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Mr Mike Woods  
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Dear Mr Woods *Mike,*

I am pleased to submit the Department for Manufacturing, Innovation, Trade, Resources and Energy's (DMITRE) submission in response to the draft report of the Productivity Commission Inquiry into non-financial barriers to mineral and energy resource exploration.

DMITRE strives to continuously improve our regulatory and business frameworks and industry support services to encourage mineral and energy resource exploration investment in this State. This work supports one of the seven strategic priorities of the South Australian Government: "Realising the benefits of the mining boom for all". The Productivity Commission Inquiry will complement our endeavours to develop a thriving resources industry and provide opportunities and benefits for all South Australians.

Yours sincerely

**Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP**  
Minister for Mineral Resources and Energy

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Encl DMITRE submission to the Mineral and Energy Resource Exploration Inquiry