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Aurizon Network Pty Ltd Full Year Report

Attached for release to the market is a copy of Aurizon Network Pty Ltd's Full Year Report for the period ended 30 June 2025.

Yours faithfully

David Wenck
Company Secretary

Authorised for lodgement by the Aurizon Network Pty Ltd Board of Directors.

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**Annual Financial Report
for the year ended 30 June 2025**

This financial report is the consolidated financial statements of the Group consisting of Aurizon Network Pty Ltd and its subsidiaries.

The financial report is presented in Australian dollars.

Aurizon Network Pty Ltd is a company limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

Its registered office is:

Level 8
900 Ann Street
Fortitude Valley QLD 4006

The financial report for the Group for the year ended 30 June 2025 has been authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the Directors on 18 August 2025.

Directors' Report

The Directors of Aurizon Network Pty Ltd (the Company) present their report, together with the financial statements of the Company and its controlled entities (collectively referred to as the consolidated entity or the Group) for the financial year ended 30 June 2025 (FY2025). Aurizon Network Pty Ltd is a subsidiary of Aurizon Holdings Limited. Aurizon Holdings Limited and its subsidiary entities are referred to as the Aurizon Group. Aurizon Holdings Limited is a public company listed on the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX: AZJ) and all relevant announcements are available on its website.

Directors

The following persons were Directors of Aurizon Network Pty Ltd during the financial year and up to the date of this report:

L Strambi (Chairman)
P Bains (resigned 1 August 2025)
C Peppler (appointed 4 August 2025)
M Bastos
A Harding
T Longstaff

Principal activities

The nature of the Company's operations and its principal activities during the year were:

- (i) provision of access to, and operation and management of, the Central Queensland Coal Network (CQCN); and
- (ii) the provision of design, construction, overhaul, maintenance and management services to the Aurizon Group as well as external below rail customers.

Review of operations

Business summary

The Company operates the 2,670 kilometre CQCN. The open access network is the largest coal rail network in Australia and one of the country's most complex, connecting multiple customers from more than 40 mines to five export terminals located at three ports. The CQCN includes four major coal systems (Moura, Blackwater, Goonyella and Newlands) and a connecting link, the Goonyella to Abbot Point Expansion (GAPE).

Coal access revenue is from the provision of access to the CQCN and is the primary source of revenue. It is determined based on railed coal volumes and the applicable system reference tariffs approved by the Queensland Competition Authority (QCA). This regulatory framework permits the Company to earn an approved return on its Regulatory Asset Base (RAB) and recover its capital expenditure and provides operating allowances over each regulatory period covered by a QCA approved access undertaking. Access revenue also includes revenue from non-coal access (freight and passenger trains) and above regulatory returns in certain circumstances, such as in relation to GAPE.

The Company also derives revenue from services and other revenue including the maintenance of private infrastructure, external design and construction works, customer funded infrastructure charges and other services.

Performance overview

Underlying EBIT increased \$6.4 million (1%) from \$576.4 million in FY2024 to \$582.8 million in FY2025, with decreased revenue of \$7.1 million (<1%), lower operating costs of \$32.1 million (6%) and higher depreciation of \$18.6 million (5%).

CQCN volumes decreased 1.6mt (1%) to 208.0mt driven by softer volumes in Goonyella and Newlands.

Regulatory access revenue has been accounted for based on actual railed volumes using tariffs approved by the QCA on 23 May 2024, the infrastructure rebates and GAPE Remote Control Signalling (RCS) Draft Amending Access Undertaking (DAAU) approved on 24 October 2024, and the Bauhinia infrastructure rebates DAAU approved on 24 April 2025.

Total Access Revenue increased by \$35.0 million (3%) with the main drivers being:

- Allowable Revenue increased by \$74.6 million, driven by the final reset Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC) of 8.51% in FY2025 compared to the preliminary reset WACC of 8.18% in FY2024 and a higher maintenance allowance, partly offset by a reduction in Allowable Revenue as a result of some customer funded infrastructure rebates being reallocated from Other Access Revenue and offset against Reference Tariffs
- Volumes were below the regulatory forecast (216.7 million tonnes) resulting in an Allowable Revenue under-recovery of (\$37.5 million), inclusive of Take-or-Pay of 32.1 million, compared to an over-recovery of \$19.0 million in FY2024
- Net favourable Revenue Cap (excluding GAPE) movements of \$8.6 million in FY2025 relating to FY2022 and FY2023
- Electric Energy Charge (EC) revenue was lower in FY2025 by (\$25.1 million) due to the EC tariff reducing from \$1.66 to \$1.24 per EGTK'000
- GAPE revenue was higher in FY2025 by \$13.3 million primarily due to the reset of the risk-free rate from 1 July 2024

Review of operations (continued)

- Other Access Revenue was \$20.1 million higher than the prior year, due to some customer funded infrastructure (Access Facilitation Deeds) being removed from the RAB, therefore reducing customer rebates.

Service and other revenue was \$42.1 million (44%) lower in FY2025 primarily due to lower external construction revenue.

Underlying operating costs decreased by \$32.1 million (6%) with the main drivers being:

- Energy Charges decreased \$21.5 million (offset in Access Revenue) due to lower wholesale energy prices, partly offset by higher connection costs; and
- Other underlying operating costs decreased \$10.6 million primarily due to lower external construction costs associated with lower revenue partly offset by higher maintenance costs.

Depreciation increased \$18.6 million (5%) driven by increasing ballast investment, light vehicle replacement and an asset life review.

Network's 2024-2025 Regulatory Asset Base (RAB) roll-forward is estimated to be \$6.2 billion (including Access Facilitation Deeds of \$0.3 billion) as at 1 July 2025.

Dividends

Details of dividends paid are set out in note 12 of the financial report.

Significant changes in the state of affairs

Funding

During the year, the Company had:

- Repaid the \$710.6 million Euro denominated Medium-Term Note in September 2024
- Increased the capacity on AMTN 7 by \$100.0 million, maturing December 2034
- Issued \$300.0 million fixed rate AMTN 9 for a 9-year term under the AMTN programme
- Issued \$53.1 million equivalent Japanese Yen Private Placement for a 15-year term, maturing June 2040, under the AMTN programme
- Refinanced the unsecured bilateral facilities maturing January 2026, January 2027 and January 2028 into new consolidated facilities maturing December 2027 and increased the notional by \$50.0 million
- Executed the Intra Group Loan Agreement with Iron Horse Insurance Company Pte Ltd in July 2024
- Executed the Intra Group Loan Agreement with Aurizon Operations Limited in August 2024
- Executed the Intragroup Funding Agreement with Aurizon Holdings Limited in May 2025.

Capital structure

- The Company issued 250.0 million shares at \$1 per share to the parent entity
- The Company made a capital distribution of \$300.0 million to the parent entity with no change in the number of shares on issue.

Events since the end of the financial year

Likely developments

Network continues to implement the 2017 Access Undertaking (UT5) which was approved by the QCA on 19 December 2019 and ceases on 30 June 2027.

On 19 June 2025, the QCA published the Independent Expert's (IE) Annual Capacity Assessment Report which identified deliverable capacity exceeds committed capacity (for the assessment period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2030) in all systems except Newlands/GAPE. The QCA had previously confirmed in September 2024 it was appropriate for the Company to implement the Almoola signals projects with a cost estimate of \$2.4m and the trial for the use of the existing Collinsville Passing Loop at \$0.9m.

On 8 July 2025, the Company and the Rail Working Group of the Queensland Resources Council (RWG) wrote to the QCA to advise a non-binding term sheet has been agreed which will be the basis for drafting a DAAU. Since mid-2024 the Company and the RWG have been meeting to discuss the option of submitting to the QCA a DAAU to apply once the current Access Undertaking (UT5) ends on 30 June 2027. The content of the DAAU is still to be finalised by the Company and the RWG over the coming months. The parties are committed to working towards a submission of the DAAU to the QCA during the December 2025 quarter, in line with the agreed term sheet.

Environmental and Cultural Heritage regulation and performance

The Company is exposed to a range of environmental regulations as part of the Aurizon Group. The Aurizon Group has a centralised team which monitors compliance with, and performance against these regulations and is committed to managing its operational activities and services in an environmentally responsible manner to meet legal, social and moral obligations. To deliver this commitment the Company seeks to comply with all applicable laws and regulations that have an environmental or cultural heritage focus.

The Company works collaboratively with supply chain partners to minimise coal dust emissions associated with Aurizon's coal haulage operations. Data from the CQC opacity monitoring stations indicated FY2025 yielded historically low rates of coal dust loss from tops of wagons.

The National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007 (NGER) (Cth) requires the Aurizon Group to report its annual greenhouse gas emissions and energy use. The Company is not captured under the NGER Scheme's Safeguard Mechanism.

Indemnification and insurance of officers

The Company's Constitution provides that the Company may indemnify any person who is, or has been, an officer of the Group, including the Directors and Company Secretary, against liabilities incurred whilst acting as such officers to the maximum extent permitted by law.

The Company's holding company, Aurizon Holdings Limited, has entered into a Deed of Access, Indemnity and Insurance with each of the Company's Directors. No Director or officer of the Company has received benefits under an indemnity from the Company during or since the end of the year.

The Company has paid a premium for insurance for officers of the Group. This insurance is against a liability for costs and expenses incurred by officers in defending civil or criminal proceedings involving them as such officers, with some exceptions. The contract of insurance prohibits disclosure of the nature of the liability insured against and the amount of the premium paid.

Environmental and Cultural Heritage prosecutions

The Company did not incur any monetary fines, nor was it subject to any prosecutions related to environment or cultural heritage regulations in FY2025.

Rounding of amounts

The amounts contained in this report and in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest \$100,000, unless otherwise stated (where rounding is applicable) in accordance with *ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191*. The Company is an entity to which the instrument applies.

Auditor's independence declaration

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* is set out on page 5.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of Directors.



L Strambi
Chairman

Brisbane
18 August 2025

18 August 2025

Board of Directors
Aurizon Network Pty Ltd
900 Ann Street
Fortitude Valley QLD 4006
Australia

Dear Board Members

Auditor's Independence Declaration to Aurizon Network Pty Ltd

In accordance with section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001*, I am pleased to provide the following declaration of independence to the Board of Directors of Aurizon Network Pty Ltd.

As lead audit partner for the audit of the financial report of Aurizon Network Pty Ltd for the financial year ended 30 June 2025, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

- The auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- Any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Yours faithfully



DELOITTE TOUCHE TOHMATSU



Matthew Donaldson
Partner
Chartered Accountants

Financial Report

for the year ended 30 June 2025

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Aurizon Network Pty Ltd
Consolidated income statement
For the year ended 30 June 2025

	Notes	2025 \$m	2024 \$m
Revenue from continuing operations	1	1,428.2	1,435.3
Employee benefits expense	2	(196.2)	(181.3)
Energy and fuel		(138.5)	(160.0)
Consumables		(145.7)	(165.3)
Depreciation and amortisation	2	(361.8)	(343.2)
Other expenses		(7.9)	(9.1)
Operating profit		578.1	576.4
Finance income		0.9	3.6
Finance expenses	2	(253.9)	(238.4)
Net finance costs		(253.0)	(234.8)
Profit before income tax		325.1	341.6
Income tax expense	3	(98.5)	(104.0)
Profit for the year attributable to the owners of Aurizon Network Pty Ltd		226.6	237.6

Aurizon Network Pty Ltd
Consolidated statement of comprehensive income
For the year ended 30 June 2025

	Notes	2025 \$m	2024 \$m
Profit for the year		226.6	237.6
Other comprehensive income/(expense)			
Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss:			
Changes in the fair value of cash flow hedges	13 (b)	(63.5)	9.1
Income tax relating to changes in fair value of cash flow hedges	13 (b)	19.0	(2.7)
Other comprehensive income/(expense) for the year, net of tax		(44.5)	6.4
Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to the owners of Aurizon Network Pty Ltd		182.1	244.0

Aurizon Network Pty Ltd
Consolidated statement of financial position
As at 30 June 2025

	Notes	30 June 2025 \$m	30 June 2024 \$m
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		10.5	5.4
Trade and other receivables	4	220.5	172.5
Inventories	5	59.7	67.7
Derivative financial instruments	15(a)	103.7	86.9
Other assets		3.0	2.0
Total current assets		397.4	334.5
Non-current assets			
Inventories	5	27.1	14.3
Derivative financial instruments	15(a)	29.9	18.6
Property, plant and equipment	6	5,267.0	5,265.3
Intangible assets	7	45.1	57.2
Total non-current assets		5,369.1	5,355.4
Total assets		5,766.5	5,689.9
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	8	157.2	155.3
Borrowings	14	1,149.1	921.2
Provisions	9	61.2	62.3
Other liabilities	10	95.9	85.8
Total current liabilities		1,463.4	1,224.6
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	14	2,697.1	2,668.7
Derivative financial instruments	15(a)	135.9	173.5
Deferred tax liabilities	3(c)	700.8	726.7
Provisions	9	4.4	4.3
Other liabilities	10	55.5	58.4
Total non-current liabilities		3,593.7	3,631.6
Total liabilities		5,057.1	4,856.2
Net assets		709.4	833.7
EQUITY			
Contributed equity	13(a)	356.0	405.4
Reserves	13(b)	(45.1)	(0.6)
Retained earnings		398.5	428.9
Total equity		709.4	833.7

