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Dear Ms Evans

### **Western Australian and Northern Territory LNG Producers applications for authorisation AA1000396—Determination**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a determination in respect of the applications for authorisation lodged by Chevron Australia Pty Ltd, Inpex Operations Australia Pty Ltd, Shell Australia Pty Ltd and Woodside Energy Limited (together, the applicants) on 12 September 2017.

The applicants sought authorisation to discuss, make and give effect to arrangements regarding the sequencing and timing of scheduled maintenance and associated shutdowns and outages at liquefied natural gas (LNG) facilities in Western Australia and the Northern Territory.

The LNG facilities form part of the Gorgon, Wheatstone, Ichthys, Prelude, North West Shelf and Pluto LNG projects, each of which involves the subsea extraction of natural gas, its processing and conversion to LNG for export.

A copy of the ACCC's determination is attached. For the reasons set out in its determination, the ACCC has decided to grant conditional authorisation for five years.

### **Application for review**

Pursuant to section 101 of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*, a person dissatisfied with this determination may apply to the Australian Competition Tribunal (the Tribunal) for its review of the determination. An application for review must be made within 21 days of the date of this determination; that is, on or before 23 March 2018. If no application to review is lodged by this date, the ACCC's determination will come into force on 24 March 2018.

An application for review of the ACCC's determination should be lodged directly with the Tribunal. The Tribunal is a separate body from the ACCC and is located within the Federal Court of Australia.

For further information about the process involved in reviewing decisions in the Tribunal please refer to the Tribunal's website located at <http://www.competitiontribunal.gov.au/>.

This letter will be placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter please do not hesitate to contact me on (02) 6243 1232 or by email at [adjudication@acc.gov.au](mailto:adjudication@acc.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Bell', is positioned above the printed name.

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