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Dear Mr Rowe

**Proposed Revised Access Arrangement for the Dampier to Bunbury
Natural Gas Pipeline**

WMC is an interested party, being an end customer of the Dampier to Bunbury Gas Pipeline system ("DBNGP") as a consumer of natural gas at the Kwinana Nickel Refinery, south of Kwinana Junction. WMC is a significant gas user of the DBNGP and through its gas supplier is a user of part haul facilities on the DBNGP from CS1 to Mondarra. WMC welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Draft Decision for the revision proposed by DBNGPT to the Access Arrangement for the DBNGP ("**Draft Decision**").

WMC supports the Authority's decision to not approve the proposed revisions to the Access Arrangement and makes the following comments.

Gas Quality Specification

As noted in our earlier submission of 14 March 2005, WMC submits that the Revised AA should conform to the Gas Standards to ensure as many gas producers as possible have access to the DBNGP. This will in turn promote market competition between gas suppliers.

WMC supports the implementation of a wider gas quality specification as proposed by the Authority and consistent with the removal of the LPG obligation.

Part Haul Service

As stated earlier, WMC is a part haul user of the DBNGP and accordingly believes that part haul should be considered a Reference Service. WMC supports the Authority's inclusion of a Part Haul and Back Haul service, calculated on a distance based tariff, in the nature of the "T1 Service" to which the Standard Shipper Contract relates.

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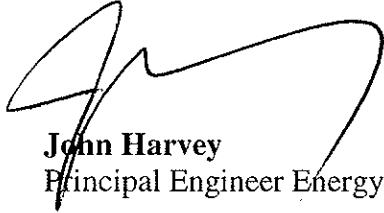
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If you have any questions or comments, please contact me on (08) 9479-8387.

Yours sincerely
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Harvey', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

John Harvey
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