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Commissioner Lisa Gropp
Australian Government Productivity Commission
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Dear Commissioner

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission from the Queensland Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy (DNRME) on the Productivity Commission Draft Report Resources Sector Regulation.

Queensland is often recognised as a highly prospective exploration and operational destination and I note the Draft Report acknowledges Queensland as leading practice in managing resources development in the interests of landholders and the community.

The Queensland Government is committed to improving regulation for mining and gas projects that will benefit both industry and the wider community, with the resources industry a key driver of the Queensland economy, creating jobs and delivering a range of broader benefits for the state.

DNRME is generally supportive of the Draft Report and our submission contains responses to information requests, noting we look forward to ongoing consultation with the Commission on the Draft Report.

I note there are a number of reviews currently underway and the submission suggests the Commission take into account recommendations in recently released reports including the Interim Report of the Independent Review of the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* and the Australian National Audit Office report, Referrals, Assessments and Approvals of Controlled Actions under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

DNRME has also provided the Commission with a list of key Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stakeholder groups for consultation. It is important that these stakeholder groups are consulted and represented in the report, in a manner consistent with cultural and community protocols, prior to the finalisation of the Final Report.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr Chris Shaw, Executive Director, Georesources Policy, Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy who will be pleased to assist you

Yours sincerely

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