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Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committees on Environment and Communications
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Dear Members of the Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications,

Please accept this letter in support of the submission made by the Queensland Resources Council in regards to the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Great Barrier Reef) Bill 2013 (dated 19 April 2013).

Australia Pacific LNG, one of the CSG-LNG projects under development in Queensland, acknowledges the outstanding universal values of the Great Barrier Reef (GBR) and wants to ensure that its activities do not adversely affect these values. To that end, Australia Pacific LNG has committed to implementing world's best safety practice as well as allocating significant funding for the conservation and protection of the GBRWHA for the life of the Project.

Specific to the QRC Submission, Australia Pacific LNG supports and reiterates:

- The preference to use existing ports and infrastructure, without unnecessary limits to their expansion.
- The conditioning of port or any development should be based on risk-based outcomes, rather than process-based conditioning of development;
- Where use of an existing port or infrastructure is not feasible then new developments are assessed on all considerations

Australia Pacific LNG is aware that the Great Barrier Reef and Torres Strait Vessel Traffic Service (REEFVTS), which will be mandatory for all LNG carriers travelling in and out of the Gladstone Harbour, has seen shipping incidents fall from an average of one a year to one in 10 years and are continuing to decline at the same time as shipping volumes have increased.

Furthermore, LNG carriers are among the safest in the shipping industry, having completed more than 100,000 voyages without a major accident or significant loss of cargo. The LNG industry pays significant attention to high levels of risk management and planning for terminals and vessel movement through the Great Barrier Reef.

Australia Pacific LNG proposes that while the objective of the Bill is supported, the existing and stringent perimeters of control applied by the State and Federal Government are not only sufficient, but are functioning appropriately and successfully without the need for further regulation.

Yours sincerely

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