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*By email: John.Hedge@allens.com.au*

Dear Mr Hedge,

**Central Petroleum and Macquarie Mereenie Application for authorisation  
AA1000398—final draft determination**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by Central Petroleum Limited and Central Petroleum Mereenie Pty Ltd as trustee for the Central Petroleum Mereenie Unit Trust and Macquarie Mereenie Pty Ltd (together, the Applicants) on 4 October 2017.

The Applicants sought authorisation to jointly market gas produced from the Mereenie gas field and give effect to provisions of gas supply agreements with customers that contain common terms (including as to price) relating to the supply of gas from the Mereenie gas field.

A copy of the ACCC's determination is attached, including a summary of its reasons. For the reasons set out in its determination, the ACCC has decided to grant authorisation to engage in joint marketing and make gas supply agreements with common terms in relation to Mereenie field gas, for three years and to give effect to Mereenie field gas supply agreements entered into during the three year period until 31 December 2028. The ACCC's assessment is set out in its determination.

**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 for its review. An application for review must be made within 21 days of the date of this determination; that is, on or before 19 April 2018. If no application to review is lodged by this date, the ACCC's determination will come into force on 20 April 2018.

An application for review of the ACCC's determination should be lodged directly with the Australian Competition Tribunal. The Australian Competition 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 Australian Competition Tribunal please refer to the tribunal's website located at <http://www.competitiontribunal.gov.au/>.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter please do not hesitate to contact Robert Janissen on 02 6243 1387.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "DChanning". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the name.

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