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Research Director
State Development, Infrastructure and Industry Committee
Parliament House
George Street
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Dear Dr Munro

Gasfields Commission Bill 2012

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the State Development, Infrastructure and Industry Committee (**Committee**) inquiry into the *Gasfields Commission Bill 2012 (Bill)*.

QGC made a previous submission to the Queensland GasFields Commission (**QGFC**) on 25 May 2012. The submission outlined QGC's support for the establishment of the QGFC and key considerations in determining the role, powers and structure of the Commission. After review of the draft Bill, QGC remains supportive of the QGFC and will continue to work constructively with the QGFC.

As a member of the Queensland Resource Council (QRC), QGC agrees with supports the comments provided in the QRC submission and would like to reiterate the following specific points to the Committee:

1. Confidentiality – the definition of confidential information is inadequate. It is QGC's opinion that any confidential information provided to the QGFC by industry members and/or landholders should not be disclosed to third parties without prior consent.
2. Compulsory consultation – it is of concern that government entities developing policy or legislation intended to affect the onshore gas industry will be required to consult with the QGFC. Due to the broad nature of the Government's policy responsibilities, instances will arise whereby amendments extend beyond the functions of the QGFC (e.g. the setting of royalty rates).

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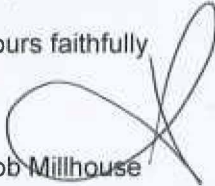
Now the Commission's role and powers have been articulated in the Bill, QGC would like the QGFC's to develop operational processes, procedures and protocols. For example, clearly defined operational process to; determining the legitimacy of complaints requiring further investigation, requirements to supply information and QGFC's involvement in informal dispute resolution.

QGC believes that it is important that the QGFC develops procedures that eliminate vexatious complaints and those driven by commercial gain.

QGC would like to commend the QGFC Chairman, Commissioners and General Manager for the dedication and have shown in establishing the QGFC and willingness to proactively engaging with industry.

Thank you again for giving QGC the opportunity to comment on the Bill. If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Millhouse', written over the typed name.

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