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Resources Sector Regulation
Productivity Commission
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www.pc.gov.au/resources**RESOURCES SECTOR REGULATION – PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION ISSUES PAPER (SEPTEMBER 2019)**

The Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration Association (APPEA) welcomes the Treasurer, Hon Josh Frydenberg MP, request, pursuant to Parts 2 and 4 of the *Productivity Commission Act 1998*, for the Productivity Commission to examine regulation affecting the resources sector and highlight best practice.

APPEA is the peak national body representing Australia's oil and gas exploration and production industry. It has about 60 full member companies. These are oil and gas explorers and producers active in Australia. APPEA members account for an estimated 98 per cent of the nation's petroleum production. APPEA also represents about 140 associate member companies that provide a wide range of goods and services to the upstream oil and gas industry.

APPEA works with Australian governments to help promote the development of the nation's oil and gas resources in a manner that maximises the return to the Australian industry and community. Moreover, APPEA aims to secure regulatory and commercial conditions that enable member companies to operate safely, sustainably, and profitably.

APPEA's public written submission seeks to

- Identify effective regulatory approaches, highlight examples of best practice regulation in Australia and internationally; and
- examine where successful relationships have been developed between the resources sector and the communities in which resources companies operate.

Thank you for your commitment to regulatory reform for our industry. Please feel free to contact me or Mr Jason Medd, Director, Environment, Health and Safety for further context on our submission.

I look forward to working with the Commission, towards delivery of the Final Report in 2020.

Yours sincerely

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