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CHA Review – Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

Submitted by email: CHA_Review@datsip.qld.gov.au

Dear Sir/Madam

Origin Energy Limited (“Origin”) welcomes the opportunity to make a submission to the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships in relation to a review of the Cultural Heritage Acts.

Origin is one of Australia’s leading integrated energy companies. Owning and operating a range of assets across Australia, the South Pacific and Papua New Guinea, we recognise the importance of preserving and protecting Cultural Heritage.

Our gas exploration and production portfolio includes the Bowen and Surat basins in Queensland, as well as interests in the Browse Basin in Western Australia and the Beetaloo Basin in the Northern Territory. Origin is the upstream operator of the Australia Pacific LNG (“APLNG”) project and the operator of the Beetaloo project, which provides Origin with significant insight about working within regional areas on resource activities with sensitive Cultural Heritage values.

Through our geographically diverse business, we understand the importance of engaging the relevant Aboriginal groups. As such, Origin is committed to establishing and maintaining effective relationships with Traditional Owners, especially in areas where Origin may have a material impact.

Origin is committed to working with relevant groups to ensure their Cultural Heritage is preserved during our activities. Origin proactively trains staff on active worksites to identify and preserve Cultural Heritage. Cultural Heritage identification and awareness training, based on information provided by local Traditional Owners, is a key component of site orientation. Furthermore, personnel undertaking work causing ground disturbance, do so under the supervision of staff with specific cultural heritage training.

Origin refers to the submission made by the Queensland Resources Council (QRC) on behalf of the Queensland minerals and energy sector. Origin supports their feedback and position regarding the proposed changes and requests for further information.

If you require any further information from Origin in relation to this submission, please contact Greg Leahy at greg.leahy@upstream.originenergy.com.au or on 07 3867 0084.

Yours sincerely

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