



TREASURER

Mr Rod Sims
Chairman
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
GPO Box 3131
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Mr Sims

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Rod'.

I am writing to require the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) to hold an inquiry to improve transparency and to monitor gas supply in Australia pursuant to subsection 95H(1) of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (CCA).

I enclose a notice under subsection 95H(1) of the CCA identifying the matters the inquiry is to consider and when the inquiry is to be completed.

This inquiry will improve transparency of the gas market in Australia and support the efficient operation of the gas market. It will also monitor the gas supply market and help to identify if gas suppliers are net contributors to the domestic gas market and are delivering on the gas supply guarantee announced by the Prime Minister on 15 March 2017.

The final report must be submitted by 30 April 2020, with interim reporting at least every six months. The ACCC will also provide information to the market as appropriate. I understand the ACCC will require additional resources to undertake this inquiry.

I have copied this letter to the Prime Minister and the Minister for the Environment and Energy.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Scott Morrison'.

The Hon Scott Morrison MP

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

COMPETITION AND CONSUMER ACT 2010

INQUIRY FOR IMPROVING THE TRANSPARENCY OF GAS SUPPLY IN AUSTRALIA

I, Scott Morrison, Treasurer, pursuant to subsection 95H(1) of the Competition and Consumer Act 2010, hereby require the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) to hold an inquiry into:

- measures to improve the transparency of gas supply arrangements in Australia;
- the supply by persons in the gas industry (including without limitation gas producers and gas retailers) of, and demand for, natural gas extracted or produced in Australia, or imported into Australia; and
- the supply of, and demand for, natural gas transportation services in Australia by persons in the gas industry (including without limitation gas pipeline operators and other persons who have access to pipeline capacity).


Matters to be monitored and taken into consideration in the inquiry shall include, but not be restricted to:

- the pricing and availability of offers to supply gas;
- the volumes of gas supplied or available for current or future supply, including natural gas extracted or produced in Australia, or imported into Australia;
- the pricing, volume and availability of gas for domestic supply compared to the pricing, volume and availability of gas for export;
- the pricing, volume and availability of other goods or services, such as goods or services for drilling for, storing or processing gas, that enable, assist or facilitate the supply of gas or gas transportation services in Australia.

The ACCC should make use of publicly available information on the gas industry, including that published by the Australian Energy Market Commission, the Australian Energy Market Operator or the Australian Energy Regulator, where appropriate. This is not to be an inquiry into supply by any particular person or persons, or by a State or Territory Authority.

The inquiry is to commence today. The inquiry is to submit interim reports to me no less frequently than every 6 months and provide information to the market as appropriate. The inquiry is to be completed and a final report submitted to me by 30 April 2020.

DATED THIS 19th DAY OF April 2017


SCOTT MORRISON
Treasurer