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The Research Director
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Dear Mr Gibson

Electricity and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2014 – Coal Seam Gas (CSG) Water

The Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration Association (APPEA) is pleased to provide a submission on the Electricity and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2014 (Bill) to the State Development, Infrastructure and Industry Committee (the Committee). APPEA would like to thank the Department of Energy and Water Supply (DEWS) and the Queensland Competition Authority (QCA) in undertaking a thorough review of CSG regulation, and examining the implications of duplicative legislation which is what this Bill is addressing.

The repeal of sections of Part 9A of the *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008* (Water Act) is estimated to save industry approximately \$100,000 to \$150,000 in external consultancy fees per application for exclusion decisions. This amendment also represents a significant cost saving to Government, with regulation costing \$1.2 million in funding to DEWS. Importantly this amendment will facilitate appropriate produced water regulation through the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection.

APPEA therefore supports these amendments as an appropriate balance of regulating produced water. If you would like to discuss any of the matters raised in this letter please contact Mr Nathan Lemire at nlemire@appea.com.au or (07)3231-0509.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matt Paull".

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