-tariff provisions in the 2025 DAU, in accordance with section 136(5) of the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997*.

In the decision document we have also commented on aspects of West Moreton pricing and related terms. As there is some revision to views previously expressed, we are providing a further opportunity for stakeholders to comment, but only on these matters.

Your CEO, Ms Kat Stapleton, wrote to us on 19 March 2025, requesting that we refrain from publishing any further decisions or commentary on West Moreton access terms while Queensland Rail completes negotiations with one of its customers.

The QCA has decided not to grant this request, which would in effect be for an indeterminate delay. You will be aware of both the significant time that has already been expended in the process of reviewing the 2025 DAU and the imminent expiration of Queensland Rail's 2020 access undertaking. Queensland Rail has clearly stated in its submissions to us that not having an approved access undertaking in place would not be in its interest. We similarly consider that neither the interests of users nor the public interest are served by further prolonging the regulatory process.

Yours sincerely



Professor Flavio Menezes
Chair

cc: Ms Kat Stapleton, Chief Executive Officer, Queensland Rail