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Dear Mr Noonan

**Decision Post Implementation Review: Office of Groundwater Impact Assessment industry levy**

Thank you for your enquiry of 12 April 2017 seeking advice on the adequacy of the Decision Post Implementation Review (PIR) related to the Office of Groundwater Impact Assessment's (OGIA) industry levy.

Under the *Water Act 2000* (the Act), the OGIA is established as an independent entity to support assessment and management of groundwater impacts from resource activities. Also the Act requires petroleum and gas tenure holders to pay a levy to recover the costs of OGIA's activities.

Information provided by the Department of Natural Resources and Mines (the Department), advises the levy was first established in 2012 after the completion of a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS). In that RIS, it was proposed that a review of the levy's structure, which is now prescribed in the *Water Regulation 2002* (the Regulation), would be undertaken every three years.

After undertaking an options analysis and impact assessment, the Department released a Consultation PIR for stakeholder comment on 20 December 2016. The PIR proposed the retention of the current industry levy structure.

The Department notes that no submissions were received in response to the Consultation PIR. The Department therefore proposes that the industry levy, as prescribed in the Regulation, be retained in its current form.

The Commission has assessed the Department's Decision PIR, and considers it adequate to support the decision maker's consideration of the regulatory proposal.

Consistent with the Queensland Government Guide to Better Regulation, the Decision PIR and this letter of adequacy will be published on the Commission's website once the PIR is approved for release.

Please contact Sean Mackay, Principal Analyst on (07) 3015 5149 if you require any additional information or guidance in relation to the above comments or the Queensland Government Guide to Better Regulation.

Yours sincerely

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