Aurizon Network Pty Ltd
Consolidated statement of changes in equity
For the year ended 30 June 2025

	Notes	Attributable to the owners of Aurizon Network Pty Ltd			
		Contributed equity \$m	Reserves \$m	Retained earnings \$m	Total equity \$m
Balance at 1 July 2024		405.4	(0.6)	428.9	833.7
Profit for the year		-	-	226.6	226.6
Other comprehensive income		-	(44.5)	-	(44.5)
Total comprehensive income/(expense) for the year		-	(44.5)	226.6	182.1
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:					
Dividends paid	12	-	-	(257.0)	(257.0)
Capital contribution from the parent	13(a)	250.0	-	-	250.0
Capital distribution to the parent	13(a)	(300.0)	-	-	(300.0)
Capital contributions from the parent for share-based payments	13(a)	0.6	-	-	0.6
		(49.4)	-	(257.0)	(306.4)
Balance at 30 June 2025		356.0	(45.1)	398.5	709.4
 Balance at 1 July 2023		 404.5	 (7.0)	 445.7	 843.2
Profit for the year		-	-	237.6	237.6
Other comprehensive income		-	6.4	-	6.4
Total comprehensive income/(expense) for the year		-	6.4	237.6	244.0
 Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:					
Dividends paid	12	-	-	(254.4)	(254.4)
Capital contributions from the parent for share-based payments	13(a)	0.9	-	-	0.9
		0.9	-	(254.4)	(253.5)
 Balance at 30 June 2024		 405.4	 (0.6)	 428.9	 833.7

Aurizon Network Pty Ltd
Consolidated statement of cash flows
For the year ended 30 June 2025

	Notes	2025 \$m	2024 \$m
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers (inclusive of GST)		1,504.6	1,658.2
Payments to suppliers and employees (inclusive of GST)		(631.9)	(672.1)
Interest received		0.9	3.5
Income taxes paid		(85.4)	(84.1)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	18	<u>788.2</u>	<u>905.5</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(350.5)	(381.4)
Proceeds from sale of assets		1.2	0.8
Net cash outflow from investing activities		<u>(349.3)</u>	<u>(380.6)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from external borrowings		692.9	888.3
Repayment of external borrowings		(744.6)	(990.0)
Payment of transaction costs related to borrowings and derivatives		(3.0)	(9.1)
Proceeds from loans from related parties under the Intra Group Loan/Funding Agreements		174.5	53.5
Interest paid		(246.1)	(237.5)
Return of capital to the parent		(0.4)	(0.6)
Capital distribution to the parent		(300.0)	-
Proceeds from issue of shares		250.0	-
Principal element of lease payment		(0.3)	-
Dividends paid to Company's shareholder	12	(257.0)	(254.4)
Net cash outflow from financing activities		<u>(434.0)</u>	<u>(549.8)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		4.9	(24.9)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		5.4	30.2
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		0.2	0.1
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year		<u>10.5</u>	<u>5.4</u>

About this report

Aurizon Network Pty Ltd (the Company) is a for-profit entity for the purpose of preparing this financial report and is a company limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. The consolidated financial report comprises the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the Group or Aurizon Network).

The financial report is a general purpose financial report which:

- has been prepared on the going concern basis of accounting;
- has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*, Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and IFRS Accounting Standards issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB);
- has been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of financial assets and liabilities (including derivative instruments) at fair value;
- is presented in Australian dollars, which is the functional currency of the Company, with values rounded to the nearest \$100,000 unless otherwise stated, in accordance with *ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191*;
- presents reclassified comparative information where required for consistency with current year presentation;
- adopts all new and amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the AASB that are relevant to the operations of the Group and effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 July 2024; and
- has applied the Group accounting policies consistently to all periods presented.

The general purpose financial report for the Group for the year ended 30 June 2025 (FY2025) has been authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the Directors on 18 August 2025.

Significant judgements and estimates

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to exercise judgement in applying the Group's accounting policies. It also requires the use of estimates and assumptions of assets, liabilities, income and expense.

The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity are set out below and in more detail in the related notes:

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Useful life of infrastructure assets	6

Other material accounting policies

Other material accounting policies that summarise the measurement basis used, and are relevant to an understanding of the financial statements, are provided throughout the notes to the financial statements.

The notes to the financial statements

The following notes include information which is material and relevant to the operations, financial position and performance of the Group. Information is considered material and relevant due to its size and nature or if the information:

- is important for understanding the Group's current period results;
- provides an explanation of significant changes in the Group's business - for example acquisitions or divestments; or
- relates to an aspect of the Group's operations that are important to its future performance.

Key events and transactions for the reporting period

(a) Debt financing

Senior Capital Markets Debt

The Company repaid a Euro (€) denominated Medium-Term Note (referred to as EMTN 1) with a face value of \$710.6 million (€500.0 million) utilising existing bank debt facility capacity in September 2024.

The Company issued Medium Term Notes (AMTN) during the period including an increase in capacity of \$100.0 million maturing December 2034 (AMTN 7) and \$300.0 million maturing December 2033 (AMTN 9) under the AMTN programme. Interest rate swaps have been executed to convert fixed rate debt to floating rate debt.

The Company issued a ¥5 billion (\$53.1 million AUD equivalent) Private Placement on 26 June 2025 under the AMTN programme maturing in June 2040. To convert the ¥5 billion fixed rate debt issued to AUD floating rate debt, cross-currency interest rate swaps were executed.

Senior Bank Debt Facilities

The Bilateral Facilities maturing January 2026, January 2027 and January 2028 were refinanced into new consolidated facilities maturing December 2027 with a total facility limit of \$1,140.0 million, an increase of \$50.0 million on existing capacity. The total capacity of the Bilateral Facilities, including the facilities maturing October 2028, October 2029 and October 2030 is \$1,290.0 million. At balance date, \$435.0 million was drawn under the Bilateral Facilities.

Intra Group Loans

The Company provided a guarantee to holders of Aurizon Holdings Limited's \$500.0 million subordinated notes issuance in May 2025, maturing on 16 May 2055 (30-year term) with an initial call date of 16 August 2030 exercisable by Aurizon Holdings Limited. The guarantee is irrevocably provided to the holders of the subordinated notes for the face value amount of \$500.0 million, interest and other amounts due. Any deferred interest payment will not be a guaranteed amount until it becomes due and payable. The rights and claims of the holders of the subordinated notes are subordinated to the rights and obligations of the Company's senior creditors. At 30 June 2025, the carrying amount of the guarantee is \$nil as the likelihood and probability of default of Aurizon Holdings Limited is considered remote. Refer to note 23 for further information on the guarantee.

The Company executed an Intra Group Loan Agreement with Iron Horse Insurance Company Pte Ltd (a related party) on 16 July 2024. Under the arrangement, subject to certain conditions, the Company is able to be loaned up to \$150.0 million at floating interest rates over the loan term maturing 16 July 2033. At 30 June 2025, the Company had drawn down \$71.0 million under the Intra Group Loan Agreement.

The Company executed an Intra Group Loan Agreement with Aurizon Operations Limited (a related party) on 22 August 2024. The Company may be advanced or loaned, subject to certain conditions, up to \$100.0 million at floating rates over the loan term maturing 22 August 2033. At 30 June 2025, the Company had drawn down \$9.0 million under the Intra Group Loan Agreement.

The Company executed an Intra Group Funding Agreement with Aurizon Holdings Limited (the parent entity) on 16 May 2025. Under the arrangement, subject to certain conditions, the Company may be loaned up to \$500.0 million at floating rates over the term of the loan maturing 16 May 2034. At 30 June 2025, the Company had drawn down \$147.9 million under the Intra Group Funding Agreement.

(b) Capital structure

The Company issued 250.0 million shares to the parent for consideration of \$250.0 million on 16 May 2025. The proceeds from the issuance have been used to repay existing bank debt.

The Company made a capital distribution of \$300.0 million to the parent with no change in the number of shares on issue.

Results for the year

IN THIS SECTION

Results for the year provides a breakdown of individual line items in the consolidated income statement that the Directors consider most relevant, including a summary of the accounting policies, judgements and estimates relevant to understanding these line items.

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1 Revenue

Coal access revenue from the provision of access to the CQC is the primary source of revenue. It is determined based on railed coal volumes and the applicable system reference tariffs approved by the QCA. This regulatory framework permits Aurizon Network to earn an approved return on its RAB and recover its capital expenditure and provides operating allowances over each regulatory period covered by a QCA approved Access Undertaking. Access revenue also includes revenue from non-coal access (freight and passenger trains) and above regulatory returns in certain circumstances, such as in relation to GAPE.

The Group derives the following types of revenue from the provision of services over time:

	2025 \$m	2024 \$m
Revenue		
Service revenue		
Track access ¹	1,374.5	1,339.5
Other services ²	23.4	62.0
Other revenue ²	30.3	33.8
Total revenue from continuing operations	1,428.2	1,435.3

¹ Track access includes Take-or-Pay revenue of \$32.1 million (2024: \$4.8 million).

² Other services revenue includes maintenance contracts for private infrastructure, external construction works and other services. Other revenue includes the recognition of charges for customer-funded infrastructure.

(a) Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the chief operating decision maker. The Group operates in one business and geographical segment (Queensland, Australia).

The nature of the Group's business is long-term contracts with key customers. Access contracts with related parties, as disclosed in note 19, represent a significant component of the Group's revenue. Two other customers each contribute more than 10% of the Group's total revenue as detailed below:

	2025 \$m	2024 \$m	2025 Credit Rating	2024 Credit Rating
Customer 1	218.5	218.7	BBB+	BBB+
Customer 2	176.7	163.1	A-	A-
Total	395.2	381.8		

1 Revenue (continued)

(b) Contract liabilities

The Group has recognised the following revenue-related contract liabilities:

	2025 \$m	2024 \$m
Current		
Advances for other revenue	16.6	26.5
Non-current		
Advances for other revenue	54.2	58.4

Contract liabilities primarily represent amounts received from customers as advances for external design and construction works and the provision of services under agreements for mine-specific infrastructure. These amounts are recognised in revenue either as volumes are delivered or on a straight line basis over the contract term as performance obligations are satisfied over time.

	2025 \$m	2024 \$m
Within one year	16.6	26.5
Later than one year but not later than five years	37.5	43.1
Later than five years	16.7	15.3
	<u>70.8</u>	<u>84.9</u>

The decrease in contract liabilities represents revenue recognised for external design and construction works and the provision of services under agreements for mine-specific infrastructure.

(i) Revenue recognised in relation to contract liabilities

The following table shows how much of the revenue recognised in the current reporting period relates to carried-forward contract liabilities.

	2025 \$m	2024 \$m
<i>Revenue recognised that was included in the contract liability balance at the beginning of the period</i>		
Advances for other revenue	26.5	55.0
	<u>26.5</u>	<u>55.0</u>

(c) Accounting policies

The Group recognises revenue as performance obligations are satisfied.

Track access revenue is generated from the provision of access to, and operation of, the CQCN under an approved Access Undertaking. Track access revenue is recognised over time as access to the rail network is provided and is measured on a number of operating parameters including volumes hauled applied to regulator approved tariffs. The tariffs charged are determined with reference to the total allowable revenue, applied to the regulatory approved annual volume forecast for each rail system.

Where annual volumes railed are less than the regulatory forecast, Take-or-Pay may trigger. Take-or-Pay clauses in the contracts with customers enable Network to recover part of this shortfall where contractual railings were not achieved as a result of above rail operator cause, mine cancellations or port cancellations, rather than below rail cause. Take-or-Pay revenue is recorded as a receivable and collected in the first half of the next reporting period.

Regulated access revenue is subject to a revenue cap mechanism that serves to ensure the rail network recovers its Allowable Revenue over the regulatory period. A revenue adjustment event results in the under or over recovery of regulatory access revenue (net of Take-or-Pay revenue) for a financial year being recognised in the accounting revenues of the second financial year following the financial year in which the event occurred as per the Access Undertaking.

Access revenue for the financial year has been recognised based on the 2017 Access Undertaking applying a WACC rate of 8.51% (2024: 8.18%).

