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Dear Mr Berger and Ms Blair

## **Montara Inquiry - PTTEPAA response to the WWF Susan Harvey final report**

We refer to the Inquiry's emails dated 3 and 8 June 2010 containing observations about and an invitation to comment on the further draft of the WWF/Harvey Consulting Report (**Harvey Report**).

Generally, PTTEPAA wishes to reiterate the concerns outlined in our letter to the Commission dated 14 March 2010, as to the probative value of any recommendations contained in the Harvey Report.

Specifically, PTTEPAA repeats its concerns regarding Ms Harvey's expertise to make specific comments or industry recommendations in relation to petroleum industry practices or regulation in Australia. Ms Harvey has no apparent experience in Australia or any jurisdiction outside of America. Ms Harvey's limited knowledge of the Australian regulatory regime appears to be garnished from having read the materials provided to the Commission and a consideration of the transcript of the Inquiry.

In these circumstances, PTTEPAA considers that other than to the extent any industry recommendations proposed in the Harvey Report are aligned with the subject matter of the items in PTTEPAA's action plan which have been identified by PTTEPAA as being potentially applicable for industry based recommendations, it would be inappropriate for the Commission to have regard to the industry recommendations set out in the Harvey Report.

Yours faithfully

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