



23 March 2021

Attention: Gavin Jones
Director, Competition Exemptions
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
23 Marcus Clarke Street
Canberra ACT 2061

Submitted via email to exemptions@accc.gov.au

Dear Mr Jones,

Origin welcomes the opportunity to comment on the application for re-authorisation from APLNG, QCLNG, and GLNG. APLNG is an incorporated joint venture between Origin, ConocoPhillips and Sinopec in which Origin has a 37.5 per cent shareholding. Origin and APLNG compete with one another in the domestic gas market. As such, Origin is a separate interested party in this consultation.

Origin supports an extension of the exemption to allow the coordination of LNG plant maintenance. However, it is imperative that a key aspect of the exemption condition relating to timing, does not change. While the Gas Transparency Measures will allow for the reporting of useful information on a more granular basis, medium-term capacity outlooks will only be provided for 12 months ahead. The current exemption condition does not limit reporting to any specific time frames. This principle should be maintained to ensure there is not a disparity in the information possessed by LNG exporters and the rest of the market. This is crucial in assisting market participants manage their own portfolios.

If you have any questions, please contact Tom Strokon at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

Kind Regards,

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