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Dr Kathy Munro  
The Research Director  
State Development, Infrastructure and Industry Committee  
Parliament House  
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Dear Dr Munro

Also during my appearance before the Committee last Friday committee member Jackie Trad MP queried whether S292 in the Economic Development Bill 2012 provided sufficient protection for local government by way of a guarantee of input to EIS Terms of Reference. The following points are provided in response:

- Chapter 7 Part 6 (s292) of the Bill will provide discretionary powers to the Coordinator-General on whether or not to publically notify and seek comments on the terms of reference for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).
- The s292 provision is narrow in scope and applies only to public consultation with respect to finalising the terms of reference. The Bill does not in any way restrict local government engagement in the broader EIS process.
- LGAQ considers that genuine engagement with councils should occur throughout the EIS process, but specifically during preparation of an EIS to ensure it delivers all necessary information for assessing the project impacts and better informing the project conditions. These are areas in which LGAQ is currently focusing on to improve outcomes for council.
- As LGAQ understands, the State Government is moving to develop generic terms of reference that will be publicly accessible and consistently applied to all projects. LGAQ supports having comprehensive terms of reference that are generic. This will focus stakeholders on understanding the project impacts rather than changing the terms of reference for every project.
- Local government input to the terms of reference is important in case where there will be substantial variation to the generic terms of reference. While local government input is not explicit in the Bill, there are assurances that council engagement will occur given the Coordinator-General must still have regard to local government planning schemes and policy frameworks in making a Coordinated Project declaration. Further, the relevant local government for the declared Coordinated Project will typically act as an advisory agency for the EIS process, which means there is a guaranteed opportunity for on-going engagement with council.

Please bring this response to the committee's attention as a Supplementary Submission.

Regards  
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