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Dear Mr Arens

Thank you for your letter dated 14 March 2015 concerning flare emissions from the Queensland Curtis Liquefied Natural Gas (QCLNG) facility on Curtis Island in Gladstone.

Please be assured the department has not dismissed your concerns as stated in your letter and has attempted without success to make contact with you to work through your concerns and answer any questions regarding compliance with the current environmental authority (EA), legislative requirements and monitoring data. I have again provided contact details for the department's Manager in Gladstone (Tony Baker) at the bottom of this correspondence.

As previously advised, the department has been investigating the matter of flare emissions, including any inconsistencies with previously assessed information such as the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This has resulted in the department issuing QGC with statutory orders under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* to undertake an Environmental Evaluation to determine the source, cause and extent of any environmental harm being caused by the flaring activity and identification of remediation options to ensure protection of environmental values on the receiving environment. The Environmental Evaluation requires QGC to provide the department with an investigation report detailing the risk factors and a quantification of impacts for air and light emissions from the wet and dry process flare over all stages of the operations (including commissioning, start-up and shut-down).

My previous letter of 17 February 2015 is correct in its statement that the EA is not inconsistent with information provided in the EIS. An EIS is a document developed to support an application. Potential impacts identified in an EIS are assessed and conditions are imposed to manage those predicted impacts. If an activity is carried out in a manner

inconsistent with previously assessed information and that change results in potential or actual environmental harm, the administering authority has a number of statutory tools to investigate, determine and address that environmental harm such as the Environmental Evaluation used in this instance. An Environmental Evaluation can then be used by the administering authority to amend an EA to address the identified risks and impacts to environmental values.

I have enclosed a DVD that contains copies of the original EA and all subsequent versions. Interested parties can register to receive notifications for when new or amended petroleum and gas EAs are available on the public register at <<http://environment.ehp.qld.gov.au/env-authorities>>. Copies of EAs not available on line can be obtained by emailing <public.register@ehp.qld.gov.au>.

As I have done previously, I have asked the local Manager in Gladstone, Mr Tony Baker to contact you to work through any concerns you might have. I encourage you to accept Mr Bakers offer of a meeting because I believe much more can be achieved by conducting a face to face meeting. Mr Baker can be contacted on telephone (07) 4971 6530.

Yours sincerely



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Director-General

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