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Upstream Petroleum Regulation Study
Productivity Commission
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To Whom It May Concern:

**ExxonMobil Comments on Productivity Commission Draft Report into
Regulatory Burden on the Upstream Petroleum (Oil and Gas) Sector**

The Productivity Commission has sought industry comment on a range of issues regarding regulatory burden on the upstream Oil and Gas industry. We thank the Commission for the opportunity to make comments on the draft report prior to release.

We have reviewed the Commission's draft report and the final response provided by APPEA (to which ExxonMobil has contributed). We acknowledge and endorse APPEA's response that represents the broader view of the upstream Oil and Gas industry and responds to the relevant findings of the Commission's draft report.

We look forward to an ongoing involvement with the Productivity Commission as it proceeds to finalise and release this report. If you require further information please contact me directly and I will endeavour to provide the assistance you require.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron H. Reinten".

Ron H. Reinten
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