



18 May 2018

Dr Ron Ben-David
Chairperson
Essential Services Commission
Level 37, 2 Lonsdale Street
Melbourne VIC 3000

Attention: Sonia Madamba (Regulatory Analyst - Transport Division)

Dear Dr Ben-David,

Proposed extension of the Metro Trains Access Arrangement

On 16 May 2018, Metro Trains Melbourne Pty Ltd (MTM) spoke with Sonia Madamba representative of Essential Services Commissions ("ESC") to discuss the current Metropolitan Rail Access Arrangement.

Whilst we await guidance from DEDJTR as to what forward looking requirements for the provision of these services will be, MTM wish to formally extend the current Access Agreement with ESC for the provisions of access by third parties to the Metropolitan Rail Network until 31 December 2018.

I can confirm that MTM has liaised with all contracted track access operators with each in agreement to extend current contractual arrangements through to 31 December 2018. MTM is not aware of any significant changes in market circumstances to suggest the continuation of the existing access arrangement is inappropriate.

Furthermore, this extension request would align MTM with our major track access operator, V/Line, who also extended their ESC access agreement through to 31 December 2018.

Attached is an updated version of the Access Arrangement and Access Agreement for your review and approval.

We look forward to you decision to allow a six month extension to the existing Arrangement.

In the interim, should there are any further queries regarding the enclosed documents, please do not hesitate to contact Peter McGuire on 0429 652 972 or email (peter.mcguire@metrotrains.com.au) in the first instance.

Yours sincerely,


Dean Boyle
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