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Christine McDonald
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Environment and Communications References Committee
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Inquiry into the protection of Aboriginal rock art of the Burrup Peninsula

Dear Christine

Thank you for your invitation to make a submission to the Committee's inquiry into the protection of Aboriginal rock art of the Burrup Peninsula and the extension of time for us to respond.

Orica is the world's largest provider of commercial explosives and innovative blasting systems to the mining, quarrying, oil and gas and construction markets, a leading supplier of sodium cyanide for gold extraction, and a specialist provider of ground support services in mining and tunnelling. We have over 11,500 employees operating across the globe from over 400 sites.

More information on the company and our operations can be found at www.órica.com including Orica's 2016 Sustainability Report.

In regards to responding to the Terms of Reference for the Inquiry, please note that Orica's operations on the Burrup Peninsula are confined to a 45% share in the joint venture with Yara Pilbara in Yara Pilbara Nitrates Pty Ltd (YPN), which is currently commissioning a new Technical Ammonium Nitrate (TAN) plant. Orica is not part of Yara Pilbara Fertilisers Pty Ltd (YPF), which is responsible for an existing ammonia production facility in the industrial estate located near Karratha.

Yara Pilbara has shared with us their submission to the Inquiry and, as the operators of the TAN plant on behalf of the joint venture, they are well positioned to comment on the Terms of Reference and related matters. Could you please advise the Committee that Orica supports Yara's submission and shares the views and analysis in presents in response to the Terms of Reference.

Please let me know if we can provide any further information or, if required, be available to meet with the Committee. Ideally this would be with Yara

Pilbara given the ownership and operating arrangements in place for the TAN facility on the Burrup Peninsula.

If hearings are to be held by the Committee, Orica would be pleased to participate. Again, our preference would be to provide evidence jointly with Yara Pilbara. Please let me know.

Regards

Paul Evans
Vice President, Government Relations, Sustainability & Community

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