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The Chairman
Economics and Industry Standing Committee
Parliament House
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Dear Chairman

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the inquiry into safety-related matters relating to Floating LNG (FLNG) projects.

The Department of State Development is not responsible for the administration of petroleum safety, which is overseen by the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA) in Commonwealth offshore areas and by the Department of Mines and Petroleum in onshore areas and State waters.

However, the Department of State Development does play a role in assessing the cumulative impacts of the FLNG industry. The industry is yet to demonstrate how evacuations will be coordinated in the event of an incident affecting multiple facilities, noting the frequency of extreme weather in the region. Risks are elevated by the potential number of offshore workers together with the limited number, range and capacity of vehicles available to support an evacuation. Similarly, the availability of emergency accommodation must also be addressed.

The Department of State Development is currently in discussion with a number of companies to assess potential project impacts on infrastructure and services in order to coordinate Government support for offshore exploration and production activities.

Yours sincerely

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