A Conduct of the inquiry

The Commission received the terms of reference for this inquiry on 27 September 2012. Notices were then placed in the press and on the Commission’s website inviting public participation. Information about the inquiry was also circulated to parties identified as likely to have an interest.

The Commission released an issues paper on 14 December 2012 to assist inquiry participants in preparing their submissions. Thirty four submissions were received prior to publication of this report. A list of these submissions is provided below in table A.1.

The Commission has held informal consultations with governments, regulatory bodies, conservation groups, Indigenous heritage organisations, peak industry groups in the minerals and energy resources sector, as well as with a number of companies and individuals. A list of the meetings and informal discussions undertaken is provided below in table A.2.

The Commission would like to thank all those who contributed to the inquiry.

Table A.1 Submissions received

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| Participant | Submission No |
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| Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority | 23 |
| Association of Mining and Exploration Companies | 24 |
| Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy | 12 |
| Australian Mines and Metals Association | 32 |
| Australian Network of Environmental Defenders Offices | 17 |
| Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association Limited | 22 |
| Australian Uranium Association | 4 |
| Basin Sustainability Alliance | 18 |
| Business SA | 7 |
| Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities | 33 |
| Geoscience Australia | 6 |
| Hetherington, Melissa | 16 |
| Minerals Council of Australia | 27 |
| National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority | 28 |
| Northern Territory Department of Mines and Energy | 2 |
| NSW Aboriginal Land Council | 10 |
| NSW Farmers’ Association | 21 |
| NSW Irrigators’ Council | 5 |
| NSW Minerals Council | 11 |
| NTSCORP | 31 |
| Queensland Department of Natural Resources and Mines | 25 |
| Queensland Murray-Darling Committee | 20 |
| Queensland Resources Council and Queensland Exploration Council | 13 |
| Resource Futures Pty Ltd | 14 |
| South Australian Chamber of Mines and Energy | 9 |
| Watkins, David | 1 |
| Western Australian Government | 29 |
| Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland – Upper Dawson Branch | 8 |
| WWF-Australia | 26 |
| Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation | 34 |
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| Confidential | 3, 15, 19, 30 |

Table A.2 Meetings

| Participant |
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| **Australian Government and national bodies** |
| Association of Mining and Exploration Companies |
| Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy |
| Australian Coal Association |
| Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association |
| Blue Planet Marine |
| BP Australia |
| Bureau of Resources and Energy Economics |
| Department of Finance and Deregulation |
| Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism |
| Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities |
| Geoscience Australia |
| Herbert Smith Freehills |
| Minerals Council of Australia |
| National Farmers’ Federation |
| National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environment Management Authority |
| WWF-Australia |
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| **New South Wales** |
| Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services |
| Independent Commission Against Corruption |
| NSW Minerals Council |
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| **Northern Territory** |
| Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority |
| Department of Mines and Energy |
| Department of Lands, Planning and the Environment |
| Northern Land Council |
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| **Queensland** |
| AgForce Queensland |
| Arrow Energy |
| Basin Sustainability Alliance |
| Central Downs Irrigators Limited |
| Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs |
| Department of Natural Resources and Mines |
| GasFields Commission Queensland |
| Queensland Exploration Council |
| Queensland Gas Company |
| Queensland Murray-Darling Committee |
| Queensland Resources Council |
| Western Downs Regional Council |

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| Participant |
| **South Australia** |
| Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources |
| Department of Manufacturing, Innovation, Trade, Resources and Energy |
| Department of Premier and Cabinet |
| Rex Minerals |
| South Australian Chamber of Mines and Energy |
| South Australian Native Title Services |
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| **Tasmania** |
| Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources |
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| **Victoria** |
| Department of Primary Industries |
| Department of Sustainability and Environment |
| O’Neill, Dennis |
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| **Western Australia** |
| Alchemy Resources Limited |
| Archae-Aus |
| Chamber of Minerals and Energy |
| Conservation Council of Western Australia |
| Department of Indigenous Affairs |
| Department of Mines and Petroleum |
| Department of Premier and Cabinet |
| Finder Exploration |
| Phoenix Gold Limited |
| Western Australian Local Government Association |
| Woodside Energy |
| Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation |
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| **Canada** |
| Alberta Energy, Government of Alberta |
| Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation |
| Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers |
| Canadian Environmental Network |
| Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development, Auditor General’s Office |
| Ecojustice |
| Explorers and Producers Association of Canada |
| Fraser Institute |
| Major Projects Management Office, Government of Canada |
| Mining Association of Canada |
| Natural Resources Canada |
| Pembina Institute |
| Sierra Club |

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| Participant |
| **United State of America** |
| National Mining Association |
| Department of the Interior |
| White House Council on Environmental Quality |