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Dear Ms Bigham

Re: AA1000620 – Western Australian and Northern Territory LNG producers – Consultation on application for re-authorisation

The Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade, on behalf of the Northern Territory Government, supports the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission Draft Determination of 17 March 2023, proposing to grant re-authorisation for a 5 year period.

The department concurs with the Northern Territory Gas Taskforce pre-draft determination submission of 11 November 2022 that acknowledges re-authorisation will enable Northern Territory LNG producers to better manage peak work periods and plan for skilled labour requirements. This will also mitigate against the consequences of not having sufficient skilled labour available to service and operate Northern Territory LNG projects.

Published maintenance schedules that assist local industry to participate more readily and with better planning in the gas maintenance supply chain is seen as a positive, given the significant pressure that maintenance scheduling can place on smaller communities.

Yours sincerely



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