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Mr David Gibson MP
State Development, Infrastructure and Industry Committee
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Mr ^{David}Gibson

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the *Land and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2014*. As you know the Queensland Resources Council (QRC) is the peak representative organisation of the Queensland minerals and energy sector. QRC's membership encompasses mineral and energy exploration, production, and processing companies, and associated service companies. QRC works on behalf of members to ensure Queensland's resources are developed profitably and competitively, in a socially and environmentally sustainable way.

The Queensland Resources Council (QRC) is supportive of the proposed amendments in the Bill. QRC supports the proposed amendments to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989*, the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* and the *Petroleum Act 1923* on later development plans and later work plans for petroleum activities specifically. QRC agrees these amendments will provide greater certainty to proponents through the validation of work being undertaken when a later development plan or work plan has been submitted and assessed.

QRC also supports the proposed amendment to provide greater flexibility to petroleum lease holders on their production commencement date. As outlined in the explanatory memorandum, the existing requirement to commence production within the first two years can be unrealistic as it does not provide for the commercial or production viability. This has caused issues where production is commenced just to achieve compliance. The proposed amendment provides for greater management and stewardship of the resource.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the amendments in the Bill. If you would like any further information regarding the comments in this submission please contact QRC's Resources Policy Adviser, Katie-Anne Mulder, on 3316 2519 or alternatively via email at Katie-annem@qrc.org.au

Yours sincerely

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

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