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The Hon Dick Adams MP
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Dear Committee Chairman

Thank you for your letter dated 22 May 2008 concerning Inquiry into Exposure Draft Legislation for Greenhouse Gas Storage.

As you are aware the Department of Primary Industries and Resources SA (PIRSA) has been in consultation with the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism throughout the development of this legislation. As a result of this consultation, South Australia has chosen not to make a further detailed submission to the committee. However I do advise that notwithstanding South Australia's support for this Commonwealth Amendment Bill, South Australia maintains some concerns regarding the complexity of this legislation and the Commonwealth's suggested implementation of the objective-based regulatory principles espoused in the Ministerial Council on Ministerial Petroleum Resources (MCMPR) *Regulatory Guiding Principles for Carbon Capture and Geological Storage*.

As a result, South Australia has chosen to approach the concept of "mirror legislation" across all jurisdictions with caution and is not supportive of any motion for "mirror legislation" across onshore and offshore jurisdictions. Accordingly, at the forthcoming MCMPR meeting in Darwin on 16 July 2008 in its support of the draft legislation, South Australia will only support the application of national guiding principles for the regulation and management of Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS), namely those already endorsed by the MCMPR (*The Australian Regulatory Guiding Principles for Carbon Capture and Geological Storage*).

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact my department direct through Mr Barry Goldstein, Director Petroleum and Geothermal Group, on telephone (08) 8463 3200 or goldstein.barry@saugov.sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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