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Dear Ms Watson

Thank you for your emails of 27 and 28 July and 4 August 2008, which informed the Premier of correspondence you have sent to the Coordinator-General concerning the extension to the Gladstone State Development Area to include Kangaroo Island and part of Curtis Island. I have been requested to reply to you on the Premier's behalf.

During the public consultation period for the proposed Gladstone State Development Area extension, 57 submissions were received in addition to a petition of 212 signatures, which informed the Government review of the proposed extension and the amended development scheme.

As a result of public submissions, the Gladstone State Development Area extension has been reduced and will now exclude the reserves held by the Environmental Protection Agency and Gladstone Regional Council on the east coast of Curtis Island.

Changes have also been made to the amended development scheme with the extension divided into three land use precincts, namely the Curtis Island Industry Precinct, the Restricted Development Precinct and the Environmental Management Precinct.

The Curtis Island Industry Precinct is limited to 1563 hectares of the total extension of 6345 hectares. The provisions within the development scheme will provide for the establishment of large scale liquefied natural gas production, storage and export while recognising and protecting environmental, cultural heritage, and community values.

The Restricted Development Precinct applies to Kangaroo Island and allows for essential transport or infrastructure corridors and to retain open space for vegetation and wildlife, while the Environmental Management Precinct, which accounts for almost three quarters of the extension will be protected and will not be available for industrial use.



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A map of the declared Gladstone State Development Area and the approved development scheme is available for viewing online at:
www.dip.qld.gov.au/land/state-development-areas.html.

If you require any further information on the declaration, please contact Ms Kylie Keirs, Principal Project Officer on telephone (07) 3405 5638.

The Coordinator-General has recently declared both Santos' Gladstone Liquefied Natural Gas Project (GLNG) and the British Gas/Queensland Gas Company – Queensland Curtis Island Project in Gladstone to be significant projects under the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971* for which an Environmental Impact Statement is required.

The Environmental Impact Statements when finalised will be released for public comment. I encourage you to also raise any concerns that you may have about these projects through that process.

The Australian Government will also play an active role in the Environmental Impact Statement process through the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

I trust this information has been of assistance to you. Again, thank you for bringing your views to the Premier's attention.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phil Reeves', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Phil Reeves MP
Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier of Queensland