1 Revenue (continued)

(c) Accounting policies (continued)

2 Expenses

Profit before income tax includes the following specific expenses:

	2025 \$m	2024 \$m
Employee benefits expense		
Salaries, wages and allowances including on-costs	167.9	159.8
Defined contribution superannuation expense	23.2	21.2
Redundancies	5.1	0.3
	<u>196.2</u>	<u>181.3</u>
 Depreciation and amortisation		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	347.2	330.9
Amortisation of intangibles	14.6	12.3
	<u>361.8</u>	<u>343.2</u>
 Finance expenses		
Interest and finance charges paid/payable	246.5	237.7
Interest paid on lease liability	0.1	-
Amortisation of capitalised borrowing costs	4.1	3.1
Amortisation of AMTN 2 fair value adjustment	-	(2.3)
Hedge ineffectiveness ¹	3.2	(0.1)
	<u>253.9</u>	<u>238.4</u>

¹ Refer to the accounting policy in note 15.

(a) Significant items

The Group's underlying results differ from the statutory results. The exclusion of certain items permits a more relevant analysis of the Group's underlying performance on a comparative basis.

	2025 \$m	2024 \$m
Transformation costs	4.7	-
Total significant items (continuing operations)	<u>4.7</u>	<u>-</u>

Aurizon Group has undertaken a review of its non-operating cost base during FY2025, transformation costs of \$4.7 million are related to redundancies recognised as employee benefits expense.

3 Income tax

Income tax comprises current and deferred tax recognised in profit or loss or directly in equity or other comprehensive income.

(a) Income tax expense

	2025 \$m	2024 \$m
Current tax	104.9	102.9
Deferred tax	(6.3)	0.9
Current tax relating to prior periods	0.6	(2.2)
Deferred tax relating to prior periods	(0.7)	2.4
	98.5	104.0

Deferred income tax expense included in income tax expense comprises:

(Increase)/Decrease in deferred tax assets	(28.6)	5.5
Increase/(Decrease) in deferred tax liabilities	21.6	(2.2)
	(7.0)	3.3

(b) Numerical reconciliation of income tax expense to prima facie tax payable

	2025 \$m	2024 \$m
Profit before income tax expense	325.1	341.6
Tax at the Australian tax rate of 30% (2024: 30%)	97.5	102.5
Tax effect of amounts which are not deductible (taxable) in calculating taxable income:		
Other	1.1	1.3
Adjustments for tax of prior periods	(0.1)	0.2
	98.5	104.0

3 Income tax (continued)

(c) Deferred tax balances

The table below outlines the items which comprise the deferred tax balances:

	Opening balance \$m	Charged to income \$m	Charged to equity \$m	Total \$m
2025				
Deferred tax assets				
Provisions and accruals	23.0	0.2	-	23.2
Contract liabilities	0.3	(0.1)	-	0.2
Financial instruments	26.0	28.4	-	54.4
Other items	-	0.1	(0.1)	-
Total deferred tax assets	49.3	28.6	(0.1)	77.8
 Deferred tax liabilities				
Inventories	(1.8)	(1.0)	-	(2.8)
Property, plant and equipment	(730.9)	5.4	-	(725.5)
Intangible assets	(14.3)	3.6	-	(10.7)
Financial instruments	(26.1)	(27.5)	19.0	(34.6)
Other items	(2.9)	(2.1)	-	(5.0)
Total deferred tax liabilities	(776.0)	(21.6)	19.0	(778.6)
 Net deferred tax liabilities	(726.7)	7.0	18.9	(700.8)
 2024				
Deferred tax assets				
Provisions and accruals	20.7	2.3	-	23.0
Contract liabilities	8.8	(8.5)	-	0.3
Financial instruments	25.0	1.0	-	26.0
Other items	-	(0.3)	0.3	-
Total deferred tax assets	54.5	(5.5)	0.3	49.3
 Deferred tax liabilities				
Inventories	(1.1)	(0.7)	-	(1.8)
Property, plant and equipment	(718.2)	(12.7)	-	(730.9)
Intangible assets	(17.2)	2.9	-	(14.3)
Financial instruments	(21.3)	(2.1)	(2.7)	(26.1)
Other items	(17.7)	14.8	-	(2.9)
Total deferred tax liabilities	(775.5)	2.2	(2.7)	(776.0)
 Net deferred tax liabilities	(721.0)	(3.3)	(2.4)	(726.7)

3 Income tax (continued)

(d) Accounting policies

The tax position is calculated based on the tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date, in the relevant operating jurisdiction. The tax laws and accounting standards have different rules in respect of timing and recognition of income and expenses, resulting in temporary differences (which reverse over time) and non-temporary differences (which do not reverse over time or are temporary differences that do not meet the recognition criteria under the accounting standards).

Income tax expense is calculated as the profit or loss before tax, multiplied by the applicable tax rate, and adjusted for non-temporary differences. Income tax expense includes a current tax and deferred tax component and is recognised in the profit or loss, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in equity or in other comprehensive income.

(i) Current tax

Current tax is the expected tax payable for the period, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of prior periods. Current tax includes both temporary differences and non-temporary differences.

The positions taken in tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulation is subject to interpretation are periodically evaluated and provisions are provided where appropriate based on amounts expected to be paid to the tax authorities.

Current tax assets and liabilities are offset where the Group has a legally enforceable right to offset and intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously.

(ii) Deferred tax

Deferred tax represents taxes to be paid or deductions available in future income years and any adjustment to deferred tax amounts in respect of prior periods. Deferred tax is recognised on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities, and their carrying amounts in the consolidated financial statements, except:

- when arising on the initial recognition of goodwill;
- when arising from the initial recognition of assets or liabilities in a transaction that is not a business combination, that affects neither accounting or taxable profit and at the time of the transaction, does not give rise to equal taxable and deductible differences; or
- where it is not probable that future amounts will be available to utilise those temporary differences or carried-forward tax losses.

(iii) Offsetting deferred tax balances

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset where there is a legally enforceable right to offset and when the deferred tax balances relate to taxes levied by the same tax authority.

(iv) Tax consolidation legislation

The Company is a member of a tax consolidated group of which Aurizon Holdings Limited is the head entity.

The Company accounts for its own current and deferred tax amounts. These tax amounts are measured as if the Company continues to be a stand-alone taxpayer in its own right. However, the current tax liabilities and deferred tax assets arising from unused tax losses and unused tax credits are subsequently assumed by Aurizon Holdings Limited.

The members of the tax consolidated group have also entered into tax funding and tax sharing agreements. The tax funding agreement sets out the funding obligations of members in respect of income tax amounts and allocates tax liabilities using the standalone taxpayer approach. These tax funding arrangements result in the Company recognising a current inter-entity receivable or payable equal in amount to the tax liability or tax asset assumed by the head entity on behalf of the Company.

The tax sharing agreement limits the joint and several liability of the Company in the case of a default by the head entity.

Operating assets and liabilities

IN THIS SECTION

Operating assets and liabilities provides information about the working capital of the Group and major balance sheet items, including the accounting policies, judgements and estimates relevant to understanding these items.

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4 Trade and other receivables

	2025 \$m	2024 \$m
Current		
Trade receivables	169.3	156.9
Provision for impairment	-	-
Net trade receivables	<u>169.3</u>	<u>156.9</u>
 Other receivables ¹	 51.2	 15.6
	<u>220.5</u>	<u>172.5</u>

¹ Other receivables includes insurance receivables of \$6.6 million (2024: \$10.4 million) and GAPE fees of \$5.9 million (2024: \$nil). A \$32.1 million receivable has been recognised for Take-or-Pay revenue (2024: \$4.8 million).

At 30 June, the aging analysis of trade receivables by reference to due dates was as follows:

	2025 \$m	2024 \$m
Current	169.3	156.9
More than 30 days past due	-	-
More than 60 days past due	-	-
More than 90 days past due	-	-
Provision for impairment	-	-
	<u>169.3</u>	<u>156.9</u>

(a) Accounting policies

(i) Trade receivables

Trade receivables are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. Trade receivables are generally due for settlement within 30 days and therefore are presented as current unless collection is not expected for more than 12 months after the reporting date.

(ii) Provision for impairment

The collectability of trade and other receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Individual debts which are known to be uncollectable are written off when identified.

The Group recognises a provision for impairment based on expected lifetime losses of trade and other receivables. The provision for impairment is determined by reference to past default experience of the debtor and an analysis of the debtor's current financial position, adjusted for factors that are specific to the debtor, general economic conditions of the industry in which the debtor operates and an assessment of both the current and forecast conditions at reporting date.

(b) Credit risks related to receivables

In assessing an appropriate provision for impairment of trade and other receivables, consideration is given to historical experience of bad debts, the aging of receivables, knowledge of debtor insolvency and individual account assessment.

Customer credit risk is managed in accordance with the procedures and controls set out in the Group's credit risk management policy. Credit limits are established for all customers based on external and internal credit rating criteria. For some trade receivables, the Group may also obtain security in the form of guarantees, deeds of undertaking or letter of credit which can be called upon if the counterparty is in default under the terms of the agreement.

5 Inventories

	2025 \$m	2024 \$m
Current		
Raw materials and stores at cost	59.7	67.7
Non-current		
Raw materials and stores - at cost	37.5	23.2
Provision for inventory obsolescence	(10.4)	(8.9)
	27.1	14.3

(a) Accounting policies

Inventories include infrastructure items held in centralised stores, workshops and depots. Items expected to be consumed after more than 12 months are classified as non-current.

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. The cost of individual items of inventory are determined using weighted average cost.

The Group recognises a provision for inventory obsolescence based on an assessment of damaged stock, slow-moving stock and stock that has become obsolete. The amount of the provision for inventory obsolescence is recognised in profit or loss in other expenses.

6 Property, plant and equipment

	Assets under construction \$m	Land \$m	Buildings \$m	Plant and equipment \$m	Rollingstock \$m	Infrastructure \$m	Leased assets \$m	Total \$m
2025								
Opening net book amount	103.0	28.6	13.5	168.8	17.5	4,933.9	-	5,265.3
Additions	352.9	-	-	0.2	-	-	1.7	354.8
Transfers between asset classes	(373.4)	-	2.7	10.0	-	360.7	-	-
Disposals ¹	-	-	(0.1)	(1.4)	-	(4.0)	-	(5.5)
Depreciation	-	-	(0.7)	(20.1)	(1.3)	(324.8)	(0.3)	(347.2)
Impairment	-	-	-	-	-	(0.4)	-	(0.4)
Closing net book amount	82.5	28.6	15.4	157.5	16.2	4,965.4	1.4	5,267.0
At 30 June 2025								
Cost	82.5	28.6	29.9	301.4	28.9	8,720.2	1.7	9,193.2
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	-	-	(14.5)	(143.9)	(12.7)	(3,754.8)	(0.3)	(3,926.2)
Net book amount	82.5	28.6	15.4	157.5	16.2	4,965.4	1.4	5,267.0
2024								
Opening net book amount	85.7	28.6	13.9	162.1	18.8	4,906.5	-	5,215.6
Additions	381.4	-	-	0.3	-	5.2	-	386.9
Transfers	(364.1)	-	0.3	26.0	-	337.8	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	(0.8)	-	(5.5)	-	(6.3)
Depreciation	-	-	(0.7)	(18.8)	(1.3)	(310.1)	-	(330.9)
Closing net book amount	103.0	28.6	13.5	168.8	17.5	4,933.9	-	5,265.3
At 30 June 2024								
Cost	103.0	28.6	27.3	299.3	28.9	8,402.1	-	8,889.2
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	-	-	(13.8)	(130.5)	(11.4)	(3,468.2)	-	(3,623.9)
Net book amount	103.0	28.6	13.5	168.8	17.5	4,933.9	-	5,265.3

¹ During the year, the estimated useful lives of certain infrastructure (civil works) was reduced to 25 years. The net effect of changes in the current financial year was an increase in depreciation expense of \$6.1 million.

6 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Significant judgements and estimates

Useful life of infrastructure assets

The Group is the below rail operator and economic owner of the 2,670km CQCN through a long term lease. The Company is responsible for the provision of access to, and operation of the regulated infrastructure assets which connect over 40 coal mines to five export terminals as well as to domestic customers. The useful life of infrastructure assets is determined based on the expected engineering life, capped at the remaining term of the infrastructure lease. In adopting this basis, the Group assumes that the CQCN will remain economically viable throughout the lease term to 2109 which, as explained further below, is dependent on the ongoing future supply and demand for Australian coal.

Around 70% of volume hauled across the CQCN is metallurgical coal which is primarily used to produce steel. Thermal coal which is used as a heat source in energy generation accounts for the remaining 30% of volume hauled. Metallurgical coal is expected to be in demand for longer than thermal coal. The useful life of infrastructure assets will be primarily impacted by the future supply and demand for Australian metallurgical coal rather than thermal coal.

