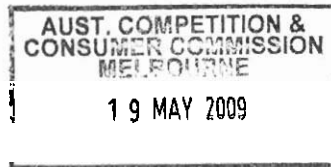




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Dear Mr Jones,

WOODSIDE ENERGY LTD AND BENARIS INTERNATIONAL PTY LTD APPLICATION FOR AUTHORISATION

I am writing in response to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission request for submissions on the application for the authorisation by Woodside Energy Ltd and Benaris International Pty Ltd to jointly market their share of liquefied petroleum gas from the Otway Gas project for three years.

It is my view that the proposal in the relatively competitive market that exists in Victoria and South Eastern Australia would not substantially lessen competition and that it should be authorised.

If you would like further information about this view, please contact Mr Geoff Collins, Petroleum Development Manager, on telephone (03) 9658 4406.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Bolt
Secretary

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