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### **APPEA Comments on the Draft Report on Mineral & Energy Exploration**

The Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration Association (APPEA) welcomes the opportunity to make a further submission to the Commission.

Many of our member companies undertake their operations in a range of jurisdictions, and with different types of petroleum operations (i.e. onshore, offshore, coal seam gas, conventional and unconventional gas operations). In this context, many of the recommendations contained in the Commission's draft report are of direct interest to APPEA.

Section 1 of this submission details supplementary information on key issues raised at the public hearing on 4 July 2013 in Canberra.

Section 2 of our submission covers APPEA's responses to the draft recommendations outlined in the Draft Report.

APPEA welcomes further involvement and the opportunity for further comment on any regulatory amendments arising from the Commission's work. If you would like to discuss the matters raised in this submission further, please contact Ms Clare Valence, Policy Director –Exploration and Access

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