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By email:

Dear Matthew

AUSTRALIAN RAIL TRACK CORPORATION LTD ("ARTC") RE: 2008 INTERSTATE ACCESS UNDERTAKING EXTENSION APPLICATION TO THE ACCC

Further to discussions with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission ("ACCC"), ARTC seeks the ACCC's approval to extend the 2008 Interstate Access Undertaking ("IAU") for a further period of 12 months.

It is proposed the term of the IAU is extended until **30 June 2024** by amending Clause 2.3(a) of the IAU. This amendment constitutes the replacement of the words "30 June 2023" with "30 June 2024" in Clause 2.3(a) of the IAU.

In a letter dated 19 December 2022, in respect of its future intentions for the renewal of the IAU, ARTC highlighted:

- the importance of continuing stakeholder engagement on its proposed 2023 IAU in early 2023;
- the need for a further extension of the IAU to provide the ACCC with sufficient time to complete
 its assessment of the replacement IAU within its legislated timeframes.

This extension request is consistent with ARTC's stated intent and ARTC will continue to consult with all stakeholders on the structure of the renewed 2023 IAU and aims to submit that for the ACCC's assessment in 2023.

If you have any questions in respect of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact Jonathan Teubner on (Ph) or (email).

Yours sincerely

Mark Campbell
Chief Executive Officer