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**Excise Tariff Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2011**  
**Excise Legislation Amendment (Condensate) Bill 2011**

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The Hon Dick Adams MP  
Committee Chair  
Standing Committee on Agriculture, Resources, Fisheries and Forestry  
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Dear Mr Adams,

**RE: NEW INQUIRY – THE EXCISE TARIFF AND THE EXCISE LEGISLATION  
AMENDMENT (CONDENSATE) BILLS**

I am writing in response to your letter of 11 July 2011 to the Hon Martin Ferguson AM MP regarding an inquiry to be undertaken by the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Agriculture, Resources, Fisheries and Forestry into the Excise Tariff and Excise Legislation Amendment (Condensate) Bills. The Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism provides the following submission.

The Treasury has portfolio responsibility for the Excise Tariff and Excise Legislation amendments that were introduced to the House of Representatives on 6 July 2011. The Treasury has been consulting with Government Departments with an interest in the introduction of the Excise Tariff and Excise Legislation amendments, including the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism, and Geoscience Australia.

We understand that the Treasury has consulted directly with Woodside Petroleum Ltd, as the nominated representative for the North West Shelf (NWS) project joint venture participants.

The NWS project joint venture participants comprise a significant stakeholder group for the Department. Accordingly, we have also consulted with the NWS joint venture participants through Woodside Petroleum Ltd. Our Department continues to consult with all stakeholders affected by the Excise Tariff and Excise Legislation amendments.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input to this inquiry.

Yours sincerely,

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