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Dear Sir

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

I am pleased to provide the following comment on behalf of the Northern Territory Government.

It is our opinion that the re-authorisation will allow the Northern Territory's LNG producers to keep skilled contractors in Australia by providing a means for consistent work in a timely manner.

The downside alluded to in clause 5.3 is the potential for cartel conduct. However, given this re-authorisation is proposed for specific LNG facilities, the contractors they seek to retain are generally highly skilled, not necessarily available locally, and the consequences/risk of not having these contractors available is extreme – the re-authorisation risk is acceptable.

It is unlikely the local contracting market would be negatively affected because if specialised skills are available locally, the Northern Territory's LNG producers would likely use them to save on expense. This could potentially help local SME companies grow given one of the allowances is to be able to share contractor details between the LNG companies.

Yours sincerely



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