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Dear Mr Buckley,

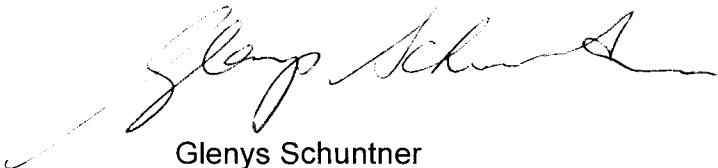
I write this letter in support of the ACCC's draft determination in relation to the PNG Gas Project.

Townsville Enterprise Limited is the primary development, marketing and promotional organisation for the North Queensland region, defined as the Shires of Burdekin, Cardwell, Dalrymple and Hinchinbrook, and the cities of Charters Towers, Thuringowa and Townsville. Our Mission is to encourage economic growth in the North Queensland region in a responsible and sustainable way for the benefit of members, residents, investors, and visitors.

We have read the draft PNG Gas Project authorisation issued by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission on 11 January 2006 and are fully supportive of the Project proceeding as soon as possible. This Project will bring substantial benefits to gas users, the State of Queensland and the national economy through increased competition and a new source of gas for local industry. We encourage the ACCC to proceed timely with the authorisation in the terms it has proposed, so that the benefits begin and there are no risk of project delays.

If you feel I can be of further assistance in providing information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Glenys Schuntner
Chief Executive Officer

