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VICTORIAN MAJOR HAZARD FACILITIES REVIEW

Dear Ms Grivas

I am writing to you on behalf of the members and associates of Gas Energy Australia concerning letters recently sent to Major Hazard Facility (MHF) operators in Victoria inviting initial comments on the terms of reference for the review to be conducted by the Major Hazard Facilities Advisory Committee on the way land use buffers around MHFs are determined and implemented in Victoria.

By way of background, Gas Energy Australia is the national peak body which represents the bulk of the downstream gaseous fuels industry which covers Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG), Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) and Compressed Natural Gas (CNG). The industry comprises major companies and small to medium businesses in the gaseous fuels supply chain; refiners, fuel marketers, equipment manufacturers, LPG vehicle converters, consultants and other providers of services to the industry.

Gas Energy Australia looks forward to the release of, and opportunity to comment on, the discussion paper the Major Hazard Facilities Committee will prepare on this important issue. In particular, Gas Energy Australia requests that the discussion paper clarify whether the Committee's findings and recommendations are likely to be applied to facilities below the current MHF thresholds as this aspect is not clear in the review's terms of reference.

For your consideration.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Griffiths", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John Griffiths
Chief Executive Officer