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Attention: Committee Secretary

Woodside is pleased to provide comment to the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties (JSCOT) regarding its Inquiry into The Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement (JAEPA).

Woodside welcomed the signing of the JAEPA in July 2014 and looks forward to the commencement of the agreement, following the JSCOT inquiry and the completion of the necessary processes to implement the treaty into domestic law in Australia and Japan.

Woodside has long established commercial relationships in Japan, through various joint ventures in the production of oil and gas and in the sale and marketing of oil, condensate, LNG and LPG.

The JAEPA will contribute to the strengthening of the already considerable Japan bilateral relationship, which Woodside considers as crucial for Australia.

Woodside expects to benefit from the agreement coming into effect including by the reduction of tariffs on resources and energy products and by the positive impact to visa access arrangements.

Should the Committee require further information, please let me know.

Yours sincerely

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