As part of the Group's Strategy in Uncertainty framework, scenario analysis is used to test market drivers and evaluate capital, fleet and haulage opportunities and sustainability in the context of climate change risks. A key component of this analysis is understanding the drivers of supply and demand for commodities transported over the short term as well as risks that emerge over the medium to long term. This analysis is extended over the lease term to 2109 where the timing and magnitude is less certain.

The future supply of Australian metallurgical coal is dependent on, amongst other things, government policies and the ability of customers to gain regulatory approvals and raise funding to support the development of their resource base. Demand for Australian metallurgical coal is dependent on seaborne-traded markets which are increasingly concentrated in Asia and linked to Asian steel production. Future demand is dependent on economic development in Asia including steel intensive growth, alternatives to steel and current steel production methods, technology advancements, competing supply of metallurgical coal and changes in government policies including preference for domestic or imported coal and net-zero emission targets. Major import nations of Australian metallurgical coal with net-zero emissions targets include India (2070), Japan (2050), South Korea (2050) and China (2060).

Regulatory framework considerations

As the CQCN is a regulated asset, the Company earns a Return on and of Capital as part of Allowable Revenue for each coal system under the QCA approved Access Undertaking. The Return of Capital compensates the Company for depreciation of the RAB over QCA endorsed regulatory lives for individual asset classes which differ to the expected engineering life used for statutory reporting purposes. The QCA has also approved an accelerated depreciation profile for additions to the RAB from FY2010 onwards. As a result, at the commencement of each regulatory period, where an asset class has a remaining regulatory useful life:

- higher than 20 years, RAB depreciation is based on a 20-year rolling life, which resets to 20 years each regulatory period
- lower than 20 years, depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis.

The accelerated depreciation profile adopted by the QCA increases the rate at which the Company recovers the Return of Capital and increases Allowable Revenue in the near term.

The QCA approved economic life of the CQCN can be re-assessed at the commencement of each regulatory period and therefore the QCA approved economic life of the CQCN RAB is not an indicator that useful lives adopted for statutory reporting purposes should be revised.

The Group assumes the regulatory framework continues throughout the lease term.

Indicators

The key drivers for the future supply and demand for Australian metallurgical coal over the short term as well as risks that emerge over the medium to long term where the timing and magnitude is less certain are reviewed annually to assess the appropriateness of useful lives assigned to infrastructure assets. Indicators monitored include the following:

- Australian government policies and the ability of customers to gain regulatory approvals and raise funding to support the development of metallurgical coal reserves in the CQCN
- the average remaining life of metallurgical coal mines in the CQCN
- global crude steel production and the share of Australian metallurgical coal used in the process

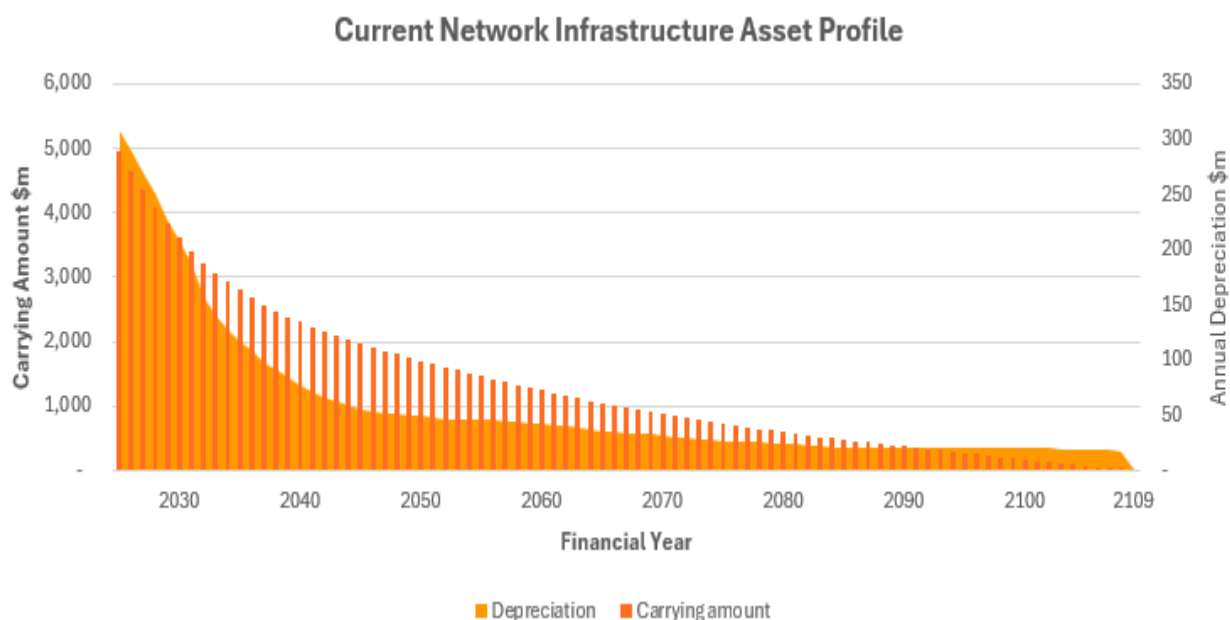
6 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

- the viability of new and alternative technologies that are developed to reduce emissions targets such as carbon capture, utilisation and storage (CCUS), and hydrogen-based steel making, that may positively or negatively impact future metallurgical coal demand
- the average age of steel plants for end markets of Australian metallurgical coal
- global supply competitiveness and Australia's share of seaborne metallurgical coal supply
- climate policy targets and how they are intended to be met at both a country and corporate level, including net-zero emissions targets set by major import nations of Australian coal.

Sensitivity

The indicators monitored are extended over the lease term where the timing and magnitude is less certain. Consequently, a change in indicators reviewed may result in a revision of useful lives assigned to the infrastructure assets in the future resulting in a change in depreciation on a prospective basis. The graph below summarises the annual depreciation profile of the current written down value of infrastructure assets of \$4,965.4 million (leased assets of \$4,472.4 million and owned assets of \$493.0 million) over the useful life applied for each class of assets described in note 6(b)(i) and excludes future capital investments.

FIGURE 1 - INFRASTRUCTURE ASSETS DEPRECIATION PROFILE



All infrastructure assets have a maximum remaining useful life of 84 years (ending FY2109). As an indication of sensitivity, the table below summarises the increase in annual depreciation if the maximum useful life of current infrastructure assets are reduced by 10, 20, 30 or 40 years.

Reduction in maximum useful life (years):	Increase in annual depreciation (\$m p.a):
10	3
20	6
30	12
40	21

6 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

(a) Leases

Leased assets

The Group is the below rail operator and economic owner of rail infrastructure including the 2,670km CQCN through long term leases. The infrastructure and land leases include corridor land and buildings. The assets associated with the leases are classified in infrastructure, land and buildings.

The following table summarises the infrastructure and land leases:

Leases	Lessee	Lessor	Term	Expiry	Rental Amount	Extension Option ¹
CQCN	Aurizon Network Pty Ltd	State of Queensland (land) and Queensland Treasury Holdings (infrastructure)	99 years	30 June 2109	\$1 if demanded	99 years
Part of the North Coast Line	Aurizon Network Pty Ltd	State of Queensland (land) and Queensland Rail (infrastructure)	99 years	30 June 2109	\$1 if demanded	99 years

¹ The State of Queensland and Queensland Rail have an option to extend the leases by a further 99 years. The extension option is on the same terms as the initial lease period. Notice must be provided at least 20 years prior to the expiry of the existing term. The extension option under the corridor land leases are dependent on the infrastructure lease extension being exercised and granted.

(i) Amounts recognised in the consolidated balance sheet

Property, plant and equipment includes the following amounts relating to leased assets:

	2025 \$m	2024 \$m
Leased assets		
Infrastructure	4,472.4	4,406.3
Corridor land	27.7	27.7
Buildings	1.2	1.3
	4,501.3	4,435.3
Other leased assets		
Buildings	1.4	-
	1.4	-
Total leased assets	4,502.7	4,435.3

6 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

(a) Leases (continued)

(i) Amounts recognised in the consolidated balance sheet (continued)

Other liabilities include the following amount relating to lease liabilities:

	2025 \$m	2024 \$m
Lease liabilities		
Current	0.2	-
Non-current	1.3	-
Total lease liabilities	<u>1.5</u>	<u>-</u>

(ii) Amounts recognised in the consolidated income statement

The consolidated income statement includes the following amounts relating to leased assets:

	2025 \$m	2024 \$m
Depreciation of leased assets		
Infrastructure	294.1	279.4
Buildings	0.1	0.1
	<u>294.2</u>	<u>279.5</u>
Depreciation of other leased assets		
Buildings	0.3	-
	<u>0.3</u>	<u>-</u>
Total leased assets depreciation	<u>294.5</u>	<u>279.5</u>

6 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

(b) Accounting policies

(i) Property, plant and equipment

Carrying value

Property, plant and equipment (including leased infrastructure, corridor land and buildings) is stated at historical cost, less any accumulated depreciation or impairment. Costs include expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items and borrowing costs that are related to the acquisition or construction of an asset. Costs may also include transfers from equity of any gains or losses on qualifying cash flow hedges of foreign currency purchases of property, plant and equipment.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group. All repairs and maintenance are charged to profit or loss during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis, except for motor vehicles included in plant and equipment for which depreciation is calculated on a diminishing value method. Straight-line allocates the cost of an item of property, plant and equipment net of residual values over the expected useful life of each asset. Estimates of remaining useful life and residual values are reviewed and adjusted, if appropriate, on an annual basis.

The useful lives applied for each class of assets are:

	Range of useful lives (years)
• Infrastructure, including:	
Tracks	7 - 50
Track turnouts	20 - 25
Ballast	8 - 20
Civil works ¹	20 - 99
Bridges	30 - 99
Electrification	20 - 50
Field signals	15 - 40
• Buildings	10 - 40
• Rollingstock, including:	
Wagons	25 - 40
Wagon componentisation	10 - 17
• Plant and equipment	3 - 20

¹ During the year, the estimated useful lives of certain infrastructure (civil works) was reduced to 25 years.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

(ii) Leases

An asset and a corresponding liability, except for where the lease is prepaid, are recognised at the date at which the asset is available for use by the Group. Where the Group is a sub-lessor and the sub-lease is for the duration of the head lease, the asset recognised from the head lease is derecognised and a lease receivable equal to the present value of future lease payments receivable is recognised.

Assets and liabilities arising from a lease are initially measured on a present-value basis. Lease liabilities include the net present value of the following lease payments:

- fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments), less any lease incentives receivable;
- variable lease payments that are based on an index or a rate; and
- payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the lessee exercising that option.

The lease payments are discounted using the Group's incremental borrowing rate, being the rate that the Group would have to pay to borrow the funds necessary to obtain an asset of similar value in a similar economic environment with similar terms and conditions.

6 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

(b) Accounting policies (continued)

(ii) Leases (continued)

Other leased assets are measured at cost comprising the following:

- the amount of the initial measurement of lease liability;
- any lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received; and
- any initial direct costs.

Other leased assets are generally depreciated over the shorter of the asset's useful life and the lease term on a straight-line basis. If the Group is reasonably certain to exercise a purchase option, the asset is depreciated over the underlying asset's useful life.

(iii) Impairment tests for property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment subject to depreciation is reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable.

In testing for impairment, the recoverable amount is estimated for an individual asset or, if it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount for the individual asset, the recoverable amount for the cash generating unit (CGU) to which the asset belongs. CGUs are the smallest identifiable group of assets that generate cash flows that are largely independent from the cash flows of other assets or group of assets. Each CGU is no larger than a reportable segment.

Assets are impaired if their carrying amount exceeds their recoverable amount. The recoverable amount of an asset or CGU is determined as the higher of its fair value less costs of disposal or value-in-use.

An impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss if the carrying amount of the asset or a CGU exceeds its recoverable amount. Impairment losses recognised in respect of CGUs are allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to the CGU (group of CGUs) and then to reduce the carrying amount of other assets in the CGU (group of CGUs).

Where there is an indicator that previously recognised impairment losses may no longer exist or may have decreased, the asset is tested for impairment. The impairment loss is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount of the asset and is reversed only to the extent that the carrying amount of the asset does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, had no impairment loss been recognised.

