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Mr Michael Callaghan
PRRT Review
The Treasury
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Via email: PRRTReview@treasury.gov.au

Dear Mr Callaghan

Federal review into the Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (PRRT)

The Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (FNQROC) is the largest regional organisation of councils in Queensland by way of Local Government membership with twelve member councils covering over 1,235km of the eastern seaboard and traversing inland over 530km.

It has been brought to our attention that there is a federal review into the Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (PRRT). We would like to thank you for the opportunity to submit our thoughts into the process.

We understand that this review will consider the level of Commonwealth oil and gas taxes and royalties and whether these taxes are operating as intended and whether there is a need to ensure they provide a more equitable return to the Australian community without discouraging investment in exploration and development.

It has been a long held argument that resources in regional, rural and remote areas have provided a significant financial benefit to both State and Commonwealth governments with comparatively little returning to these communities. When considering an equitable return to the Australian community we ask that the review put these regional, rural and remote areas firmly at the centre of these discussions. Considering an equitable return to these regional, rural and remote areas will support not discourage investment in exploration and development.

As part of the review process, FNQROC respectfully requests that discussions consider an opportunity to introduce a national 'royalties for regions' program, delivered by the Commonwealth government.

Should you require any further details please contact me on 07 4044 3038 or 0403 808 680.

Yours sincerely

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Executive Officer