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National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority

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To the Committee Secretariat

Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2018 and Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Regulatory Levies) Amendment Bill 2018

I write with reference to the 28 June 2018 referral by the Senate of the provisions of the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2018 and the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Regulatory Levies) Amendment Bill 2018.

As Chief Executive Officer of the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA) I would like to express my support for passage of the bills as soon as is reasonably practicable.

The bills contain a series of amendments that will significantly contribute to NOPSEMA's ability to effectively regulate offshore petroleum and greenhouse gas operations in Commonwealth waters.

The Commonwealth Department of Industry, Innovation and Science has consulted extensively with NOPSEMA in development of the bills and the proposed amendments will assist NOPSEMA to drive positive safety, well integrity and environmental management outcomes for regulated operations.

Please accept this correspondence as a formal submission to the Economics Legislation Committee inquiry into the aforementioned bills in the hope that the support of the independent regulator will assist in deliberations regarding passage of the bills.

NOPSEMA would be pleased to provide additional information in support of the proposed amendments if this will assist the Committee.

If the Committee has any questions or requires any further information from NOPSEMA please do not hesitate to contact Mr Nicholas Page, Manager Communications and Stakeholder Relations on [redacted] or [redacted]

Yours sincerely

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Stuart Smith
Chief Executive Officer

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