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TRX-13481

Mr David Crawford
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Dear Mr Crawford,

I am writing in regard to the application made by Pacific National Pty Limited under Part IIIA of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* for a declaration recommendation for the service provided by Queensland Rail's Queensland Coal Rail Network (the application).

The Queensland Government welcomes the opportunity to make a submission on the application.

The rail services which are the subject of the application are declared for third party access under Part 5 of the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997* (the Queensland Rail Access Regime). The Queensland Rail Access Regime is a well established and comprehensive access regime which has been effective in promoting competition in the above-rail industry.

Given the existence of the Queensland Rail Access Regime, declaration under the *Trade Practices Act 1974* is unlikely to result in a material increase in competition or be in the public interest due to the significant costs and inconsistencies that may arise under multiple access regimes.

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I have attached a submission in response to the application which addresses the declaration criteria set out in section 44G(2) of the *Trade Practices Act 1974*.

Should you require any further information regarding this submission, please contact Ms Tania Homan, Director, Economic and Structural Policy, on (07) 3224 2806.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Fraser', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

ANDREW FRASER

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