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Dear Ms Ryan

RE: GAS BULLETIN BOARD ZONES REVIEW

The Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration Association (APPEA) is the peak national body representing Australia's oil and gas exploration and production industry. In Western Australia (WA), APPEA represents the interests of the owners and operators of all current and known future gas production facilities registered on the WA Gas Bulletin Board (GBB).

APPEA welcomes the opportunity to provide comments to the Independent Market Operator (IMO) on the review of the Zones information presented on the WA GBB. APPEA makes the following comments on the review:

1. As a general principle, APPEA remains supportive of the development of the WA GBB and WA Gas Statement of Opportunities and the enhanced transparency and market information that these initiatives provide.
2. Feedback from APPEA's members suggest that the GBB Zones information is little used, if at all.
3. Rather than make incremental changes to the Zones, the IMO needs to take a holistic view of the data presented on the GBB to ensure that it meets not only the GSI Objectives, but the needs of the WA gas industry.
4. APPEA remains concerned that the IMO is not engaging early with gas market participants to understand the priority areas, appropriate timing and the best method (internal or external) for further review of the IMO's gas information services. The Gas Advisory Board (GAB) is the ideal forum for such early and regular engagement with market participants.
5. In line with this, the IMO also needs to be cognisant of managing gas market participant fees in a prudent manner.

To discuss any aspect of APPEA's comments, please contact me at awelch@appea.com.au or 9426 7205.

Regards,



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