7 Intangible assets

	Software under development	Software \$m	Total \$m
2025			
Opening net book amount	-	57.2	57.2
Additions	2.5	-	2.5
Transfers between asset classes	(2.5)	2.5	-
Amortisation	-	(14.6)	(14.6)
Closing net book amount	-	45.1	45.1
At 30 June 2025			
Gross value	-	146.7	146.7
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	-	(101.6)	(101.6)
Net book amount	-	45.1	45.1
2024			
Opening net book amount	-	69.5	69.5
Amortisation	-	(12.3)	(12.3)
Closing net book amount	-	57.2	57.2
At 30 June 2024			
Cost	-	144.2	144.2
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	-	(87.0)	(87.0)
Net book amount	-	57.2	57.2

(a) Accounting policies

(i) Software

Costs incurred in developing products or systems, and costs incurred in acquiring software and licences that will contribute to future period financial benefits through revenue generation and/or cost reduction are capitalised to software and systems. Costs capitalised include external direct costs of materials and service, employee costs and an appropriate portion of relevant overheads. Software development costs include only those costs directly attributable to the development phase, and are only recognised following completion of technical feasibility and where the Group has an intention and ability to use the asset.

Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) arrangements are service contracts which provide the right to access the cloud provider's application software over the contract period. Costs incurred to configure or customise, and the ongoing licence fees, are recognised as an expense in profit or loss. Some of these costs incurred are for the development of software code that enhances or creates additional capability to existing systems and are recognised as an intangible asset when the recognition criteria are met.

Software is stated at historical cost, less any accumulated amortisation or impairment. Amortisation is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life which varies from three to 15 years.

8 Trade and other payables

	2025 \$m	2024 \$m
Current		
Trade payables	114.9	126.0
Other payables	42.3	29.3
	<u>157.2</u>	<u>155.3</u>

(a) Accounting policies

Trade and other payables represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Group prior to the end of financial year which are unpaid. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 45 days or within the terms agreed with the supplier.

9 Provisions

	2025 \$m	2024 \$m
Current		
Employee benefits (a)	60.7	58.0
Insurance provisions	0.5	4.3
	<u>61.2</u>	<u>62.3</u>
Non-current		
Employee benefits (a)	4.4	4.3
Total provisions	<u>65.6</u>	<u>66.6</u>

(a) Employee benefits

	2025 \$m	2024 \$m
Annual leave	16.0	15.0
Long service leave	34.7	32.3
Other	14.4	15.0
	<u>65.1</u>	<u>62.3</u>

Long service leave includes all unconditional entitlements where employees have completed the required period of service and a provision for the probability employees will reach the required period of service. The Group does not expect all employees to take the full amount of employee benefits or require payment within the next 12 months based on past experience. The current provision for employee benefits includes \$30.3 million (2024: \$29.5 million) that is not expected to be taken or paid within the next 12 months.

(b) Accounting policies

A provision is recognised when the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation and the amount has been reliably estimated. Provisions are measured at the present value of the best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the present obligation at the reporting date.

(i) Employee benefits

The provision for employee benefits includes accrued annual leave, leave loading, retirement allowances, long service leave, short-term incentive plans and termination benefits.

Liabilities for wages and salaries and accumulating non-monetary benefits expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date, are recognised in respect of employees' services up to the end of the reporting date. They are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled.

9 Provisions (continued)

(b) Accounting policies (continued)

(i) Employee benefits (continued)

Liabilities for annual leave and long service leave are measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the end of the reporting date. Expected future payments that are not expected to be settled within 12 months are discounted using market yield at the reporting date of Australian corporate bond rates and reflects the terms to maturity. Remeasurements as a result of adjustments and changes in actuarial assumptions are recognised in profit or loss.

A liability for short-term incentive plans is recognised based on a formula that takes into consideration the Group and individual key performance indicators. The Group recognises a provision where contractually obliged or where there is a past practice that has created a constructive obligation.

A termination benefit is payable when the Group decides to terminate the employment, or when an employee accepts redundancy in exchange for these benefits. A provision is recognised at the earlier of when the Group can no longer withdraw the offer of those benefits or when the Group recognises costs for restructuring and is measured using the present value of the expected amounts to be paid to settle the obligation.

Employee benefits are presented as current liabilities in the balance sheet if the Group does not have any unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the reporting period, regardless of when the actual settlement is expected to occur.

(ii) Superannuation

Aurizon Network Pty Ltd is a member of the State Public Sector Superannuation Scheme (QSuper) multi-employer defined benefit superannuation plan and is required to contribute a specific percentage of employee benefits expense to fund the retirement benefits of 89 employees (2024: 97).

In accordance with the requirements of AASB 119 *Employee Benefits*, given the lack of sufficient information available, the plan is accounted for as if it were a defined contribution plan. Defined contribution superannuation expense in note 2 includes \$1.8 million (2024: \$1.9 million) relating to the QSuper defined benefit plan.

(iii) Insurance provision

The Aurizon Group Insurance Program includes certain placements with a related party captive insurance company, Iron Horse Insurance Company Pte Ltd (incorporated in the Republic of Singapore). The captive insurance company only underwrites the Aurizon Group and its subsidiaries for property and liability insurance. A provision is recognised for the estimated liability of known claims and an allowance for Incurred But Not Reported claims for property and liability insurance. Estimates are based on expected claim costs.

(iv) Land rehabilitation

A provision is recognised for the present value of estimated costs of land rehabilitation and make good where the Group has a legal or constructive obligation to restore a site.

The Group is the below rail operator and economic owner of the 2,670km CQCN under long-term infrastructure and land leases as described in note 6. The CQCN is required to be managed and maintained in accordance with good operating practice. At expiry of the long-term leases, the Group has the right, but not the obligation, to remove the infrastructure (or parts of it) by agreement with the lessor or to be paid the fair market value of the infrastructure that is not removed. Therefore, no land rehabilitation provision is recognised in respect of the CQCN.

10 Other liabilities

	2025 \$m	2024 \$m
Current		
Contract liabilities (a)	16.6	26.5
Lease liabilities (b)	0.2	-
Tax loan payable to parent entity	79.1	59.2
Other current liabilities	-	0.1
	<u>95.9</u>	<u>85.8</u>
Non-current		
Contract liabilities (a)	54.2	58.4
Lease liabilities (b)	1.3	-
	<u>55.5</u>	<u>58.4</u>

(a) Contract liabilities

Refer to note 1(b) for further information relating to contract liabilities.

(b) Lease liabilities

Lease liabilities represent the present value of future lease payments.

Minimum lease payments are as follows:

	2025 \$m	2024 \$m
Within one year	0.2	-
Later than one year but not later than five years	1.1	-
Later than five years	0.5	-
	<u>1.8</u>	<u>-</u>
Less: Discounted using the Group's incremental borrowing rate	(0.3)	-
Total lease liabilities	<u>1.5</u>	<u>-</u>

Capital and financial risk management

IN THIS SECTION

Capital and financial risk management provides information about the capital management practices of the Group and shareholder returns for the year, and discusses the Group's exposure to various financial risks, explains how these affect the Group's financial position and performance, and what the Group does to manage these risks.

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11 Capital risk management

The Group aims to maintain a strong capital base to support investor, creditor and market confidence, while enabling future development of the business. The Group monitors its capital structure using the gearing ratio, ability to generate free cash flow and credit rating.

Net debt consists of borrowings (both current and non-current) less cash and cash equivalents. Net gearing ratio is defined as Net debt divided by Net debt plus Equity. Net debt and Net gearing ratio are measures of the Group's indebtedness and provides an indicator of the balance sheet strength. The gearing ratio excludes derivative financial instruments used to hedge market risk on borrowings.

	Notes	2025 \$m	2024 \$m
Total borrowings	14	3,846.2	3,589.9
Less: cash and cash equivalents		(10.5)	(5.4)
Net debt		3,835.7	3,584.5
Total equity		709.4	833.7
Total capital		4,545.1	4,418.2
Net gearing ratio		84.4%	81.1%

12 Dividends

Declared and paid during the period	\$m
For the year ended 30 June 2025	
Final dividend for 2024 (unfranked)	117.8
Interim dividend for 2025 (unfranked)	139.2
	257.0

For the year ended 30 June 2024	
Final dividend for 2023 (unfranked)	114.0
Interim dividend for 2024 (unfranked)	140.4
	254.4

Proposed and unrecognised at period end

For the year ended 30 June 2025	
Final dividend for 2025 (unfranked)	126.4
For the year ended 30 June 2024	
Final dividend for 2024 (unfranked)	117.8

13 Equity

(a) Contributed equity

(i) Issued capital

	Number of shares	\$m
At 1 July 2023	130	399.7
At 30 June 2024	130	399.7
Capital contribution from the parent	250,000,000	250.0
Capital distribution to the parent	-	(300.0)
At 30 June 2025	250,000,130	349.7

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. The Company does not have authorised capital or par value in respect of its issued shares. All issued shares are fully paid. Ordinary shares entitle the holder to participate in dividends. Contributed equity is reduced for payments made to the parent entity.

(ii) Other contributed equity

	2025 \$m	2024 \$m
Capital contribution from the parent for share-based payments	5.2	4.4
Aggregate deferred tax on related share-based payments	1.1	1.3
Total other contributed equity	6.3	5.7

The grant by Aurizon Holdings Limited of rights over its equity instruments to the employees of subsidiary companies in the Aurizon Group is treated as a capital contribution to that subsidiary company. The fair value of employee services received, measured by reference to the grant date fair value, is recognised over the vesting period by the Company as an employee benefits expense with a corresponding credit to equity. The difference between the market value of Aurizon Holdings Limited shares acquired by a subsidiary to settle vested share based payments schemes and the fair value expensed by the Company is treated as a distribution to the parent through a reduction in issued capital.

(b) Reserves

	2025 \$m	2024 \$m
Cash flow hedges		
Balance 1 July	(0.6)	(7.0)
Fair value gains/(losses) taken to equity	(63.5)	9.0
Fair value gains/(losses) transferred to property, plant and equipment	-	0.1
Tax expense/(benefit) relating to items of other comprehensive income	19.0	(2.7)
Balance 30 June	(45.1)	(0.6)

(i) Cash flow hedge reserve

The cash flow hedge reserve comprises the effective portion of the cumulative net change in the fair value of cash flow hedging instruments related to hedge transactions that have not yet occurred.

14 Borrowings

The Group borrows money through bank debt facilities, the issuance of debt securities in capital markets and from time to time advances from related parties.

The carrying amount of the Group's borrowings is as follows:

	2025 \$m	2024 \$m
Current - Unsecured		
Bank debt facilities	35.0	69.0
EMTNs	886.2	798.7
Loans from related parties	227.9	53.5
	1,149.1	921.2
Non-current - Unsecured		
Bank debt facilities	820.0	580.0
AMTNs	1,508.4	979.4
EMTNs	73.0	828.4
US Private Placement Notes	306.2	292.4
Capitalised borrowing costs	(10.5)	(11.5)
	2,697.1	2,668.7
Total borrowings	3,846.2	3,589.9

The Group has complied with all required covenants and undertakings under bank debt facilities, AMTNs, EMTNs and USPP notes throughout the reporting period.

The Group manages its exposure to interest rate risk as set out in note 15(a). Details of the Group's financing arrangements and exposure to risks arising from borrowings are set out in note 15(b)(i).

At reporting date, the Group has a net current liability position of \$1,066.0 million due to the classification of the Euro denominated Medium Term Note (EMTN 2) with a notional amount of \$778.2 million maturing June 2026 as a current liability and an increase in loans from related parties. Pre-existing funding capacity will be used to repay the \$778.2 million EMTN 2 maturing June 2026.

The Group may also draw upon funds pursuant to the Intra Group Loan and Funding Agreements with related parties of the Aurizon Group (refer to note 19 for further information).

(a) Accounting policies

Borrowings are initially recognised at fair value of the consideration received, less directly attributable borrowing costs. Borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. Directly attributable borrowing costs are capitalised and amortised over the expected term of the bank debt facilities, AMTNs, EMTNs and USPP notes.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities, except for those liabilities where the Group has an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the reporting period which are classified as non-current liabilities.

15 Financial risk management

Financial risks, including market risk, liquidity and funding risk and credit risk, are managed through policies approved by the Board. The policies outline principles and procedures with respect to risk tolerance, delegated levels of authority on the type and use of derivative financial instruments and the reporting of these exposures. The policies are subject to periodic review. The Group typically uses derivative financial instruments to hedge underlying exposures arising from operational activities relating to changes in foreign exchange rates and interest rates.

Under the QCA approved regulatory regime, the Company receives compensation for its cost of debt through the WACC. The risk-free rate and debt risk premium used to determine WACC are based on observed market data in the 20 business days prior to a WACC reset date. Interest rate risk is managed through the establishment of financial derivatives to fix the underlying interest rate of forecast debt over this period.

