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Mr Keir Delaney  
Secretary  
Environment and Planning Committee  
Legislative Council Standing Committee  
Parliament House  
Spring Street  
EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002

Dear Mr Delaney

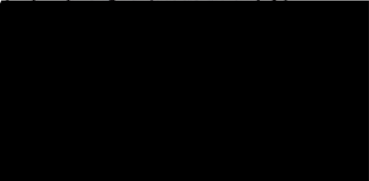
Thank you for your letter received on 15 June 2015 concerning the Environment and Planning Standing Committee's inquiry into unconventional gas in Victoria.

The Queensland Government has in place a tried and tested best practice regulatory framework to assess and manage onshore oil and natural gas projects. The regulatory framework in Queensland has been informed by extensive experience in both conventional oil and natural gas activity and the coal seam gas industry. As a result, these regulations provide a robust and comprehensive framework that balances onshore oil and natural gas development with protections for landholders and the natural environment.

Should you require any information regarding Queensland's regulatory framework for onshore oil and natural gas to assist in your inquiry, the department would be happy to assist.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention and I trust this information is of assistance. Should you have any further enquiries, please contact Mr Marcus Rees, Director, Land and Mines Policy, Department of Natural Resources and Mines on telephone (07) 3199 7373.

Yours sincerely,



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