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Ms Shay Dougall
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Dear Ms Dougall

I refer to your email dated 5 May 2016 addressed to the Honourable Anastacia Palaszczuk MP, Premier and Minister for the Arts, the Honourable Dr Anthony Lynham MP, Minister for State Development and Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, the Honourable Dr Steven Miles MP, Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection and Minister for National Parks and the Great Barrier Reef and other recipients concerning a recent engagement meeting with Origin Energy (on behalf of Australia Pacific LNG (APLNG)) and yourself.

I have been asked to provide a coordinated response on behalf of the Premier and Minister Lynham and Minister Miles.

Coal seam gas (CSG) companies and landholders are strongly encouraged to develop courteous and cooperative working relationships and both should engage in constructive consultation through the open sharing of information in early and honest dialogue.

While the Queensland Government is aware of the Hopeland community concerns regarding CSG operations, APLNG is required to undertake an assessment process prior to commencing CSG operations. APLNG needs to comply with legislative responsibilities including adherence to the environmental conditions set out in their environmental authority. There are also requirements specified in the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004*. The Queensland Government also undertakes risk-based compliance programs to monitor and enforce compliance.

I am informed by the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection that they are liaising with APLNG in relation to the works proposed within the Excavation Caution Zone.

If you have any questions please contact, Mr Scott Little, Manager, CSG Compliance Unit, Department of Natural Resources and Mines who will be pleased to assist you and can be contacted on telephone 4529 1500.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P Woodland', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Paul Woodland
Chief of Staff