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Mr Stephen Boyd  
Secretary  
House Standing Committee on Economics  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Mr Boyd

**ACCC authorisation for Chevron, INPEX, Shell and Woodside to coordinate maintenance activities at their LNG facilities in Western Australia and Northern Territory**

As previously advised in a telephone call made to your office, I wish to request a correction to evidence I provided during my appearance before the Committee on 29 June 2018. On page 17 of the Hansard, in relation to the ACCC authorisation of Chevron, INPEX, Shell and Woodside, I am quoted as saying:

*"We are looking at this issue again and we will be coming to a decision in the next couple of months, because that is when these things normally need to be decided."*

This is an error of fact. The ACCC granted conditional authorisation on 2 March 2018 to Chevron, INPEX, Shell and Woodside to coordinate scheduled maintenance activities at their LNG facilities in Western Australia and Northern Territory. The ACCC imposed a condition of authorisation requiring these LNG producers to publicly disclose the scheduled maintenance information that they share with each other. A similar condition applies under an authorisation granted to LNG producers in Queensland in 2016.

If the Committee wishes to discuss this matter further please contact Director Executive Office Lisa Anne Ayres

Yours sincerely

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Chair