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Dear Dr Michael

I refer to the draft decision by you as Gas Access Regulator regarding tariffs for the transport of gas in the Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline.

Whilst recognizing that it is the responsibility of the Regulator to make the determination, the Opposition also recognizes that the final outcome should result in a situation which is both sustainable in the long term and allows for expansion of the pipeline in the future. I note in particular the stated intention of Epic Energy at the time of acquiring the pipeline to spend in excess of \$800 million on future expansion.

Taking into account the overall public interest, the Opposition would therefore be supportive of higher tariffs being established than those indicated in the draft decision, with the precise levels being determined by you as Regulator.

Yours sincerely

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