The Group's overall financial risk management program focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the Group's financial performance as set out in the table below:

Risk	Exposure	Mitigation
Market risk		
- Interest rate risk	The Group is exposed to interest rate risk in respect to short and long-term borrowings where interest is charged at variable rates and to fair value interest rate risk on fixed rate borrowings.	The Group mitigates interest rate risk primarily by maintaining an appropriate mix of fixed and floating rate borrowings. Where necessary, the Group hedges interest rates using derivative financial instruments - interest rate swaps to manage cash flows and interest rate exposure.
- Interest rate and foreign exchange risk	The Group is exposed to interest rate and foreign currency exchange risk in respect of the Euro (€) and Japanese Yen (¥) denominated Medium-Term Notes (EMTNs) and US dollar (US\$) denominated Private Placement Notes (USPP).	To mitigate the risk of adverse movements in interest rates and foreign exchange in respect of foreign currency denominated borrowings, the Group enters into cross-currency interest rate swaps (CCIRS) to replace foreign currency principal and interest payments with Australian dollar repayments.
- Foreign exchange risk	The Group is exposed to foreign exchange risk in respect of purchases of inventory and property, plant and equipment denominated in a foreign currency.	The Group manages foreign currency risk on contractual commitments by entering into forward exchange contracts.
Liquidity and funding risk	The Group is exposed to liquidity and funding risk from operations and borrowings, where the risk is that the Group may not be able to refinance debt obligations or meet other cash outflow obligations when required.	The Group mitigates liquidity and funding risk by ensuring a sufficient range of funds are available to meet its cash flow obligations when due under both normal and stressed conditions without incurring unacceptable losses or damage to the Group's reputation.
Credit risk	The Group is exposed to credit risk from financial instrument contracts and trade and other receivables. The maximum exposure to credit risk at reporting date is the carrying amount, net of any provisions for impairment.	The Group enters into financial instrument contracts with high credit quality financial institutions with a minimum long-term credit rating of BBB+ or better by Standard & Poor's. The Board approved policies set maximum individual counterparty credit limits based on long-term credit ratings. The Group manages counterparty risk through approval, granting and renewal of credit limits, regularly monitoring exposures against credit limits, and assessing overall financial stability and strength of counterparties on an ongoing basis. Refer to note 4 for credit risk exposures relating to trade and other receivables.

15 Financial risk management (continued)

(a) Market risk

(i) Foreign exchange risk

The Group is exposed to foreign currency risk through foreign denominated borrowings and capital purchases. The exposure is mitigated through hedging 100% of foreign denominated borrowings for both principal and interest for the life of the debt. As at 30 June 2025 and 2024, these foreign currency risk exposures were 100% hedged through cross-currency interest rate swaps. The Group's exposure to foreign currency risk for capital purchases is not considered to have a material impact.

The following sensitivity illustrates how a reasonable possible change in the US dollar, Euro or Japanese Yen would impact the financial results and position of the Group as at 30 June:

- If the Australian dollar had changed by 10% against the US dollar, with all other variables held constant, the impact on equity would have been \$5.0 million (2024: \$5.3 million) and no impact on profit or loss.
- If the Australian dollar had changed by 10% against the Euro, with all other variables held constant, the impact on equity would have been \$2.5 million (2024: \$4.7 million) and no impact on profit or loss.
- If the Australian dollar had changed by 10% against the Japanese Yen, with all other variables held constant, the impact on equity would have been \$1.3 million (2024: \$0.7 million) and no impact on profit or loss.

(ii) Interest rate risk

The Group is exposed to interest rate risk through exposure to movements in the reference rate being Australian Bank Bill Swap (BBSW) on its variable debt and fixed rate debt that has been swapped to variable through interest rate swaps, refer to note 15(b)(i) for details on the Group's financing arrangements. The table below represents the Group's total variable rate exposure notional amount and the interest rate swaps outstanding at 30 June to convert variable interest payments to fixed:

	Balance \$m
2025	
Variable rate exposure (including Intra Group Loan with Parent)	3,715.6
Interest rate swaps (notional amount)	(3,600.0)
Net exposure to interest rate risk	115.6
2024	
Variable rate exposure	3,619.5
Interest rate swaps (notional amount)	(3,150.0)
Net exposure to interest rate risk	469.5

The Group's weighted average interest rate is 6.3% (2024: 6.4%) on its variable rate exposure. The Group hedges 97% (2024: 87%) of the variable rate exposure through interest rate swaps at a weighted average interest rate of 4.0% (2024: 4.0%). The weighted average maturity of interest rate swaps is 1.9 years (2024: 2.9 years).

The following sensitivity illustrates the gain/(loss) impact of a 100 basis points (bps) increase or decrease in interest rates with all other variables held constant:

- Net profit would increase by \$0.7 million (2024: decrease by \$4.7 million) with a 100-bps increase in interest rate or decrease by \$0.7 million (2024: increase by \$4.7 million) with a 100 bps decrease in interest rates; and
- Equity reserves would increase by \$71.4 million (2024: increase by \$83.1 million) with a 100-bps increase in interest rate or decrease by \$72.7 million (2024: decrease by \$85.2 million) with a 100 bps decrease in interest rates.

15 Financial risk management (continued)

(a) Market risk (continued)

(iii) Effects of hedge accounting

The table below summarises the hedging instruments used to manage market risk:

	2025 \$m	2024 \$m
Current assets		
CCIRS	103.7	86.9
	<u>103.7</u>	<u>86.9</u>
Non-current assets		
Interest rate swaps	25.8	18.6
CCIRS	4.1	-
	<u>29.9</u>	<u>18.6</u>
Total derivative financial instrument assets	<u>133.6</u>	<u>105.5</u>
Non-current liabilities		
Interest rate swaps	133.5	128.0
CCIRS	2.4	45.5
Total derivative financial instrument liabilities	<u>135.9</u>	<u>173.5</u>

15 Financial risk management (continued)

(a) Market risk (continued)

(iii) Effects of hedge accounting (continued)

The following table summarises the impact of hedging instruments designated in hedging relationships, recognised as derivative financial instruments in the consolidated balance sheet:

	Cash flow hedge			Fair value hedge		
	Foreign exchange contracts	Pay Fixed AUD interest rate swaps ¹	CCIRS ³	Receive Fixed AUD interest rate swaps ²	CCIRS ³	
	Capital purchases \$m	AUD Floating rate debt \$m	EUR, USD & JPY Fixed rate debt \$m	AUD Fixed rate debt \$m	EUR, USD & JPY Fixed rate debt \$m	Total \$m
2025						
Notional amount	-	3,600.0	1,094.9	1,618.0	1,094.9	-
Carrying amount assets/(liabilities) of hedging instrument	-	(57.9)	(6.6)	(49.9)	112.1	(2.3)
At 30 June 2025						
Cumulative fair value adjustment on hedged item ⁴	-	-	-	48.2	(111.2)	(63.0)
Carrying amount of borrowings subject to fair value hedges	-	-	-	(1,569.8)	(1,206.1)	(2,775.9)
Cumulative balance deferred in cash flow hedge reserve (before tax) ⁵	-	58.7	5.7	-	-	64.4
During the year recognised						
Gain/(loss) on change in fair value of the hedging instrument for effectiveness testing	-	(77.3)	15.2	78.1	48.9	64.9
Gain/(loss) on change in fair value of the hedged item	-	76.3	(12.8)	(80.9)	(50.7)	(68.1)
(Gain)/loss on change in the value of the hedged instrument recognised in other comprehensive income (before tax)	-	(76.3)	12.8	-	-	(63.5)
Hedged ineffectiveness recognised in profit or loss	-	1.0	(2.4)	2.8	1.8	3.2

¹ Interest rate swaps are designated in a hedge relationship against a portion of the outstanding debt balances up to the notional amount of the swaps. The interest rate swaps have a weighted average pay fixed leg of 3.90% and a receive floating leg of BBSW.

² Interest rate swaps are designated to be in a 100% hedge relationship against the identified fixed rate borrowings. The interest rate swaps have a weighted average pay floating leg of BBSW + 2.15% spread and a receive fixed leg of 5.00%.

³ CCIRS are split designated in cash flow hedge and fair value hedge relationships. CCIRS have a weighted average receive fixed EUR rate leg of 3.13% and pay floating AUD leg of BBSW + 3.95%, a weighted average receive fixed USD rate leg of 6.56% and pay floating AUD leg of BBSW + 3.68% spread and a weighted average receive fixed JPY rate leg of 2.39% and pay floating AUD leg of BBSW + 2.11% spread.

⁴ The cumulative fair value adjustment is included in borrowings.

15 Financial risk management (continued)

(a) Market risk (continued)

(iii) Effects of hedge accounting (continued)

⁵ Cash flow hedge reserve includes the cumulative impact of cross-currency basis recognised as cost of hedging of \$5.4 million.

15 Financial risk management (continued)

(a) Market risk (continued)

(iii) Effects of hedge accounting (continued)

	Cash flow hedge			Fair value hedge		
	Foreign exchange contracts	Pay Fixed AUD interest rate swaps ¹	CCIRS ³	Receive Fixed AUD interest rate swaps ²	CCIRS ³	
	Capital purchases \$m	AUD Floating rate debt \$m	EUR, USD & JPY Fixed rate debt \$m	AUD Fixed rate debt \$m	EUR, USD & JPY Fixed rate debt \$m	Total \$m
2024						
Notional amount	-	3,150.0	1,752.4	1,218.0	1,752.4	-
Carrying amount assets/(liabilities) of hedging instrument	-	18.6	(21.8)	(128.0)	63.2	(68.0)
At 30 June 2024						
Cumulative fair value adjustment on hedged item ⁴	-	-	-	129.1	(60.5)	68.6
Carrying amount of borrowings subject to fair value hedges	-	-	-	(1,088.9)	(1,812.9)	(2,901.8)
Cumulative balance deferred in cash flow hedge reserve (before tax) ⁵	-	(17.6)	18.5	-	-	0.9
During the year recognised						
Gain/(loss) on change in fair value of the hedging instrument for effectiveness testing	-	7.0	1.7	8.9	5.9	23.5
Gain/(loss) on change in fair value of the hedged item	-	(7.3)	(1.8)	(8.2)	(6.1)	(23.4)
(Gain)/loss on change in the value of the hedged instrument recognised in other comprehensive income (before tax)	-	7.3	1.8	-	-	9.1
Hedged ineffectiveness recognised in profit or loss	-	0.3	0.1	(0.7)	0.2	(0.1)

¹ Interest rate swaps are designated in a hedge relationship against a portion of the outstanding debt balances up to the notional amount of the swaps. The interest rate swaps have a weighted average pay fixed leg of 3.95% and a receive floating leg of BBSW.

² Interest rate swaps are designated to be in a 100% hedge relationship against the identified fixed rate borrowings. The interest rate swaps have a weighted average pay floating leg of BBSW + 2.19% spread and a receive fixed leg of 4.57%.

³ CCIRS are split designated in cash flow hedge and fair value hedge relationships. CCIRS have a weighted average receive fixed EUR rate leg of 2.56% and pay floating AUD leg of BBSW + 2.93%, a weighted average receive fixed USD rate leg of 6.56% and pay floating AUD leg of BBSW + 3.68% spread, and a weighted average receive fixed JPY rate leg of 2.00% and pay floating AUD leg of BBSW + 2.05% spread.

⁴ The cumulative fair value adjustment is included in borrowings.

⁵ Cash flow hedge reserve includes the cumulative impact of cross-currency basis recognised as cost of hedging of \$12.8 million.

15 Financial risk management (continued)

(b) Liquidity and funding risk

(i) Financing arrangements

The table below summarises the financing arrangements the Group had access to at the end of the period. The facilities are unsecured.

Under limited circumstances, the Group may also draw upon funds pursuant to the Intra Group Loan/Funding Agreements (refer note 19).

