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Options paper - Finalising the review of Queensland's Cultural Heritage Acts – Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

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Dear Sir/Madam

Origin Energy Limited (“Origin”) welcomes the opportunity to make a submission to the Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships in relation to the options paper for finalising the review of Queensland's Cultural Heritage Acts.

Origin is one of Australia's leading integrated energy companies. Owning and operating a range of assets across Australia, we recognise the importance of preserving and protecting Cultural Heritage.

Our gas exploration and production portfolio include the Bowen, Surat and Eromanga basins in Queensland, as well as interests in the Browse and Canning Basins in Western Australia, and the Beetaloo Basin in the Northern Territory. As the upstream operator of the Australia Pacific LNG project and the operator of the Beetaloo project, Origin has significant experience working in partnership with Traditional Owners to manage and protect their Cultural Heritage.

Origin is committed to establishing and maintaining effective relationships with Traditional Owners, especially in areas where Origin operates. Origin is supportive of meaningful legislative reform which will benefit both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the Queensland resources and energy industries.

The current paper contains insufficient detail to allow a proper analysis of how the proposed reforms might work and does not present a clear argument for specific changes presented, supported by the problems the proposed options will overcome. There is a clear need for further consultation and formal regulatory impact assessment before industry can assess these proposals in an informed manner.

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 regarding the proposed changes and requests for further information.

Given the scope and complexity of the proposed amendments, we invite the Qld Government to consider the merits of standing up a cross sector working group with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representation once more detail around the proposed amendments emerges. The scope of the working group would be to test the practicability of the proposed amendments in various scenarios.

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

Yours sincerely

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