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Agriculture, Resources and Environment Committee
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Dear Sir/Madam

Submission in Support of the Land, Water and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013

Origin Energy Resources Limited (Origin) is pleased to take the opportunity to provide a submission in support of the Land, Water and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013.

Origin supports the objectives of the bill in that the proposed amendments will reduce red tape and unnecessary duplication of regulation and simplify operational issues created by the existing legislative framework.

Specifically Origin supports the proposed amendments to the;

- Petroleum Act 1923
- Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004 (P&G Act) and
- Water Act 2000

These proposed amendments will allow our environmental monitoring program to be enacted without the duplication of approvals pursuant to the Water Act and will allow petroleum wells to be converted to water or monitoring wells thereby reducing the costs and potential impacts associated with the construction of additional wells for these purposes.

Origin also supports the removal of pipelines carrying produced water from the definition of operating plant which unnecessarily duplicated the health and safety requirements of gas pipelines. We also support the amendments to remove the requirement for a petroleum tenure holder to obtain a water licence for the supply of associated water to other users. This now streamlines the process for the use of water for a variety of beneficial uses.

Origin is of the opinion that the amendments proposed will effectively reduce duplication and remove unnecessary regulatory requirements. Should you wish to discuss these further, please contact Lesley Stumbles via email on Lesley.Stumbles@originenergy.com.au or the undersigned.

Yours faithfully

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