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Dear Mr Sims

East Coast Gas Inquiry – correction of evidence

I appeared before the Commission on behalf of The Energy Supply Association of Australia (esaa) on 31 July 2015, to give evidence to the East Coast Gas Inquiry. During my appearance I made the following statement:

“I will observe that I believe Arrow have publicly declared that before their takeover by Shell and PetroChina they had sought to effectively monetise the resources they had through seeking partnerships with large domestic users and have not been able to do so.”

I subsequently noted that my source was a press article and you asked if I could follow up on this statement. Unfortunately, while I made this statement in good faith, I am unable to corroborate it, either through locating the article I had recalled reading it in, or via other sources. To avoid misleading the Commission and staff I would like to withdraw the statement. I apologise to the commission and staff for inadvertently misleading them.

Given the transcript of the hearing will be published, the ideal way to avoid confusion to readers of the transcript would be for the statement to be removed. I understand this may not be legally possible, in which case I would like to request that the transcript be annotated at this statement to draw the reader's attention to this letter and that the letter be published with the transcript.

Should any further correspondence be required on the matter, I can be contacted by email to kieran.donoghue@esaa.com.au or by telephone on (03) 9205 3116.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Kieran Donoghue'.

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