		Utilised ¹		Facility limit	
	Maturity	2025 \$m	2024 \$m	2025 \$m	2024 \$m
Senior Bank Debt Facilities					
Working capital facility	Jun-26	38.5	72.5	75.0	75.0
Bilateral facility	Dec 27 - Oct 30	435.0	195.0	1,290.0	1,240.0
Syndicated revolver facility	Dec-28	-	-	115.0	115.0
Syndicated term loan facility	Dec 28 - Dec 29	385.0	385.0	385.0	385.0
		858.5	652.5	1,865.0	1,815.0
Senior Capital Markets Debt					
AMTN Programme					
- AMTN 3 (AUD)	Mar-30	82.0	82.0	82.0	82.0
- AMTN 4 (AUD)	Sep-30	500.0	500.0	500.0	500.0
- AMTN 8 (AUD)	Sep-31	350.0	350.0	350.0	350.0
- AMTN 5 (AUD)	Dec-31	75.0	75.0	75.0	75.0
- AMTN 6 (AUD)	Dec-32	80.0	80.0	80.0	80.0
- AMTN 7 (AUD)	Dec-34	120.0	20.0	120.0	20.0
- AMTN 9 (AUD)	Dec-33	300.0	-	300.0	-
- AMTN 10 (JPY)	Jun-40	53.1	-	53.1	-
EMTN programme					
- EMTN 1 (Euro)	Sep-24	-	710.6	-	710.6
- EMTN 2 (Euro)	Jun-26	778.2	778.2	778.2	778.2
- EMTN 3 (JPY)	May-34	68.0	68.0	68.0	68.0
USPP programme					
- USPP (USD)	Jun-33	184.4	184.4	184.4	184.4
- USPP (USD)	Jun-35	122.2	122.2	122.2	122.2
		2,712.9	2,970.4	2,712.9	2,970.4
Total Group financing arrangements		3,571.4	3,622.9	4,577.9	4,785.4

¹ Amounts utilised incorporates bank guarantees included in the working capital facility of \$3.5 million (2024: \$3.5 million) and excludes capitalised borrowing costs of \$10.5 million (2024: \$11.5 million), discounts on Medium Term Notes of \$2.1 million (2024: \$2.9 million), and the accumulated fair value adjustments on fixed debt in a fair value hedge relationship of \$63.0 million (2024: \$68.6 million).

15 Financial risk management (continued)

(b) Liquidity and funding risk (continued)

(ii) Maturities of financial liabilities

The table below analyses the Group's financial liabilities, including derivatives, into relevant maturity groupings based on the period remaining until the contractual maturity date. The amounts disclosed are the contractual undiscounted cash flows and interest components at the prevailing foreign exchange rates at the reporting date, profiled on the earliest contractual maturity.

	1 year or less \$m	1 - 5 years \$m	More than 5 years \$m	Total contractual cash flows \$m	Carrying amount (assets)/ liabilities \$m
2025					
Non-derivative financial instruments					
Trade and other payables	157.2	-	-	157.2	157.2
Other liabilities	79.1	-	-	79.1	79.1
Borrowings (excluding the effect of CCIRS) ¹	1,325.7	1,434.4	2,126.2	4,886.3	3,846.2
Financial guarantees	3.5	-	-	3.5	-
Total non-derivative financial instruments	1,565.5	1,434.4	2,126.2	5,126.1	4,082.5
Derivatives					
Interest rate swaps	34.1	71.6	1.6	107.3	107.7
CCIRS	(88.0)	17.5	29.8	(40.7)	(105.4)
Total derivatives	(53.9)	89.1	31.4	66.6	2.3
2024					
Non-derivative financial instruments					
Trade and other payables	155.3	-	-	155.3	155.3
Other liabilities	59.2	-	-	59.2	59.2
Borrowings (excluding the effect of CCIRS) ¹	1,004.6	1,549.4	1,947.3	4,501.3	3,589.9
Financial guarantees	3.5	-	-	3.5	-
Total non-derivative financial instruments	1,222.6	1,549.4	1,947.3	4,719.3	3,804.4
Derivatives					
Interest rate swaps	11.7	78.6	29.8	120.1	109.4
CCIRS	(51.5)	33.7	31.4	13.6	(41.4)
Total derivatives	(39.8)	112.3	61.2	133.7	68.0

¹ Includes loans from related parties of \$227.9 million (2024: \$53.5 million).

15 Financial risk management (continued)

(c) Hedging instruments

(i) Accounting policies

Derivative financial instruments are recognised initially at fair value on the date the instrument is entered into and are subsequently remeasured at fair value or 'mark-to-market' at each reporting date. The gain or loss on remeasurement is recognised immediately in profit or loss unless the derivative is designated as a hedging instrument, in which case the remeasurement is recognised in equity.

A derivative is presented as a non-current asset or a non-current liability if the remaining maturity of the instrument is more than 12 months and it is not due to be realised or settled within 12 months. Other derivatives are presented as current assets or current liabilities.

Hedge accounting

At inception of the hedge relationship, the Group formally designated the relationship between hedging instruments and hedged items, as well as its risk management objective for undertaking various hedge transactions. The Group also documents its assessment at hedge inception date and on an ongoing basis as to whether the derivatives that are used in hedging transactions have been and will continue to be highly effective in offsetting changes in fair values or cash flows of hedged items.

The Group enters into hedge relationships where the critical terms of the hedging instrument match exactly with the terms of the hedged item and a qualitative assessment is performed to assess effectiveness. If changes in circumstances affect the terms of the hedged item, such as the terms no longer match exactly with the critical terms of the hedged instrument, a hypothetical derivative method is used to assess effectiveness.

The main source of hedge ineffectiveness is the effect of the credit risk differential between the Group and its respective counterparties (i.e. credit curves) on the fair value of interest rate swaps and CCIRS, which is not reflected in the fair value of the hedged item. Ineffectiveness may be due to differences in the critical terms between the interest rate swaps and loans, in the timing of forecast transactions or any off-market derivatives. Hedge ineffectiveness is recognised against the mark-to-market position of the derivative financial instrument and in profit or loss in finance expenses.

Rebalancing

If the hedge ratio for risk management purposes is no longer optimal but the risk management objective remains unchanged and the hedge continues to qualify for hedge accounting, the hedge relationship will be rebalanced by adjusting either the volume of the hedging instrument or the volume of the hedged item so that the hedge ratio aligns with the ratio used for risk management purposes. Any hedge ineffectiveness is calculated and accounted for at the time of the hedge relationship rebalancing.

15 Financial risk management (continued)

(c) Hedging instruments (continued)

(i) Accounting policies (continued)

For the purpose of hedge accounting, hedges are classified as fair value hedges or cash flow hedges and are accounted for as set out in the table below.

	Fair value hedge	Cash flow hedge
What is it?	A derivative or financial instrument designated as hedging the changes in fair value of a recognised asset or liability or firm commitment. A fair value hedge is used to swap fixed interest payments to variable interest payments in order to manage the Group's exposure to interest rate risk.	A derivative or financial instrument hedging the exposure to variability in cash flow attributable to a particular risk associated with an asset, liability or forecasted transaction. A cash flow hedge is used to swap variable interest rate payments to fixed interest rate payments, or to lock in foreign currency rates in order to manage the Group's exposure to interest rate risk and foreign exchange risk.
Movement in fair value	Changes in the fair value of the derivative are recognised in profit or loss, together with the changes in fair value of the hedged asset or liability attributable to the hedged risk. The gain or loss relating to the effective portion of interest rate swaps hedging fixed rate borrowings are recognised in profit or loss within finance expenses, together with the changes in fair value of the hedged fixed rate borrowing attributable to interest rate risk. The gain or loss relating to the ineffective portion is recognised separately to the effective portion in profit or loss within finance expenses.	The effective part of any gain or loss on the derivative financial instrument is recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity in the cash flow hedge reserve. The change in the fair value that is identified as ineffective is recognised immediately in profit or loss within finance income or finance expenses. Amounts accumulated in equity are transferred to profit or loss when the hedged item affects profit or loss. When the forecast transaction results in the recognition of a non-financial asset (property, plant and equipment), the gains or losses previously deferred in equity are transferred from equity and included in the measurement of the initial cost or carrying amount of the asset.
Discontinuation of hedge accounting	If the hedge no longer meets the criteria for hedge accounting, the adjustment to the carrying amount of a hedged item for which the effective interest method is used is amortised to the profit or loss in finance income over the period to maturity using a recalculated effective interest rate.	When a hedging instrument expires or is sold or terminated, or when a hedge no longer meets the criteria for hedge accounting, any cumulative gain or loss existing in equity at that time remains in equity and is recognised when the forecast transaction is ultimately recognised in profit or loss. When a forecast transaction is no longer expected to occur, the cumulative gain or loss that was reported in equity is immediately transferred to profit or loss.

15 Financial risk management (continued)

(d) Fair value measurements

The carrying value of cash and cash equivalents and non-interest bearing financial assets and liabilities approximates the carrying amount. The fair value of borrowings carried at amortised cost is \$3,846.2 million (2024: \$3,562.6 million).

The fair value of borrowings is estimated by discounting future contractual cash flows at the current market interest rates that are available to the Group for similar financial instruments. The market interest rates were determined to be between 3.8% and 7.5% (2024: 4.8% and 8.2%) depending on the type of facility.

The Group measures the fair value of financial instruments using market observable data where possible. Fair values are categorised into three levels with each of these levels indicating the reliability of the inputs used in determining fair value. The levels of the fair value hierarchy are:

Level 1: Quoted prices for an identical asset or liability in an active market

Level 2: Directly or indirectly observable market data

Level 3: Unobservable market data

The fair value of forward foreign exchange contracts is determined as the unrealised gain/(loss) with reference to market rates. The fair value of interest rate swaps is determined as the net present value of contracted cash flows. The existing exposure method, which estimates future cash flows to present value using credit adjusted discount factors after counterparty netting arrangements, has been adopted for both forward foreign exchange contracts and interest rate swaps.

The fair value of CCIRS is determined as the net present value of contract cash flows. The future probable exposure method is applied to the estimated future cash flows to reflect the credit risk of the Group and relevant counterparties.

The Group's derivative financial instruments and fair value of borrowings are classified as Level 2 (2024: Level 2). During the period, there were no transfers between Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy (2024: nil).

Group structure

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Group structure provides information about particular subsidiaries and associates, and how changes have affected the financial position and performance of the Group.

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16 Subsidiaries

The ultimate parent of this consolidated Group is Aurizon Network Pty Ltd. The companies listed below are those whose results, in addition to the Company, principally affect the amounts shown in the financial report:

	Country of incorporation	Ownership interest	
		2025 %	2024 %
Controlled entities			
Aurizon Surat Basin Pty Ltd	Australia	100	100

Principles of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets and liabilities of all subsidiaries of the Group as at reporting date and the results of all subsidiaries for the financial year.

Subsidiaries are all entities over which the Group has control. The Group controls an entity when the Group is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power to direct the activities of the entity. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group and de-consolidated from the date that control ceases.

Inter-company transactions and balances are eliminated on consolidation.

17 Parent entity financial information

The financial information for the parent entity Aurizon Network Pty Ltd has been prepared on the same basis as the consolidated financial statements, except for investments in subsidiaries which are carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses.

(a) Summary financial information

	2025 \$m	2024 \$m
Current assets	397.4	334.5
Non-current assets	5,369.1	5,355.4
Total assets	5,766.5	5,689.9
Current liabilities	1,463.4	1,224.6
Non-current liabilities	3,593.7	3,631.6
Total liabilities	5,057.1	4,856.2
Net assets	709.4	833.7
Equity		
Contributed equity	356.0	405.4
Reserves	(45.1)	(0.6)
Retained earnings	398.5	428.9
Total equity	709.4	833.7
Profit for the year	226.6	237.6
Other comprehensive income	(44.5)	6.4
Total comprehensive income	182.1	244.0

(b) Guarantees entered into by the parent entity

Financial guarantees and contingent liabilities of the parent entity are the same as those disclosed in note 15 and note 23 respectively.

Other notes

IN THIS SECTION

Other notes provides information on other items which require disclosure to comply with Australian Accounting Standards and other regulatory pronouncements, however are not considered critical in understanding the financial performance or position of the Group.

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18 Notes to the consolidated statement of cash flows

(a) Reconciliation of profit after income tax to net cash inflow from operating activities

	2025 \$m	2024 \$m
Profit for the year	226.6	237.6
Depreciation and amortisation	361.8	343.2
Impairment of non-current assets	0.4	-
Finance expenses	253.9	238.4
Share-based payment expense	1.1	1.1
Net loss on disposal of assets	4.2	5.7
Net exchange differences	(0.4)	(0.2)
Change in operating assets and liabilities:		
(Increase)/Decrease in trade and other receivables	(48.0)	99.8
(Increase)/Decrease in inventories	(4.8)	0.1
(Increase)/Decrease in other operating assets	(1.0)	0.8
Increase/(Decrease) in trade and other payables	(3.4)	4.7
Increase/(Decrease) in other liabilities	(14.2)	(51.5)
Increase/(Decrease) in other operating liabilities	19.9	16.8
Increase/(Decrease) in deferred tax liabilities	(6.9)	3.3
Increase/(Decrease) in provisions	(1.0)	5.7
Net cash inflow from operating activities	788.2	905.5

(b) Reconciliation of liabilities arising from financing activities to financing cash flows

	Current borrowings \$m	Non-current borrowings \$m	Liabilities held to hedge borrowings ¹ \$m	Assets held to hedge borrowings ¹ \$m	Total \$m
Balance as at 1 July 2024	(921.2)	(2,668.7)	(173.5)	105.5	(3,657.9)
Reclassification	(886.2)	886.2	-	-	-
Financing cash flows ²	570.1	(689.9)	-	-	(119.8)
Changes in fair value (including foreign exchange rates)	88.2	(220.0)	37.6	28.1	(66.1)
Other non-cash movements ³	-	(4.7)	-	-	(4.7)
Balance as at 30 June 2025	(1,149.1)	(2,697.1)	(135.9)	133.6	(3,848.5)
 Balance as at 1 July 2023	 (460.3)	 (3,171.8)	 (181.5)	 89.3	 (3,724.3)
Reclassification	(793.2)	793.2	-	-	-
Financing cash flows ²	335.6	(279.0)	-	0.7	57.3
Changes in fair value (including foreign exchange rates)	-	(6.7)	8.0	15.5	16.8
Other non-cash movements ³	(3.3)	(4.4)	-	-	(7.7)
Balance as at 30 June 2024	(921.2)	(2,668.7)	(173.5)	105.5	(3,657.9)

¹ Assets and liabilities held to hedge borrowings exclude foreign exchange contracts included in note 15(a).

