

Our Ref: D/17/14201

28 April 2017

Dominic L'Huillier
Director, Transport Branch
Essential Services Commission of Victoria
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Dear Dominic

Re: Application to extend current Access Arrangement till 31 May 2019

In accordance with the Rail Management Act 1997 VicTrack lodges this formal application to the Essential Services Commission for renewal of the current Access Arrangement 5 (AA) which terminates on 31 May 2017.

As noted in correspondence between VicTrack and Essential Services Commission of Victoria (dated 17 December 2014), VicTrack understands that the Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure is considering major substantial changes to the Victorian rail access regime in the near future. In order to avoid unnecessary costs in establishing a new access arrangement shortly before such major changes are made, VicTrack wishes to extend the expiry date of the current access arrangement by a further two (2) years.

The Rail Management Act 1996 has been amended to allow for an access arrangement's expiry date to be extended for this reason.

VicTrack believes that there have not been significant changes in market circumstances to suggest the continuation of the existing access arrangement is inappropriate.

Additionally, Vic Track has consulted with existing access holders regarding the extension application and they have not raised any issues concerning the current agreement being extended.

I have attached a marked-up copy of the current AA that takes into consideration the above. The proposed changes are listed in the table on page two, along with comments outlining the reasons for the proposed changes.

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Yours sincerely



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Page	Clause	Change	Comments
Cover	N/A	Access Arrangement identification increases from 5 to 6 New end date	Changed to reflect the application to extend the current Arrangement by 2 years.
5	2.2	Change date to 31 May 2019	Undertaking to comply