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Miss Melissa Edwards
Resource Exploration Inquiry
Productivity Commission
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Dear Miss Edwards

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a response to the Productivity Commission Inquiry's into non-financial barriers to resource exploration and in particular, to the issues contained in the draft report titled 'Mineral and Energy Resource Exploration' (the draft report) released on 31 May 2013. Please find attached the Queensland Government Submission (the submission).

The Queensland Government is committed to delivering competitive mining and petroleum industries. Our submission highlights the Queensland Government's ongoing program of regulatory reform for the resources sector and responds to the draft report's 20 high-level recommendations.

I look forward to the release of the final report in September 2013. If you have any questions about my advice to you, Mr Marcus Rees, Director, Land and Mines Policy, Department of Natural Resources and Mines will be pleased to assist you and can be contacted on telephone

Yours sincerely

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