² Financing cash flows includes the net amount of proceeds from borrowings, repayment of borrowings, payments of transaction costs related to borrowings and derivatives, and repayment of loans to related parties.

³ Other non-cash movements includes the amortisation of capitalised borrowing costs and amortisation of discounts on the face value of the AMTNs and EMTNs issued.

19 Related party transactions

Related parties include other entities in the Aurizon Group and Key Management Personnel. There were no Key Management Personnel related party transactions during the financial year (2024: \$nil). The following transactions occurred and balances are recognised with other entities in the Aurizon Group:

	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
Trade and other receivables from related parties	72,835	53,229
Trade and other payables to:		
- Aurizon Holdings Limited	1,150	-
- Aurizon Operations Limited	15,713	20,148
Tax loan payable to the parent entity	79,085	59,188
Derivative financial instruments liabilities with the parent entity	199	-
Loans payable to:		
- Aurizon Holdings Limited	147,895	-
- Aurizon Operations Limited	80,000	53,500
Access revenue received from related parties	480,846	472,708
Other revenue received from related parties	11,284	9,882
Interest revenue received from related parties	46	432
Expense paid to related parties	84,694	91,150
Interest expenses paid to:		
- Aurizon Holdings Limited	1,150	-
- Aurizon Operations Limited	3,658	91,150
Net loss on derivative financial instruments with the parent entity	199	-

Expenses paid to other entities in the Aurizon Group include maintenance, facilities charges and general corporate overhead.

For details on dividends paid and changes in contributed equity, refer to notes 12 and 13 respectively.

Terms and conditions of transactions with related parties other than Key Management Personnel or entities related to them and intragroup transactions

A number of service agreements are in place between the Company and other entities within the Aurizon Group for the provision of services. These costs include shared services such as payroll, IT, accounts payable and HR operations. All other transactions are made on normal commercial terms and conditions and at market rates.

The Company enters into unsecured loans and advances with Aurizon Operations Limited (subsidiary of Aurizon Holdings Limited) at floating rates of interest pursuant to an Intra Group Loan Agreement maturing in August 2033, which allows up to \$100.0 million to be advanced or loaned subject to certain limited conditions.

The Company has executed an unsecured loan with Iron Horse Insurance Company Pte Ltd (subsidiary of Aurizon Operations Limited) at floating rates pursuant to an Intra Group Loan Agreement maturing in July 2033, which allows up to \$150.0 million to be advanced or loaned subject to certain limit conditions.

The Company has an unsecured loan with Aurizon Holdings Limited (the parent entity) at floating rates pursuant to an Intra Group Funding Agreement maturing in May 2034, which allows up to \$500.0 million to be advanced or loaned subject to certain limited conditions.

For details on tax loans, refer to note 3.

Economic dependency

The Company is dependent on other entities in the Aurizon Group for approximately 35% (2024: 35%) of access revenue derived.

20 Key Management Personnel

Key Management Personnel (KMP) include the Directors and those Executives who have the authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Group.

As announced in June 2025, changes have been made to the Leadership Team effective 1 July 2025, with Gareth Long appointed as acting CFO and Group Executive Strategy, as George Lippiatt has been appointed Group Executive Bulk and Containerised Freight.

	2025	2024
	\$'000	\$'000
Short-term employee benefits	4,222	5,690
Long-term employee benefits	87	137
Post-employment benefits	150	139
Share-based payment expense	2,693	2,284
	7,152	8,250

KMP of the Company are employed by other entities in the Aurizon Group. Compensation of KMP is also determined by related parties. It is not practical to allocate KMP compensation paid by related parties, therefore the full amount of compensation paid to KMP by related parties is included in the disclosure above.

21 Auditor's remuneration

During the year, the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by the auditor of the parent entity and its related practices.

	2025	2024
	\$'000	\$'000
Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu		
Audit and review of financial statements	323	302
Other assurance services	6	6
Total remuneration of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	329	308

22 New and amended standards

(a) New and amended standards adopted by the Group

The Group has applied the following amendments for the first time for the reporting period commencing 1 July 2024:

- AASB 2020-1 *Amendment to Australian Accounting Standards - Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current*, AASB 2020-6 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current - Deferred of Effective Date* and AASB 2022-6 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Non-current liabilities with covenants*

The amendments listed above did not have any impact on the amounts recognised in prior periods and are not expected to materially affect the current and future reporting periods.

(b) New standards and interpretations not yet adopted

Certain new accounting standards and amendments to standards have been published that are not mandatory for reporting periods commencing 1 July 2024 and have not been early adopted by the Group. These standards are not expected to have a material recognition and measurement impact on the Group in the current or future reporting periods and on foreseeable future transactions.

AASB 18 *Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Standards* will be effective for the Group from 1 July 2027. The standard will affect the presentation and disclosure in the financial statements, including introducing new categories and subtotals in the statement of profit or loss, requiring the disclosure of management-defined performance measures, and changing the grouping of information in the financial statements.

Unrecognised items and events after reporting date

IN THIS SECTION

Unrecognised items provides information about items that are not recognised in the financial statements but could potentially have a significant impact on the Group's financial position and performance. This section also includes events occurring after the reporting period.

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23 Commitments and contingencies

(a) Contingent liabilities

Issues relating to common law claims, product warranties and regulatory breaches are dealt with as they arise. There were no material contingent liabilities requiring disclosure in the financial statements, other than as set out below.

Guarantees

The Company has provided an irrevocable guarantee to Aurizon Holdings Limited, the parent entity, pursuant of the issuance of the Subordinated Notes until their maturity in May 2055. The maximum credit risk exposure is equal to the face amount of \$500.0 million plus any interest accrued and unpaid for the current period, any deferred interest payments are not guaranteed until they becomes due and payable. The rights and claims of the holders are subordinated to the rights and obligations of the Company's senior creditors. The carrying amount of the guarantee at reporting date is \$nil as the likelihood and probability of default for Aurizon Holdings Limited is considered to be remote.

(b) Capital commitments

As at 30 June 2025, the Group has capital commitments contracted but not provided for in respect of the acquisition of property, plant and equipment of \$44.7 million (2024: \$60.2 million) which are due within one year and \$2.5 million (2024: \$16.6 million) which are due between one and five years.

24 Events occurring after the reporting period

No matter or circumstance, other than the matters disclosed in key events and transactions for the reporting period, has occurred subsequent to the financial period that has materially affected, or may materially affect, the operations of the Group, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Group or economic entity in subsequent financial periods.

Directors' Declaration

In accordance with a resolution of the Directors of the Company, I state that:

In the opinion of the Directors of the Company:

- (a) the consolidated financial statements and notes set out on pages 7 to 57 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
 - (i) complying with Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements as detailed above, and the *Corporations Regulations 2001* and
 - (ii) giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 30 June 2025 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date, and
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable,

Page 12 confirms that the consolidated financial statements also comply with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors made pursuant to s295(5) of the *Corporations Act 2001*.



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Chairman

Brisbane
18 August 2025

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Aurizon Network Pty Ltd

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Aurizon Network Pty Ltd (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (the "Group") which comprises the consolidated balance sheet as at 30 June 2025, the consolidated income statement, the consolidated statement of other comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Group is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- Giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 30 June 2025 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- Complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the APES 110 *Code of Ethics* for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards) issued by the Accounting Professional & Ethical Standards Board Limited (the Code) that are relevant to audits of the financial report of public interest entities in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the directors of the Company, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial report for the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial report as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Key Audit Matter	How the scope of our audit responded to the Key Audit Matter
<i>Useful life of Network infrastructure assets</i> At 30 June 2025, the carrying amount of the Central Queensland Coal Network infrastructure assets (Network infrastructure assets) was \$4,965.4m (PY: \$4,933.9m). As disclosed in note 6, the Group estimates the useful lives of the Network infrastructure assets based on the expected engineering life of these assets, capped at the remaining term of the applicable leases. In adopting this basis, the Group assumes that the Network infrastructure assets will remain economically viable throughout the lease term (i.e., to 2109). The Network infrastructure assets are primarily used to transport coal from mines to port for subsequent export. There is uncertainty as to the long term future demand for coal with climate change widely considered to be one of the key issues facing the global community and increasing pressure on governments and industry to seek lower carbon solutions. Any change in the export market demand for Queensland coal or restrictions on the supply of that coal may indicate that the useful lives of the Network infrastructure assets should be reduced resulting in an increase in the future depreciation expense. Given the significant carrying amount of the Network infrastructure assets and the uncertainty associated with the long term impact of climate change, the estimate of useful lives of the Network infrastructure assets is considered to be a key audit matter.	To evaluate the useful lives adopted by the Group for the Network infrastructure assets, we performed the following procedures amongst others: • Obtained and evaluated relevant information which estimates the future demand for, and supply of, coal from Queensland. This included publicly available global and regional energy and coal forecasts and outlooks from industry specialists • As metallurgical coal is expected to be in demand longer than thermal coal, evaluated the period over which metallurgical coal demand could be supplied by Queensland mines, with reference to publicly available metallurgical coal reserves and production estimates • Obtained publicly available information on the current regulatory environment of the coal industry in Queensland including mine approvals and government policy statements to assess future supply of coal • As most publicly available information does not forecast coal demand beyond 2050, management undertook an analysis to assess the economic viability of the Network infrastructure assets beyond 2050. Our procedures on management's analysis included: ○ Understanding the methodology adopted ○ Testing the integrity and mechanical accuracy of management's calculations ○ Comparing key assumptions used by management to existing benchmarks and publicly available information. We evaluated the disclosures in the financial statements including the sensitivity analysis outlining the impact on depreciation expense of changes in the useful lives of assets (see note 6).

Other Information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Group's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2025, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

The directors are responsible:

- For the preparation of the financial report in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Group in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards; and
- For such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Group, and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the ability of the Group to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

- Plan and perform the group audit to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group as a basis for forming an opinion on the Group financial report. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and review of the audit work performed for the purposes of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

From the matters communicated with the directors, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial report of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.



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Matthew Donaldson
Partner
Chartered Accountants

Brisbane, 18 August 2025

Non-IFRS Financial Information in the FY2025 Financial Report

In addition to using profit as a measure of the Group and its segments' financial performance, Aurizon uses EBITDA (Statutory and Underlying), EBITDA margin (Statutory and Underlying), EBIT (Statutory and Underlying), NPAT Underlying. These measurements are not defined under IFRS Accounting Standards and are, therefore, termed 'Non-IFRS' measures.

EBITDA – Statutory is Group profit before net finance costs, tax, depreciation and amortisation, while EBIT – Statutory is defined as Group profit before net finance costs and tax. Underlying can differ from Statutory due to exclusion of significant items that permits a more relevant analysis of the underlying performance on a comparative basis. EBITDA margin is calculated by dividing underlying EBITDA by total revenue. These measures are considered to be useful measures of the Group's operating performance because they approximate the underlying operating cash flow by eliminating depreciation and amortisation.

NPAT– Underlying represents the underlying EBIT less finance costs, tax expense and the tax impact of significant items.

A reconciliation of the Non-IFRS measures and specific items to the nearest measure prepared in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards is included in the table. The Non-IFRS financial information contained within this Directors' report and Notes to the Financial Statements have not been audited in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

	2025 \$m	2024 \$m
NPAT – Underlying	229.9	237.6
Significant items, net of tax	(3.3)	-
NPAT – Statutory	226.6	237.6
Income tax expense	98.5	104.0
Profit before income tax	325.1	341.6
Net finance costs	253.0	234.8
EBIT - Statutory	578.1	576.4
Add back significant items:		
- Transformation costs	4.7	-
EBIT – Underlying	582.8	576.4
Depreciation and amortisation	361.8	343.2
EBITDA - Underlying	944.6	919.6