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Mr Rob Hansen
Research Director
Environment, Agriculture, Resources and Energy Committee
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Hansen

I am writing to you to express Queensland Resources Council's (QRC) support for the *Environmental Protection (Greentape Reduction) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011* (the *Greentape Bill*).

As you know, the QRC is the peak representative organisation of the Queensland minerals and energy sector. QRC's membership encompasses exploration, production, and processing companies, energy production and associated service companies. The QRC works on behalf of members to ensure Queensland's resources are developed profitably and competitively, in a socially and environmentally sustainable way.

QRC is supportive of the initiatives of the *Greentape Reduction Project* and largely how they are represented in the *Greentape Bill*. In regards to the amendment to remove the duplicative notification process for voluntary Environmental Impact Statement's (EIS), QRC requests a similar streamlined notification process also be considered for non-voluntary EIS.

QRC is supportive of removing environmental management plans, acknowledging their role over time has become meaningless. QRC is equally encouraged by the inclusion of an 'information stage' in the application process, consistent with resources legislation, recognising the potential to cut application and Environmental Authority development process timeframes.

QRC would like to thank the Minister for Environment, Ms Vicki Darling MP, and her Department of Environment and Resource Management for their determination and hard work on the *Greentape Reduction Project* reform agenda. Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the *Greentape Bill*. If you would like any further information please feel free to contact QRC's Industry Policy Adviser, Ms Katie-Anne Mulder, on 07 3316 2519 or katie-annem@qrc.org.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Roche".

Michael Roche
Chief Executive