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The Australian GEMS Regulator

Department of the Environment and Energy
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**GAS ENERGY AUSTRALIA RESPONSE TO
GEMS FEE REVIEW 2016-17 CONSULTATION**

Dear Sir/Madam

Gas Energy Australia is pleased to respond to the Department of the Environment and Energy's Australian Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards (GEMS) GEMS Fees Review 2016-17 Consultation.

Gas Energy Australia is the national peak body which represents the bulk of the downstream alternative 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 alternative gaseous fuels supply chain; refiners, fuel marketers, equipment manufacturers, vehicle converters, consultants and other providers of services to the industry.

In response to **Recommendation 1**: Increase fees to move towards full cost recovery by 2020-2021.

Gas Energy Australia does not support this recommendation. The community and social benefits from improving the energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas abatement performance of appliances are enjoyed not by just the consumers of GEMS rated appliances. They include energy suppliers and others who benefit from actions to stem climate change. The public good nature of these benefits suggests then that the Australian Government should be contributing on behalf of all Australians.

In relation to Recommendations 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Gas Energy Australia does not offer any comment on these issues.

Gas Energy Australia thanks Department of The Environment and Energy for the opportunity to provide a submission and looks forward to improve the take up of efficient gas fueled appliances for the benefit of consumers and all Australians.

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