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Taxation of Financial Arrangements : Stages 3 & 4

The Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration Association (APPEA) is the national body that represents companies engaged in petroleum exploration, development and production operations in Australia. The industry is one of Australia's most important export (and import replacement) industries, and must operate in a highly competitive international environment with projects lives often extending over many years.

APPEA is writing to support the submission lodged by the Minerals Council of Australia in relation to the TOFA exposure draft legislation and related documentation. Many of the issues raised in the Council's submission are directly relevant to the oil and gas industry. In particular, the comments that differentiate the use of financial instruments for the resources sector as opposed to the financial community are strongly endorsed.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Robinson', followed by a long horizontal line.

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